

Grade 1 – Composition Collage



Space

What makes a great photograph?



Praia do Forte, Cabo Frio, Brazil © 2012 Audrey Guidi

What makes a great photograph?

- **Composition:**
how major shapes in your photo are arranged or how you move your body to create an interesting arrangement
- Lighting
- Subject



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What makes a great photograph?

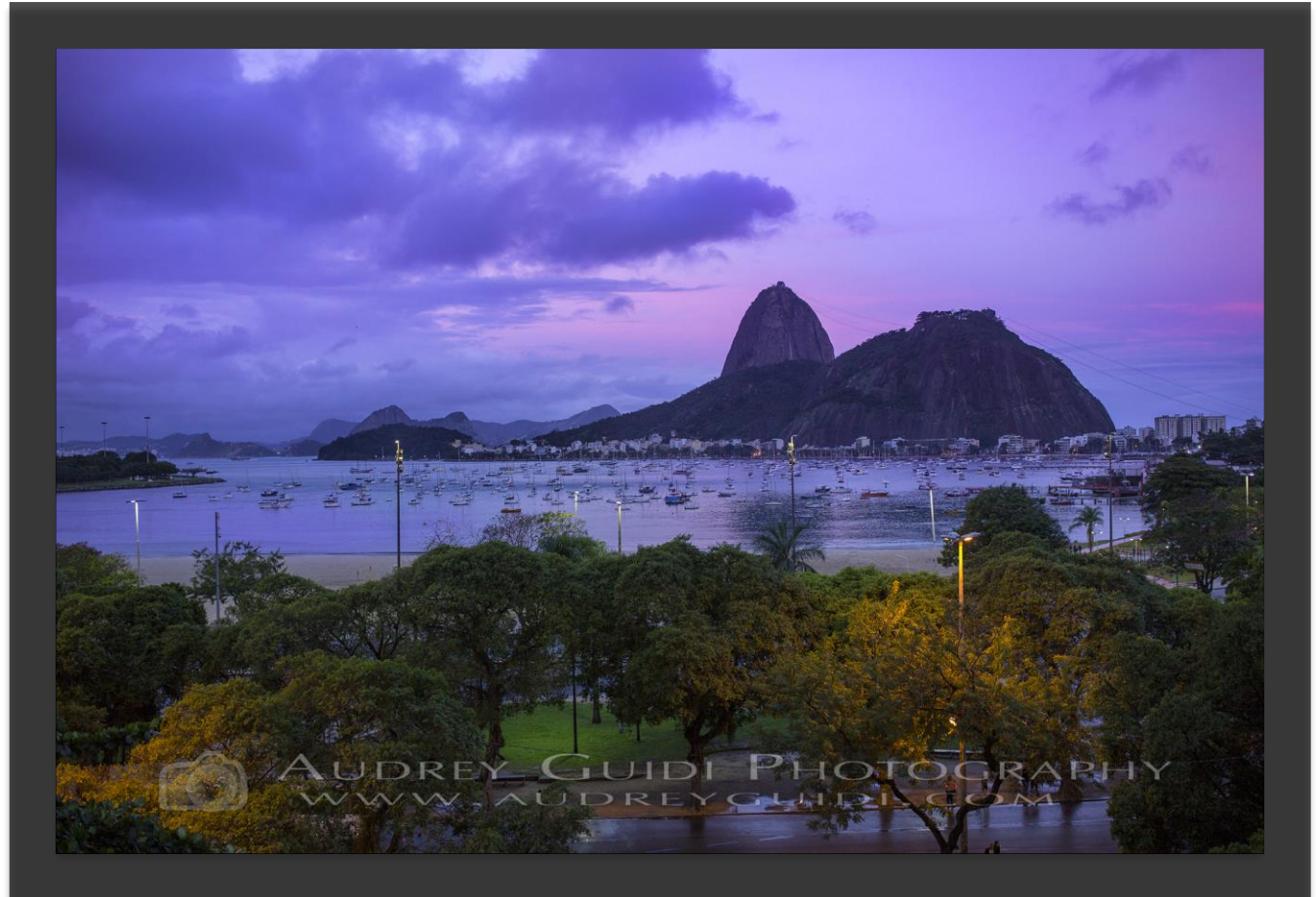
- Composition
- **Lighting:**
how you use
natural or electric
light in your photo
- Subject



Glacier National Park, Montana © 2014 Audrey Guidi

What makes a great photograph?

- Composition
- Lighting
- **Subject:**
what the photo
is about, what
the photo
shows us



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Artistic Focus: Space



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SPACE is the area above, below, around, and within an artwork; the illusion of depth or space on a flat surface.

