## LAUNCHING THE IMAGINATION THROUGH CONTEMPORARY ART

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Boneyard Arts Festival Highlights?

Steven Boyd Hudson's "Past the Unsustainable Now at the University YMCA Through August 11

MFA Thesis Exhibition currently on view at Krannert Art Museum

56<sup>th</sup> Annual Art and Design Juried Student Exhibition at Giertz Gallery at Parkland College on view through May 4

#### THE VISUAL ELEMENTS & PRINCIPLES OF DESIGN

Line Unity & Variety Scale

Shape & Mass Balance Hierarchical Scale

Light Symmetrical Balance

Texture & Pattern Asymmetrical Balance

Color Emphasis & Rhythm

Subordination

Time and Motion

**SPACE** 

#### WEEK 6 The Principles of Design

Unity & Variety

Balance – Symmetrical & Asymmetrical Balance

#### WEEK 7 The Principles of Design

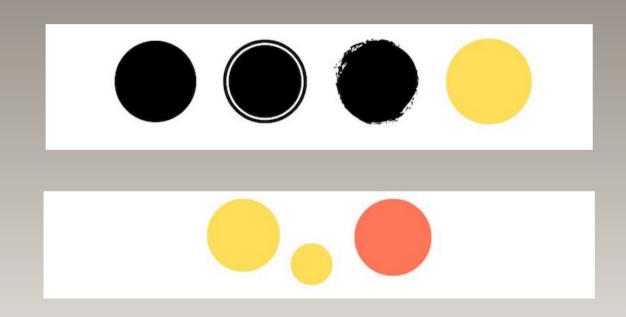
Emphasis & Subordination

#### The Principles of Design: Unity & Variety



Steven Hudson

#### The Principles of Design: Unity & Variety



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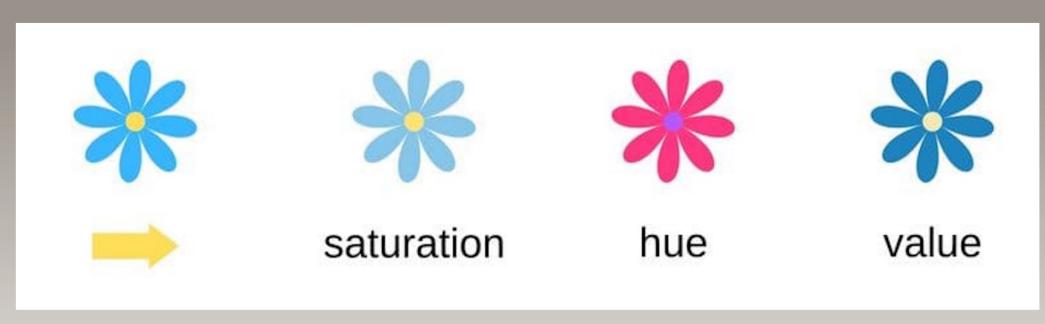
#### Types of variety

- 1. Contrast
- 2. Change & Difference
- 3. Elaboration

Work by Steven Hudson



#### The Principles of Design: Color Variety



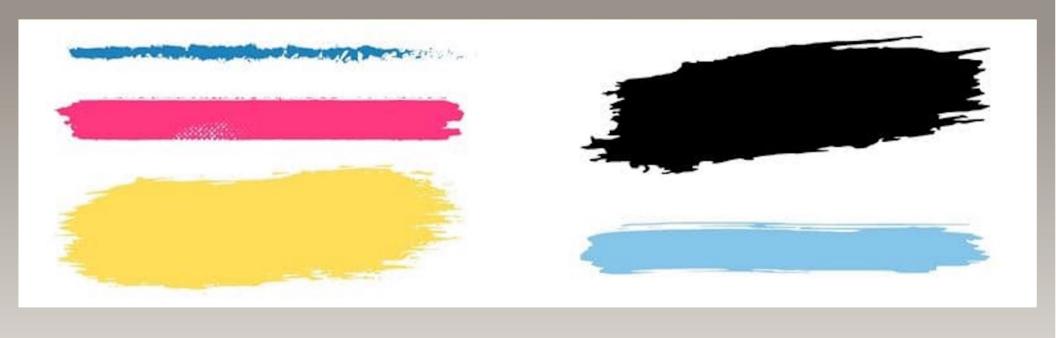
#### The Principles of Design: Color Variety

