

## Day 11: Shape and the Rule of Thirds

Our first Composition project had you focus on seeing lines and using them to make your images more visually interesting. To further strengthen this we also tried to fill our frame with these lines to help eliminate distractions ultimately helping our viewers center in on our intended subject quicker and easier.

Now that we have a good grasp of this we are moving forward to our next lesson which asks you to consider using shape and the rule of thirds.

**SHAPE:** Helps you add **INTEREST** or **IMPACT**. They also help you **COMMUNICATE** with your viewer specific information.

Creating an image that has **CONTRAST** (Either by light, color, or contrast) also helps give shapes added strength in your compositions.

**RULE OF THIRDS:** This rule states that if we align (place) or subjects on one of the dividing lines or even better an intersecting point than our composition and image becomes more balanced and allows your viewer to move through it more naturally.

When you get ready to take a photo, visualize a tic-tac-toe grid over your image. Once you've done this just try and compose your image so that your subject fits the rule. If you don't get it perfect in camera you can use the crop tool in editing to really nail it!

1. View this slideshow: [Shape and the Rule of Thirds Slideshow](#)
2. Watch this video: [Shape and the Rule of Thirds Video](#)

**WHAT YOU WILL DO:** For this project you will take 24 photos, of 12 different subjects of things with strong shapes, where you've shot the items in the middle and then apply the rule of thirds as part of your composition. When taking your images consider the objects you're including and the shapes they create. When possible use that shape to further your idea in your image.

### WHAT YOU WILL TURN IN:

- Screenshot of all your shots of **24** photos
- Collage of your best **3 photos** without rule of thirds compared to the same 3 objects using the rule of thirds. **Look at the image example below.**

Turn in your image here for a grade: **Day 11: Shape and the Rule of Thirds** [IMAGE UPLOAD](#)



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