Today's objective:

1. Learn about the Rule of Thirds through observation of photographs
2. Create a collage that follows this common rule of composition

WA State Visual Arts Standard

Use observation and investigation in preparation for making a work of art.

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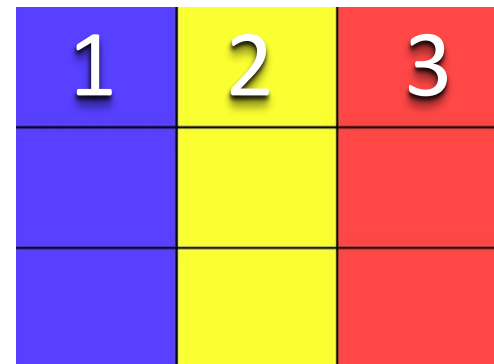
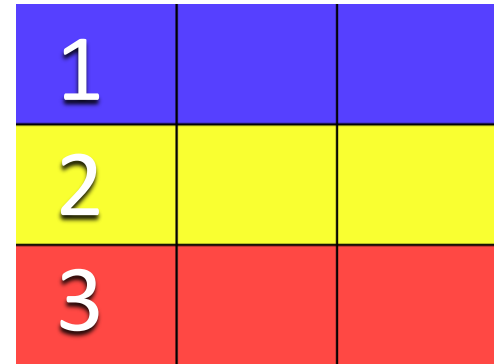
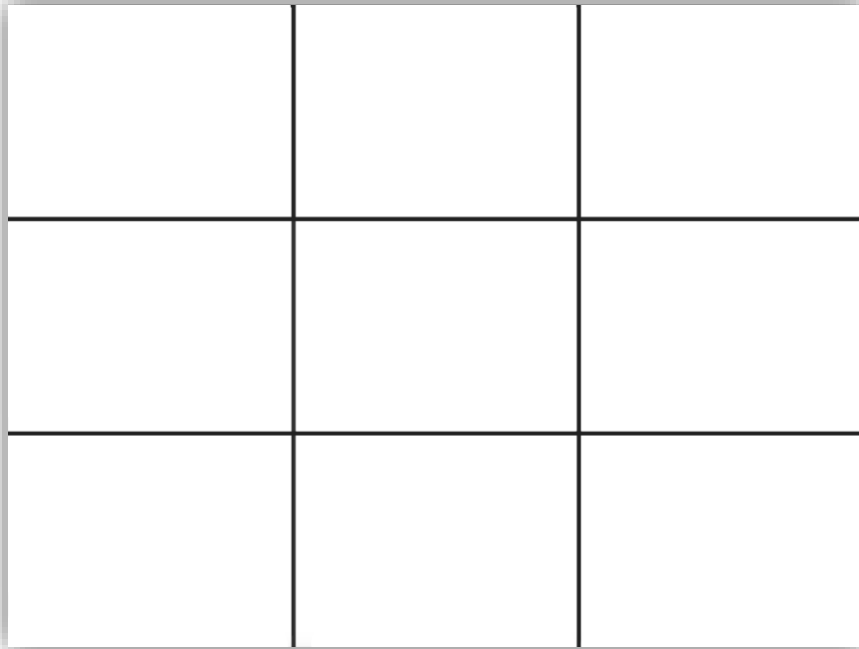
Audrey Guidi, Photographer

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- Cuban-American
- Photographer of people and places all around the world
- Enjoys playing with photo editing software to create fun effects
- Teaches visual arts to elementary students



More about Composition

- The arrangement of a scene or choice of viewpoint.
- Photographers use different rules to arrange objects within the **space** of their photos, so that they are pleasing to the eye.
- One popular rule is the **rule of thirds**.
- Why the **rule of thirds**? Lines divide 3 equal rows and 3 equal columns.
- Major shapes are concentrated under these lines.



Composition: Rule of Thirds



Kiva at Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado © 2007 Audrey Guidi