Jenny Mendez "Fawn"

Terracotta, electric fired ceramics with underglaze and terra sigillata  $10.75 \times 10.75 \times 1.75$  inches 2019



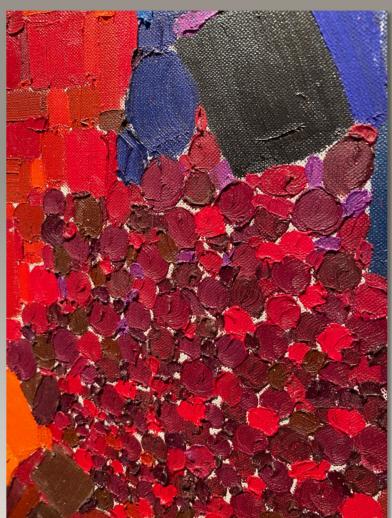
#### The Principles of Design: Brushwork Variety



Lynne Drexler Born in Newport News, Virginia 1928 – 1999 Maui Melody, 1968





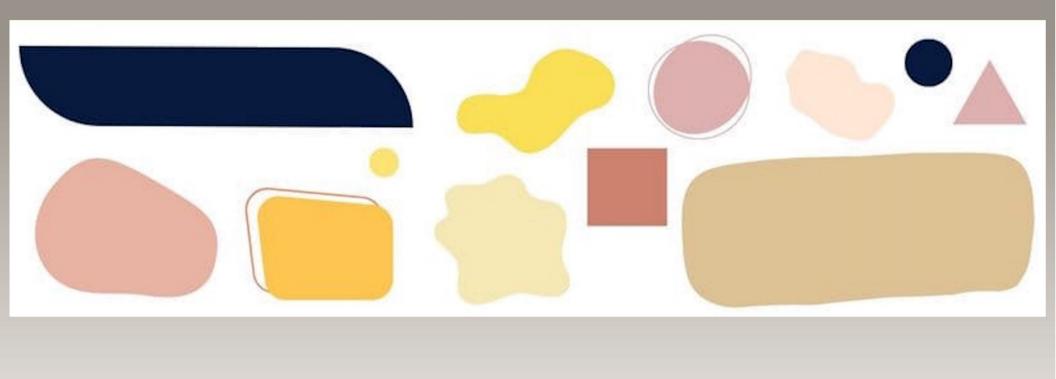


Details of a Lynne Drexler painting

#### The Principles of Design: Line Variety



### The Principles of Design: Shape Variety

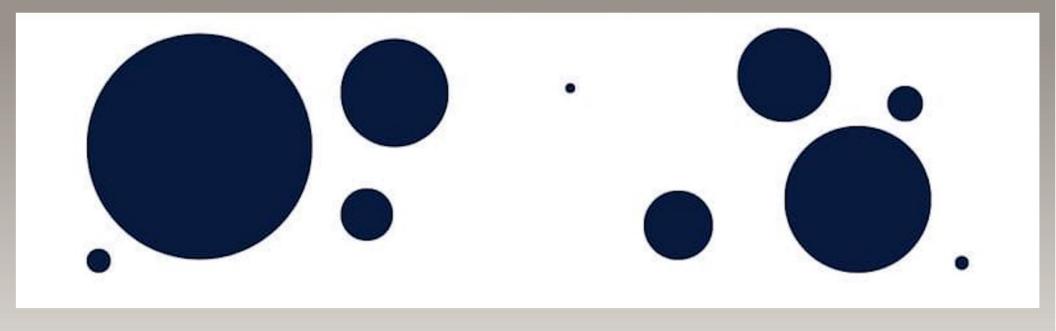


## The Principles of Design: Shape Variety

Holly Coulis Four Seasons with Walnuts and Bananas 2019 oil on MDF  $17\ 3/4 \times 20\ 1/4 \times 12\ 1/2$  inches



