Perpendicular Line given a line and a point not on the line

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| Start with a line and point $R$ which is not <br> on that line. | Your work should look like this |
| Place the compasses on the given <br> external point R . |  |
| Set the compasses' width to a <br> approximately $50 \%$ more than the <br> distance to the line. The exact width <br> does not matter. |  |
| Draw an arc across the line on each <br> side of R, making sure not to adjust the <br> compasses' width in between. Label <br> these points P and Q |  |


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| At this point, you can adjust the <br> compasses' width. Recommended: <br> leave it as is. <br> From each point $\mathrm{P}, \mathrm{Q}$, draw an arc <br> below the line so that the arcs cross. |  |
| Place a straightedge between R and <br> the point where the arcs intersect. Draw <br> the perpendicular line from R to the line, <br> or beyond if you wish. |  |

