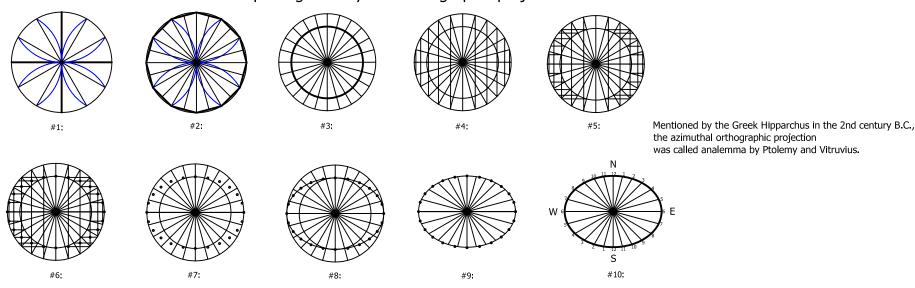
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#1: Draw two perpendicular diameters in a circle, dividing it into four segments.

Set the compass at the end points of each diameter and strike arcs

-- equal to the radius of the circle -- which intersect its perimeter.

Connect all eight intersections to the center. The circle is now divided into 12 equal (30°) triangles.

#2: Spread the compass to the length of a chord segment of the 12 sided polygon and bisect each of the 30° angles.

Connent lines to each of the bisected chords. We now have 24 hour points on the perimter of the circle.

- #3: Draw in the latitude circle.
- #4: Drop perpendicular lines from the hour points.
- #5: Draw in horizontal lines from the latitude circle where the radiating hour lines insect it's permiter.
- #6: Mark the intersections of the perpendicular and horizontal lines.
- #8 Connect the points to draw the ellipse.
- #10: Label sundail hour points on the permiter of the ellipse.