#### The Principles of Design: Size Variety



#### The Principles of Design: Technique Variety



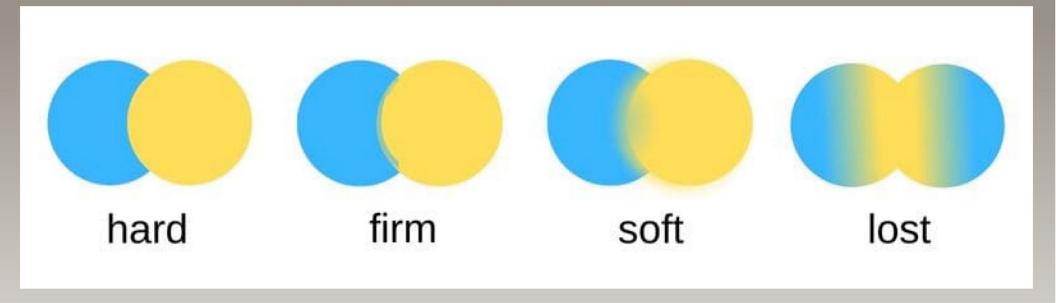
### The Principles of Design: Technique Variety



Damien Hirst, Grapefruit, 2016

Household gloss on canvas,  $16 \times 24$  inches ( $40.6 \times 61$  cm) © Damien Hirst and Science Ltd. All rights reserved, DACS 2018

#### The Principles of Design: Edge Variety



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Kelsey Blacklock

#### The Principles of Design:

#### Edge Variety

Steven Hudson Afterimage 7 Mixed media on paper 34 x 30 2012



#### Robert Mangold

https://art21.org/watch/art-inthe-twenty-firstcentury/s6/robert-mangold-inbalance-segment/



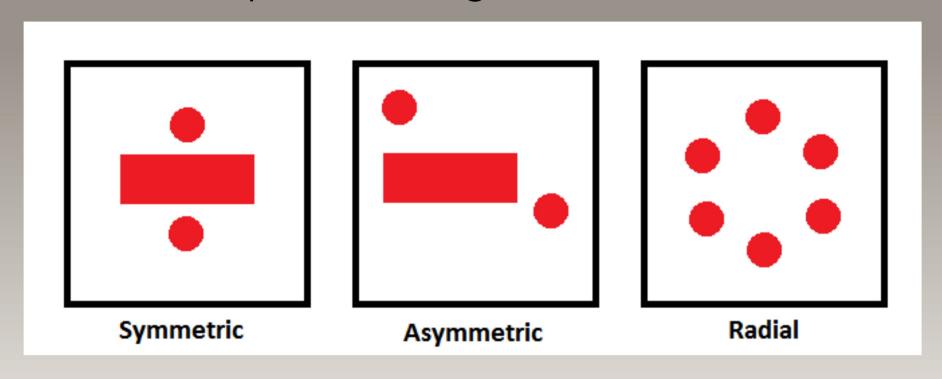
Installation view of "Robert Mangold: A Survey 1965-2003" (2017), Mnuchin Gallery, New York. Left: "Plane/Figure Series G (Double Panel)" (1994), acrylic and black pencil on canvas, 84 x 98 inches. Right: "Plane Figure Series A" (1993), acrylic and black pencil on canvas, 112 x 168 inches (all photos by Tom Powel Imaging and courtesy Mnuchin Gallery)

# The Principles of Design: Balance

Spoonbridge and Cherry
sculptural fountain
designed by Claes Oldenburg
and Coosje van Bruggen.



#### The Principles of Design: Balance



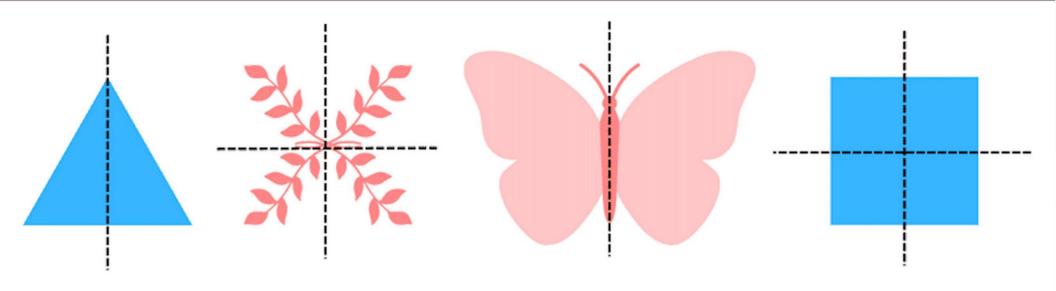
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Visual Weight