Composition: Rule of Thirds



Composition: Rule of Thirds



Yodobashi Camera, Tokyo, Japan © 2001 Audrey Guidi

Composition: Rule of Thirds

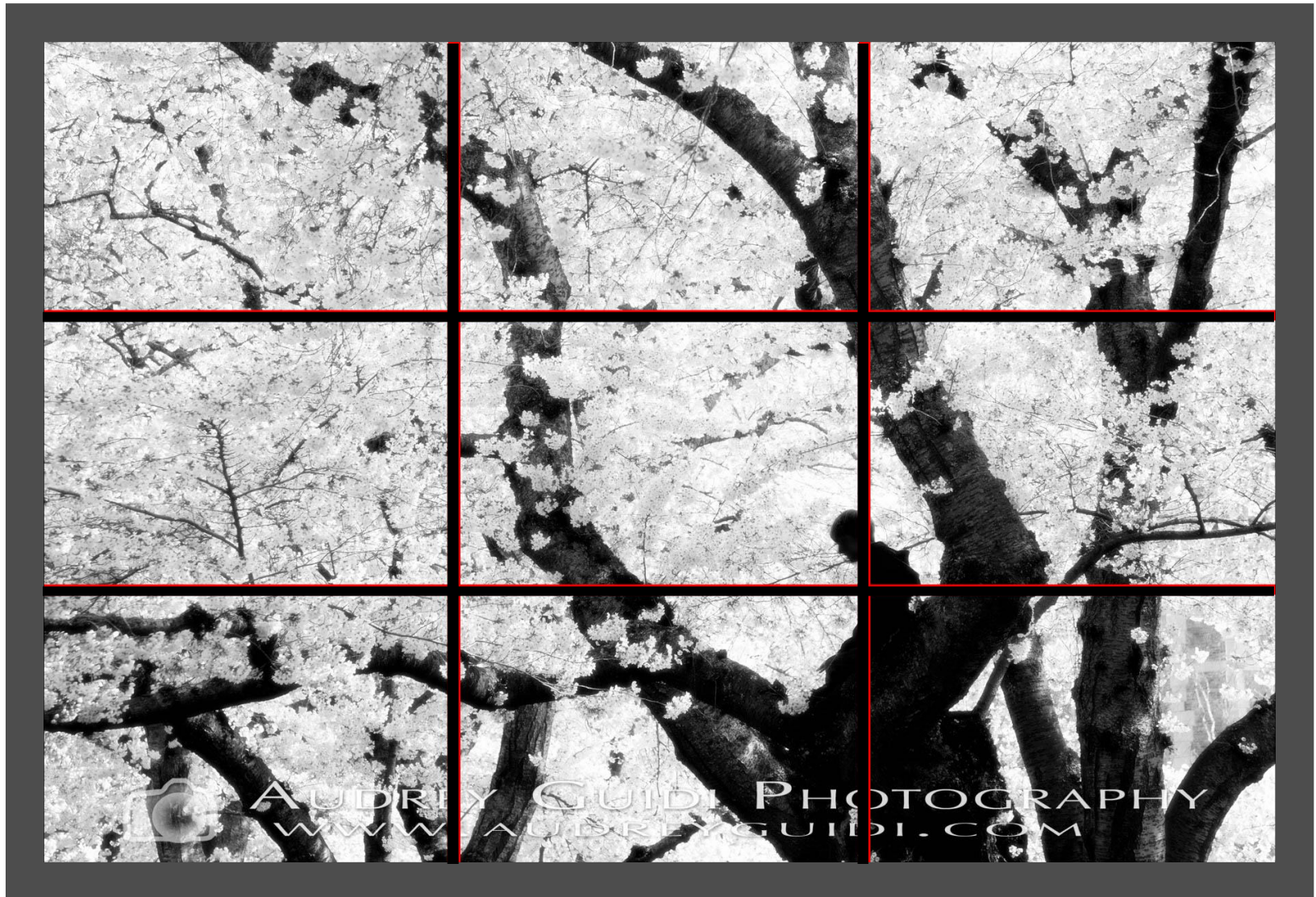


Composition: Rule of Thirds



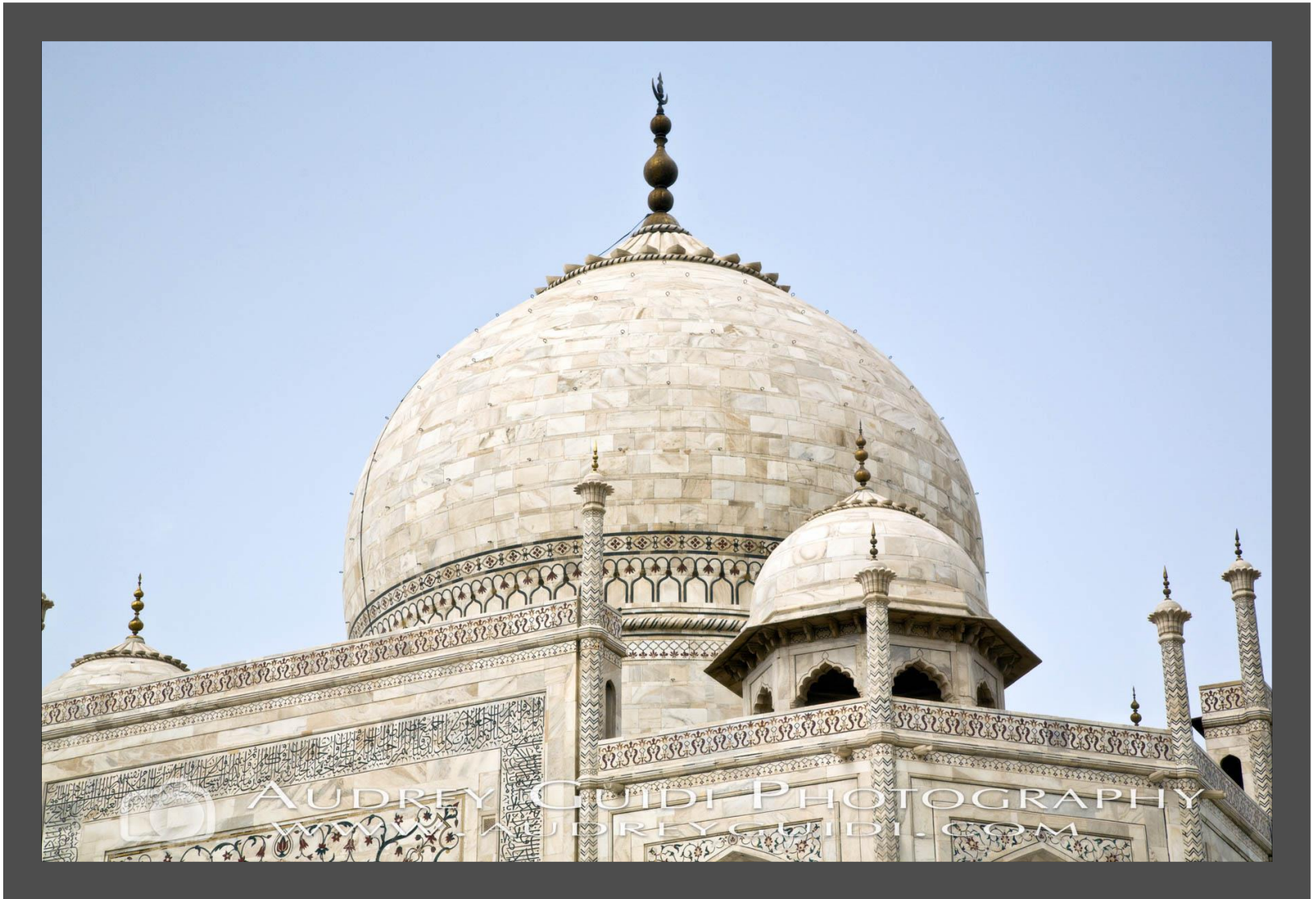
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Composition: