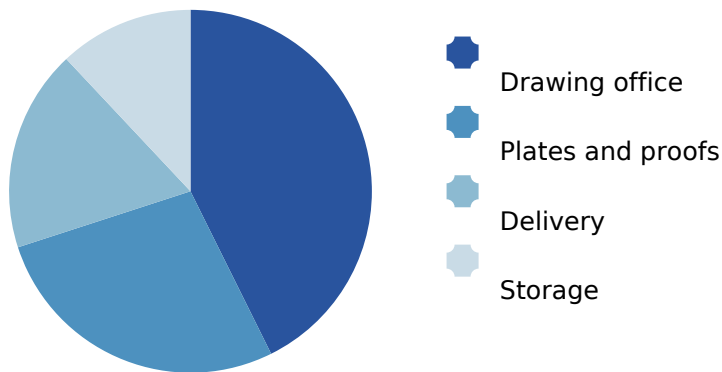


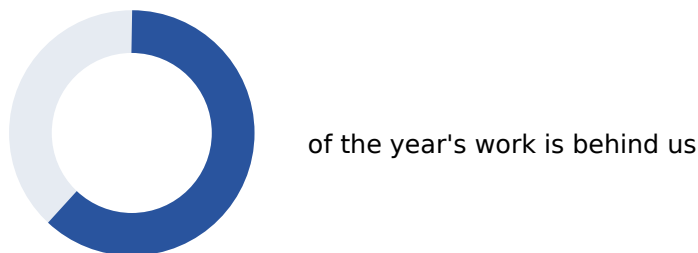
The month, drawn in curves

A page states a path with straight segments and cubic curves, and with nothing else: there is no circle operator and no arc operator. Every shape below was asked for by name — a centre and a radius, two angles, three points to pass through — and the curves were worked out for it. No piece bends further than a quarter turn, so a circle is four curves and the outline is out by a fortieth of a point on a circle an inch across.

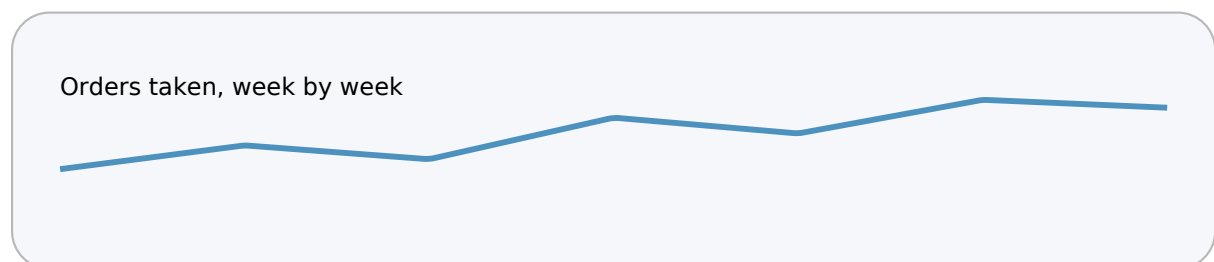
Where the hours went



How far into the year the work is



A card whose corners are eased off



Arcs told where to go, not how far to turn

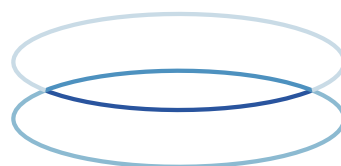
One arc, through three points



Radii enlarged



Four arcs, between the same two points



A curve costs six numbers and a straight segment costs two, so a circle is five lines of a page rather than one. What it does not cost is a picture: the shapes here are drawn by reading software at whatever size the page is shown, and they stay sharp at any of them.