Douglas C. Johnson

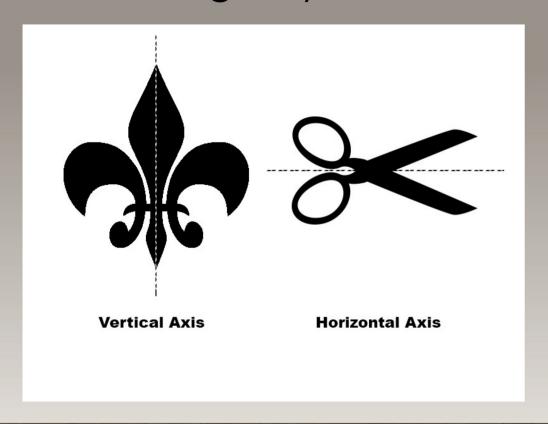


#### The Principles of Design: Symmetrical Balance



Vertical, Horizontal, or both

#### The Principles of Design: Symmetrical Balance



#### The Principles of Design: Relieved Symmetry

Rickie Barnett
"Tesselated Viewer"
Earthenware
11.75 x 11.5 x 2 inches, 2021

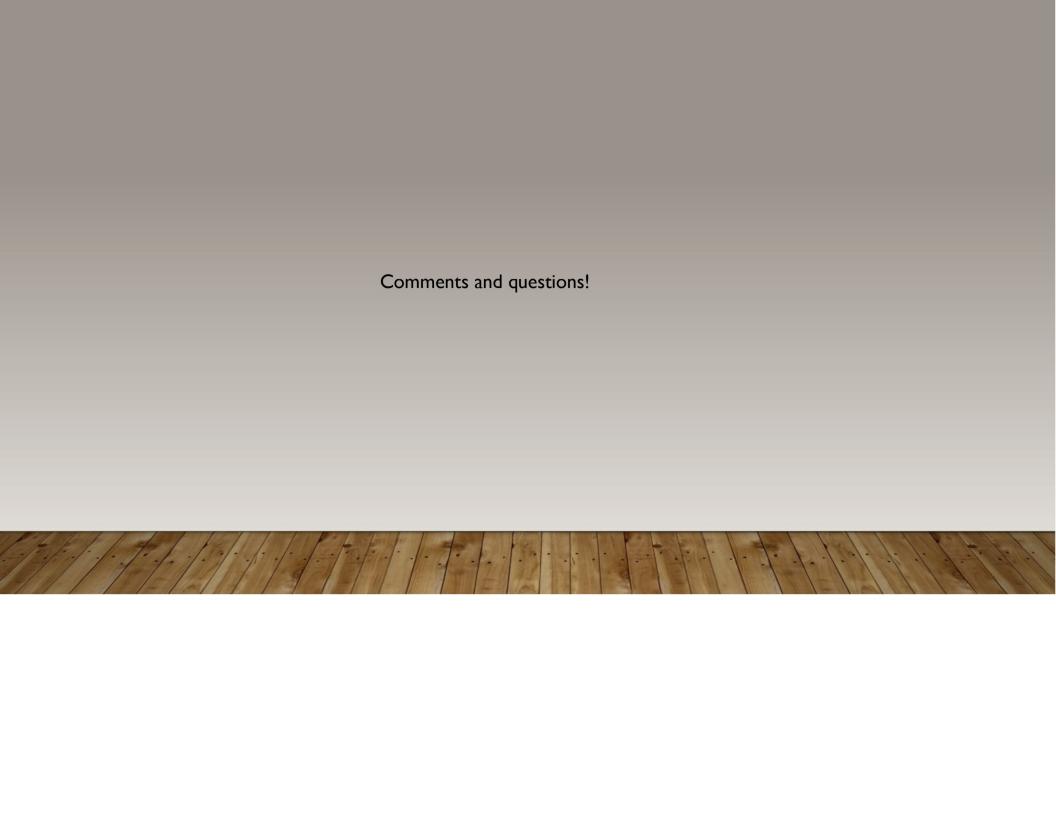


#### The Principles of Design: Relieved Symmetry

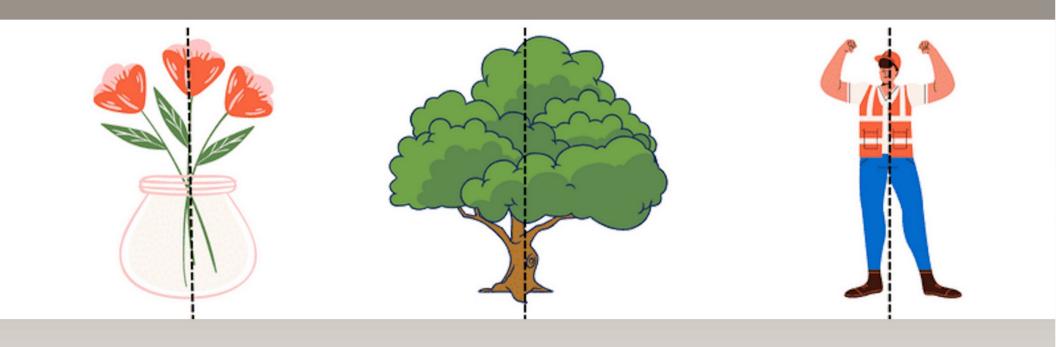
Janis Mars Wunderlich,
The Embrace (front & back)
Multi-fired ceramics, underglaze,