Rule of Thirds



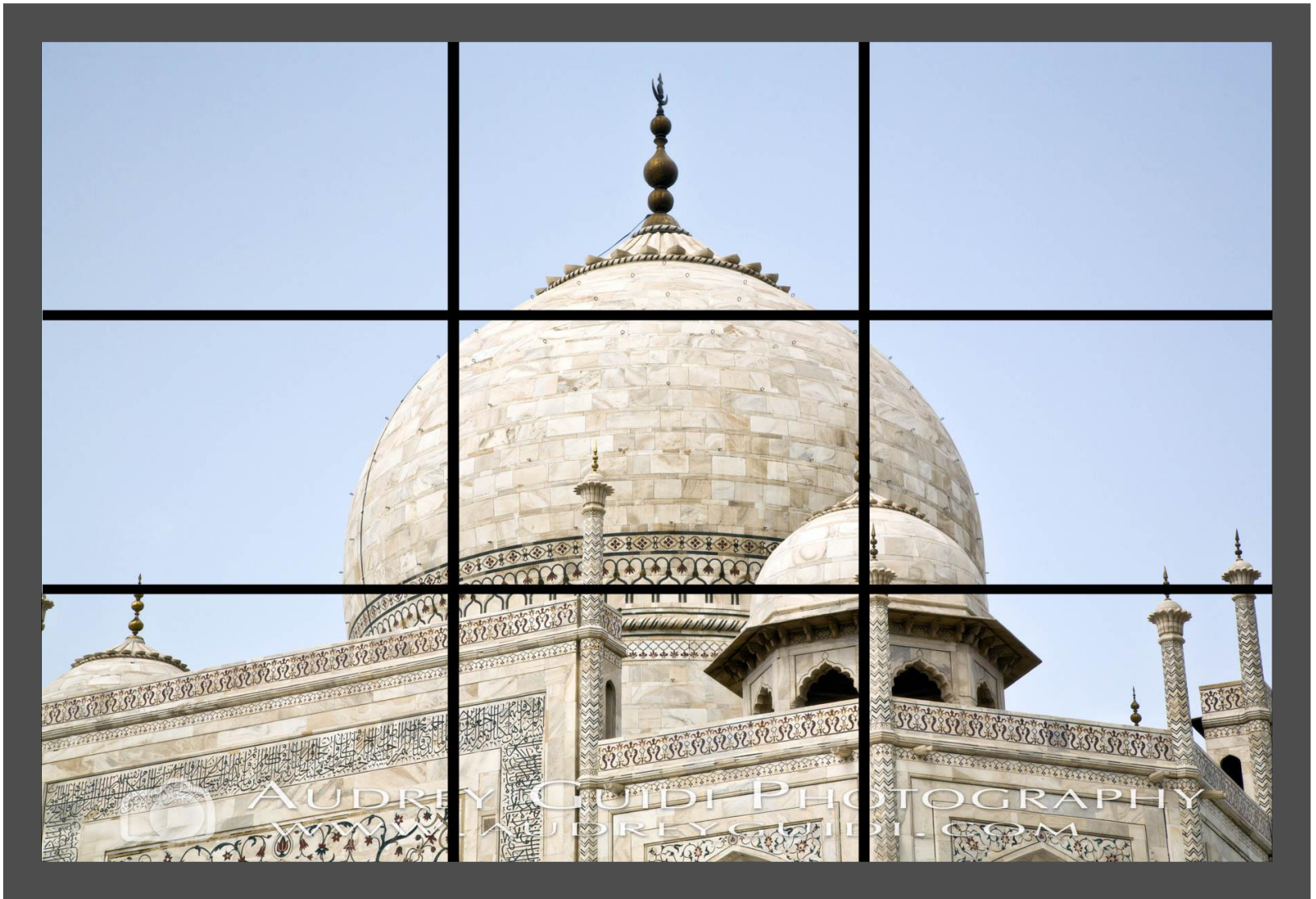
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Composition: Rule of Thirds