glaze, melted glass,
27 x 12 x 6 inches







#### The Principles of Design: Asymmetrical Balance



# The Principles of Design: Asymmetrical Balance

Girl Child
Richard Phillips (American, born 1962)
1996-97
Oil on linen
Unframed: 90 1/4 × 100 1/4 × 1 5/8 in.
Collection of the Modern Art Museum of
Fort Worth, Gift of the Director's Council, 1997



The Principles

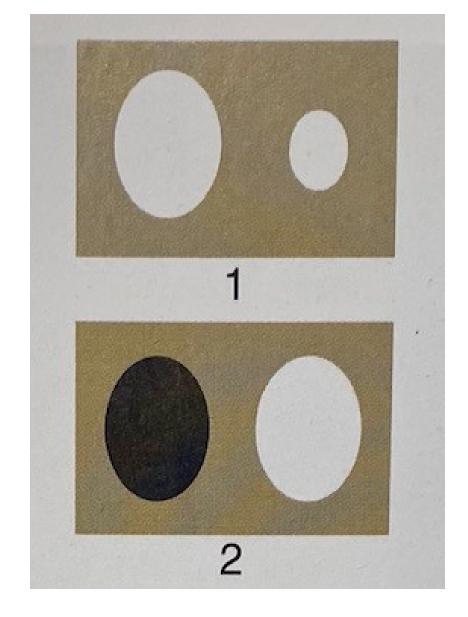
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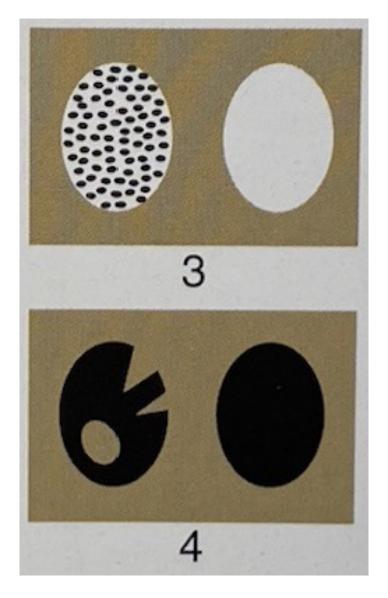
Asymmetrical