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Materials

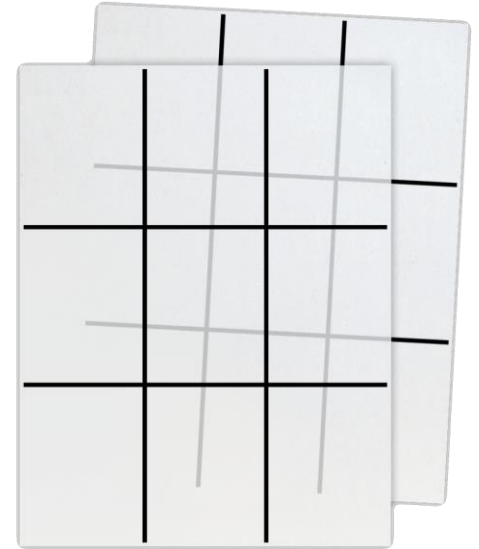


Construction paper, 9" x 12"



Glue stick

Transparent guides



Any fun paper scraps



Scissors

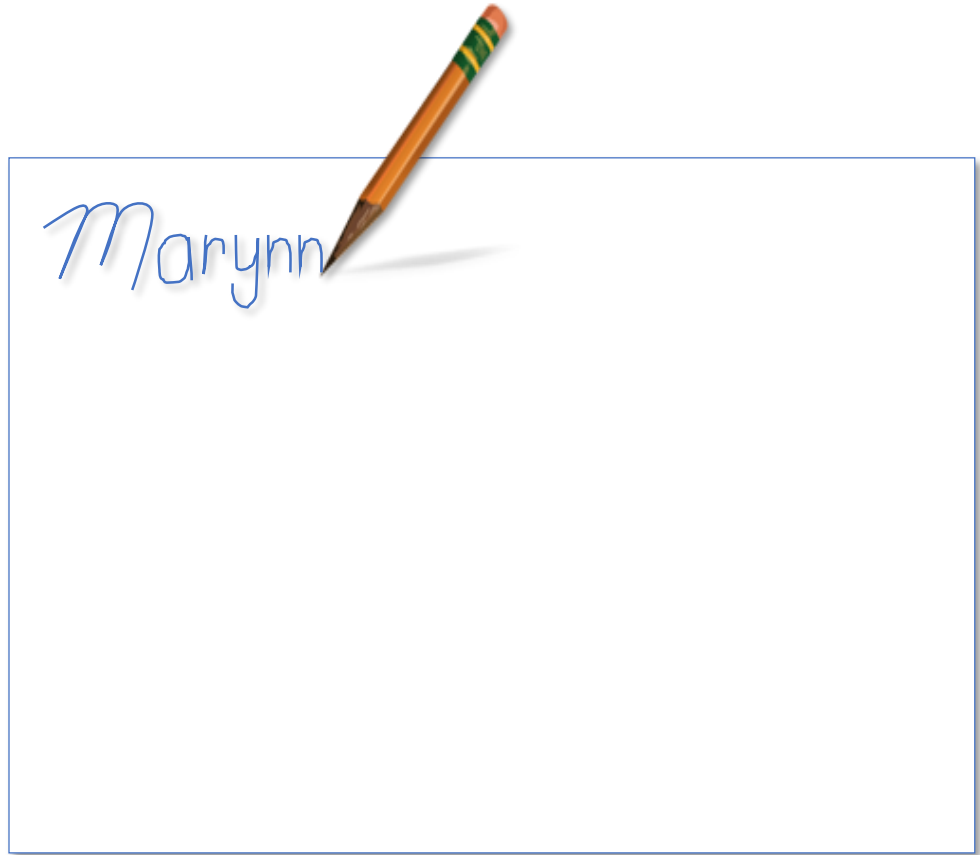


Example of Today's Project



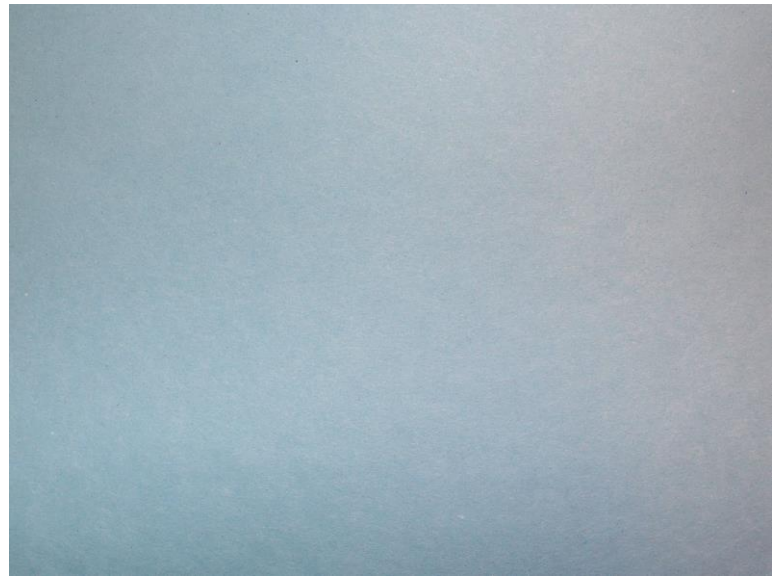
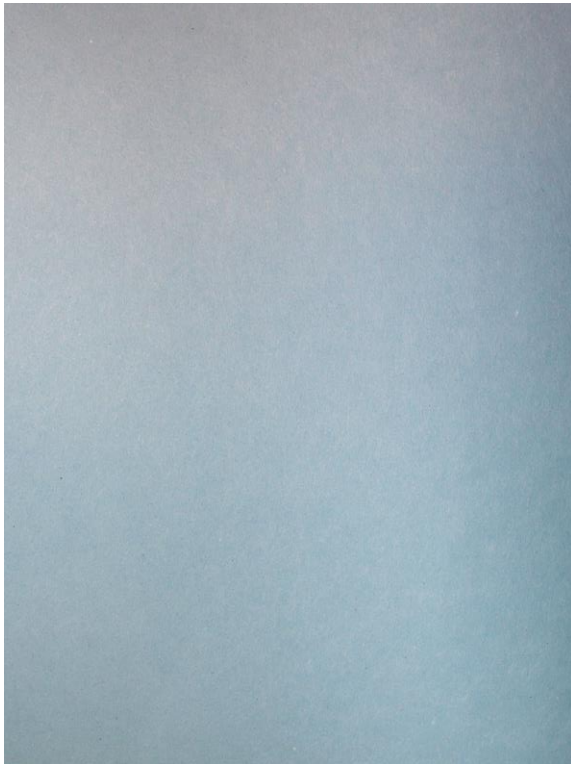
Before You Begin