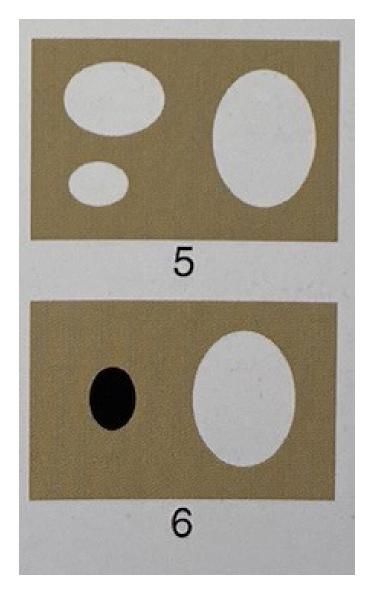
Balance

Yolanda del Amo

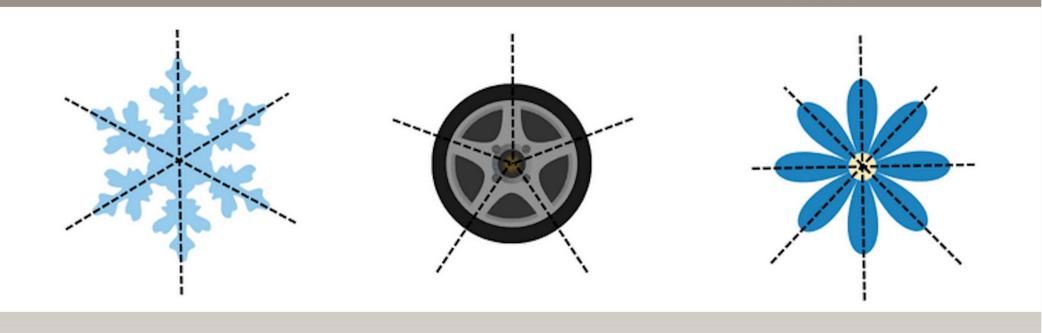








### The Principles of Design: Radial Balance



#### Jenny Mendes

"Butterfly"

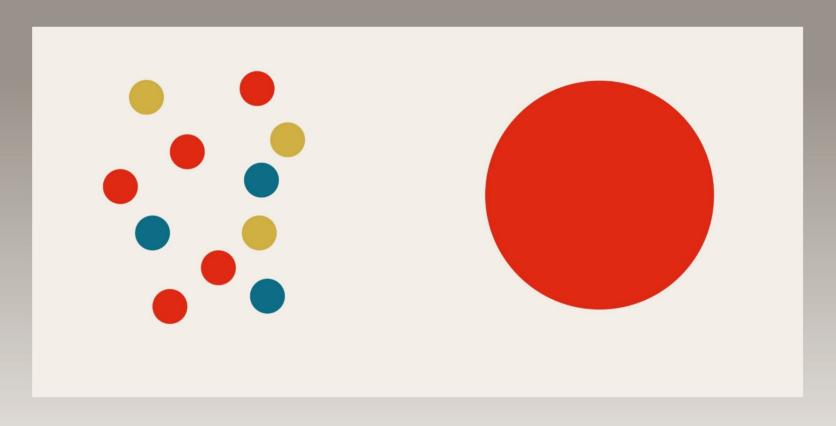
Terracotta, electric fired ceramics with underglaze and terra sigillata  $10.75 \times 10.75 \times 1.75$  inches 2019



Miriam Martincic

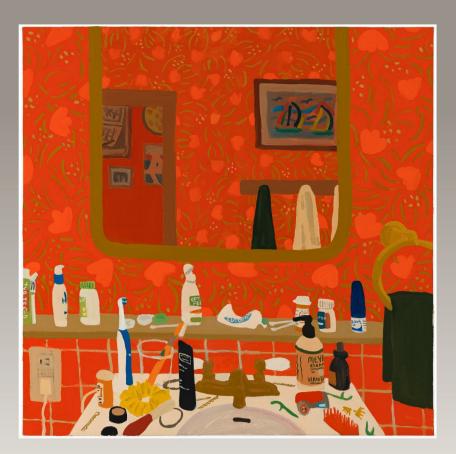
Design for Chess App

### Design: Chrystalligraphic Balance



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Sophie Treppendahl Bathroom Vanity 30 x 30 inches, oil on canvas, 2022



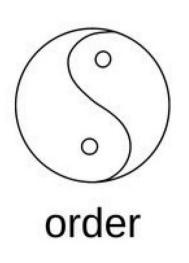
### Design: Chrystalligraphic Balance



Sophie Treppendahl Natalie Wadlington Girl with Goose Statue Oil on canvas 42" x 42" 2021



### The Principles of Design: Effects of Balance







### **BALANCE - CALM**

Georgia O'Keefe Lake George, Reflection, oil on canvas, 58" x 34" Painted circa 1921-22.





Anish Kapoor

"Cloud Gate"

Polished stainless steel

2004

#### **BALANCE - MOVEMENT**

Aliza Nisenbaum
"Patricia's Sewing Room"
(at New York, New York)

https://art21.org/watch/extended-play/aliza-nisenbaum-painting-from-life/



WEEK 7

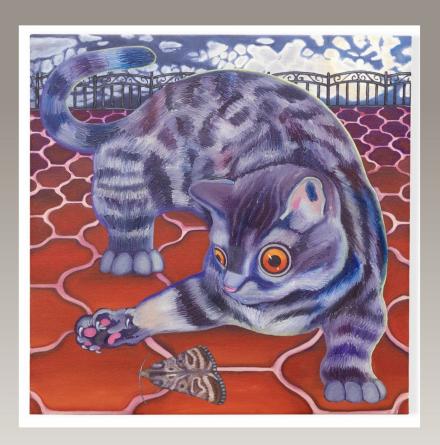
**Emphasis & Subordination** 

Scale & Proportion - Hierarchical Scale, Golden Rectangle Rhythm

The human eye is always drawn to the area of greatest contrast - it can't help it"

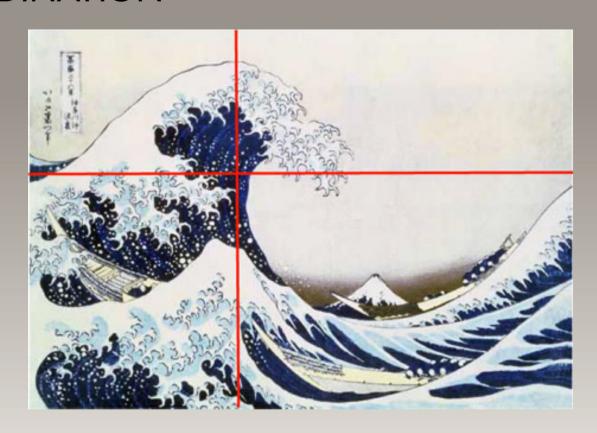
## EMPHASIS & SUBORDINATION – WHAT DOES IT MEAN IN ART?

Natalie Wadlington
Cat with Moth in Courtyard
Oil on canvas
24 x 24 inches
,2023

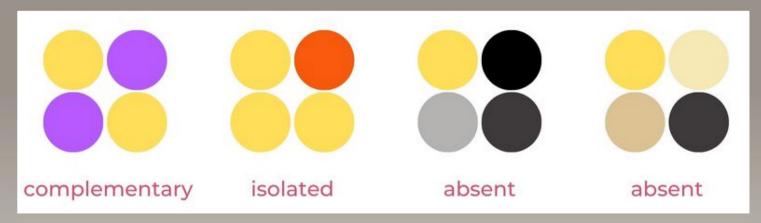


Under the Wave off
Kanagawa (Kanagawa oki
nami ura), also known as
The Great Wave, from the
series Thirty-six Views of
Mount Fuji (Fugaku
sanjūrokkei)
Katsushika Hokusai
Japanese