1. Write your **name** in pencil on the **back** of the paper.
2. Flip over your paper.
3. **Roll up your sleeves!**



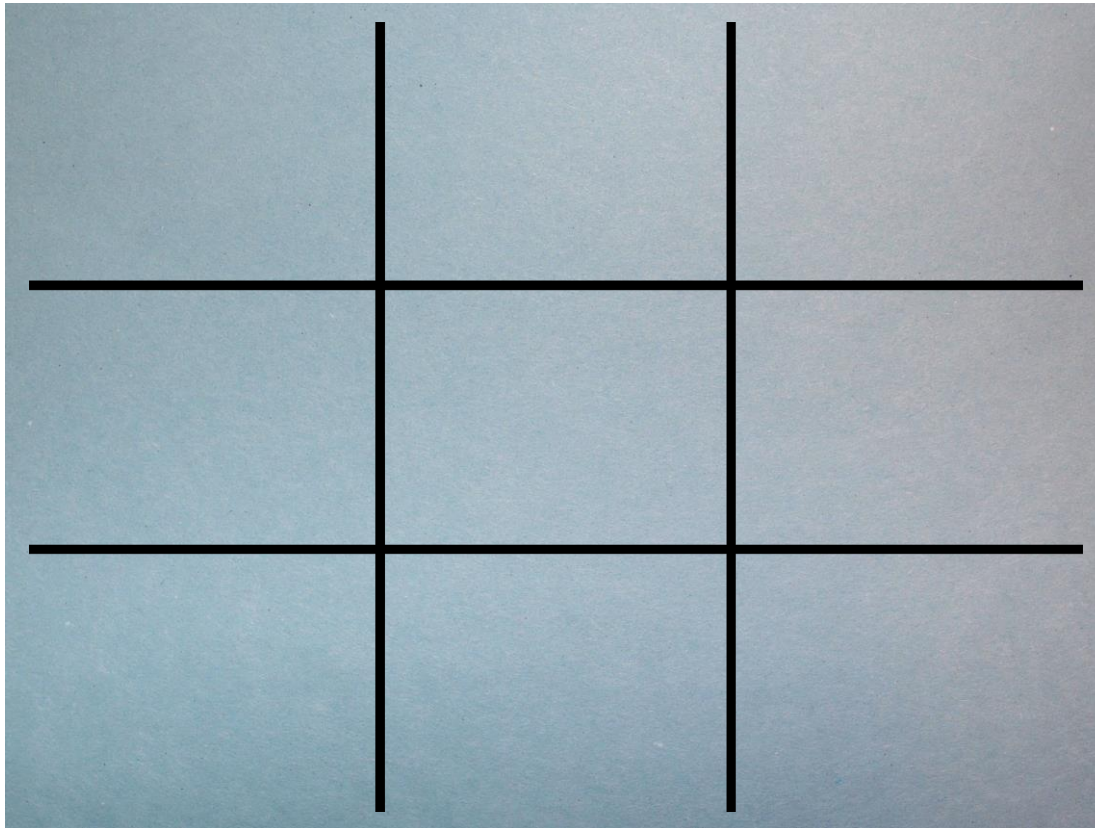
Step 1

- Decide how you want your paper oriented, vertically or horizontally.



Step 2

- Set your composition transparency guide on top of your paper.
- The plastic guides are a bit smaller than your paper. That's okay.
- See where the lines fall on your paper.
- Do not cut or glue your plastic guide!



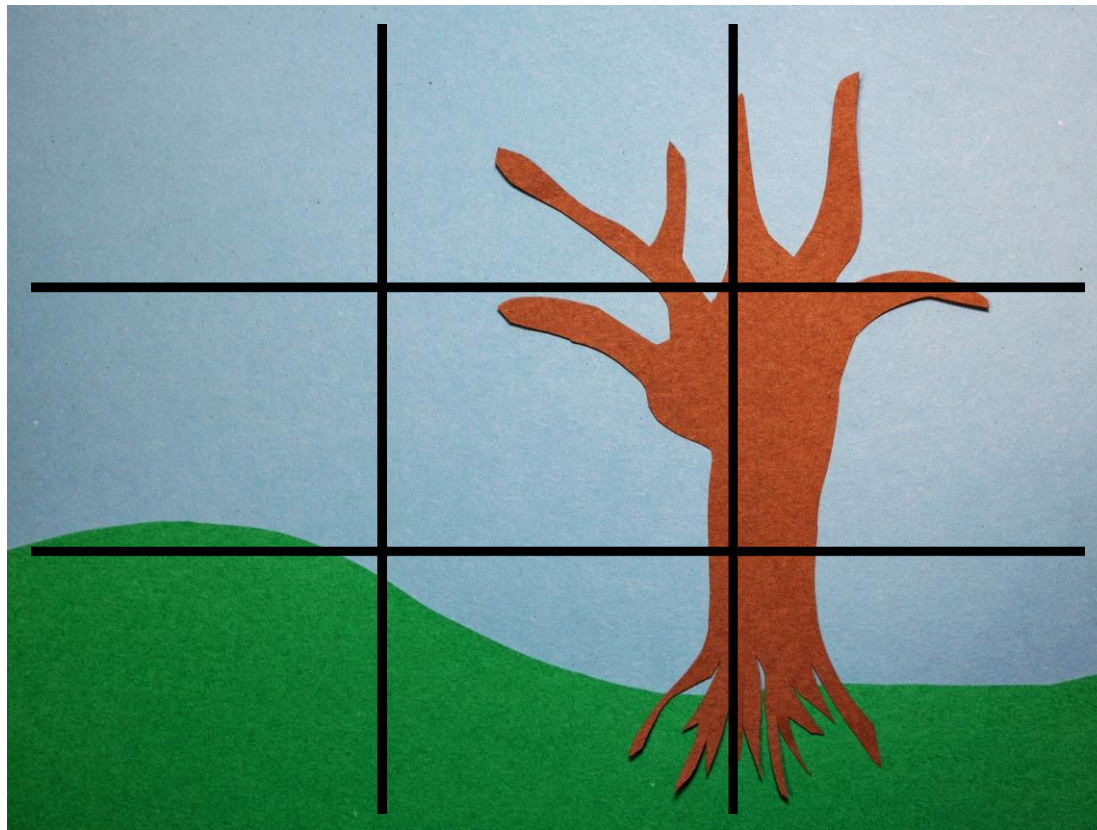
Step 3

- Choose a few paper scraps



Step 4

- Cut out some shapes, and arrange them under the transparency guides.
- **Don't glue them down yet!**
- Think about how you arrange your shapes in space.
- Start simple, with just two or three shapes.



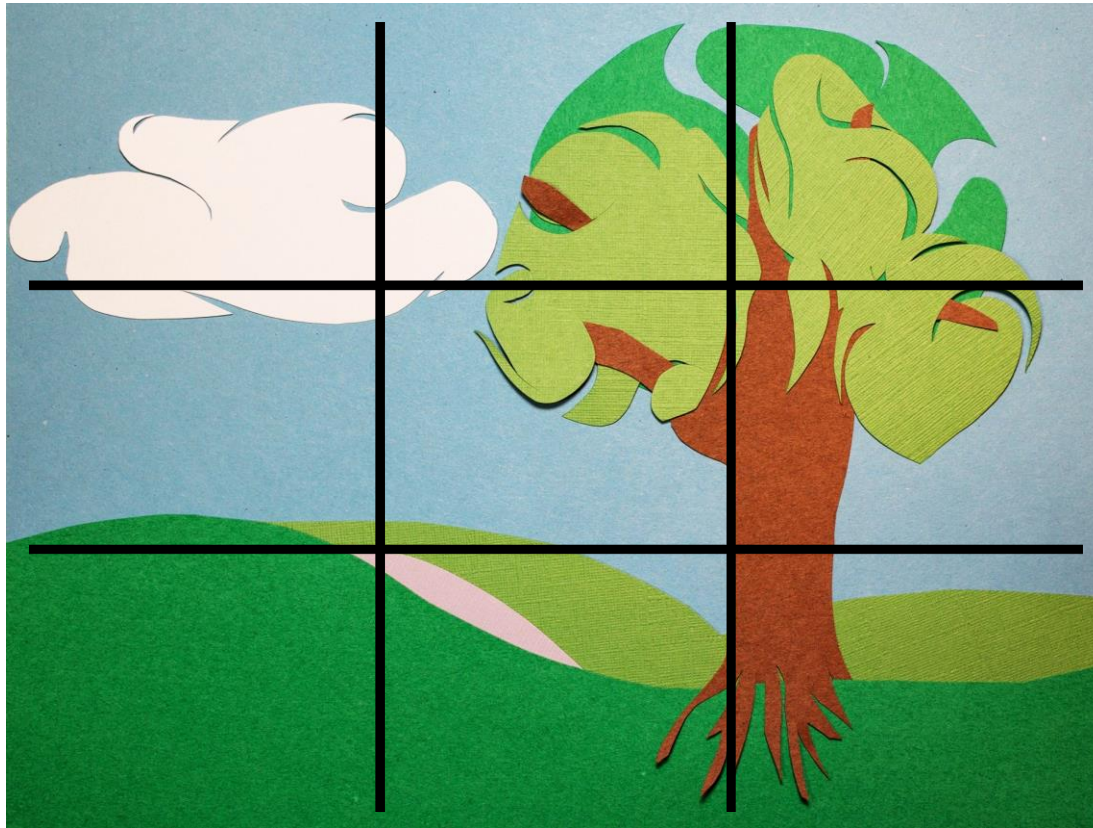
Step 5

- Try different arrangements.
- Place major shapes under the black lines.
- Does this arrangement follow the rule of thirds? No!
- Try moving them around and look through your guide.



Step 6

- Are you satisfied with the composition ?
- Are the most important parts of your scene under the black lines ?
- **Now** start gluing down your shapes.



Reflection

- Did thinking about composition change the way you arranged your shapes in the **space** of your collage?
- What is the **rule of thirds**?
- What was your favorite part of this project?
- Would anyone like to share their art?



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