ca. 1830-32

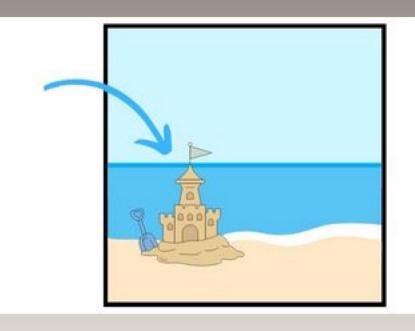


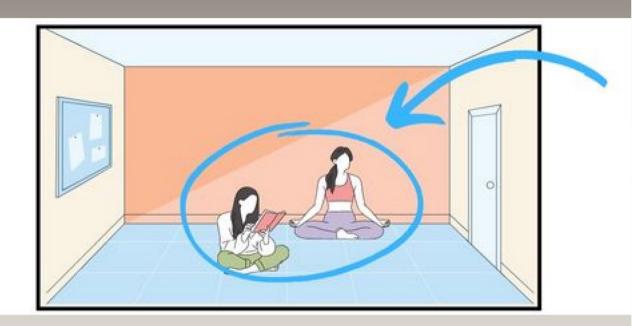
### **EMPHASIS & SUBORDINATION - CONTRAST**





#### EMPHASIS & SUBORDINATION – SEPARATION OR ISOLATION





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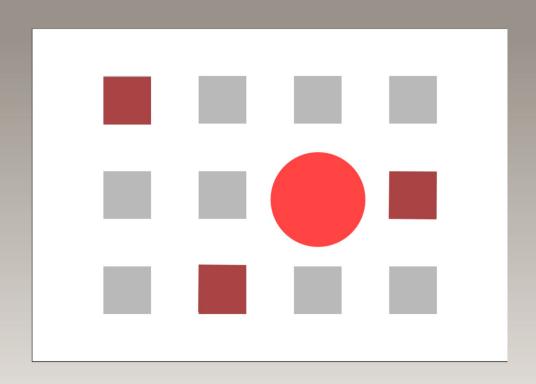


### EMPHASIS & SUBORDINATION – SEPARATION OR ISOLATION

Miriam Martincic



## EMPHASIS & SUBORDINATION — CREATION OF EXCEPTIONAL / THE UNUSUAL





Steven Hudson

## EMPHASIS & SUBORDINATION – CONVERGENCE

One point perspective

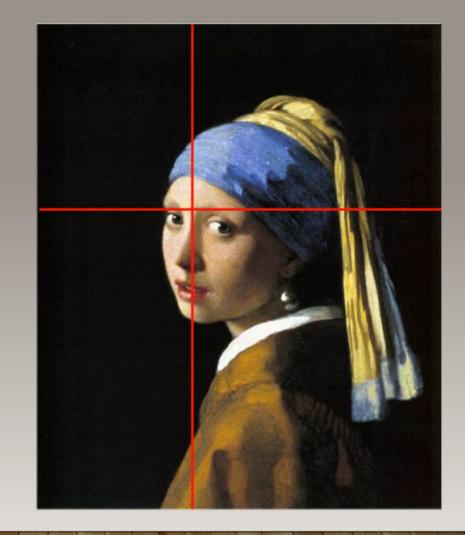
Catherine Yass
Corridors
Photograph, dye destruction print on transparency on lightbox
1994



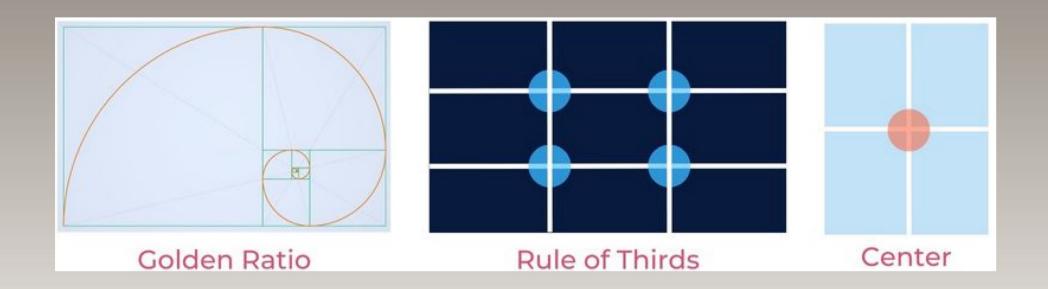
# EMPHASIS & SUBORDINATION – SUBORDINATION



Johannes Vermeer
Girl with a Pearl Earring
1665

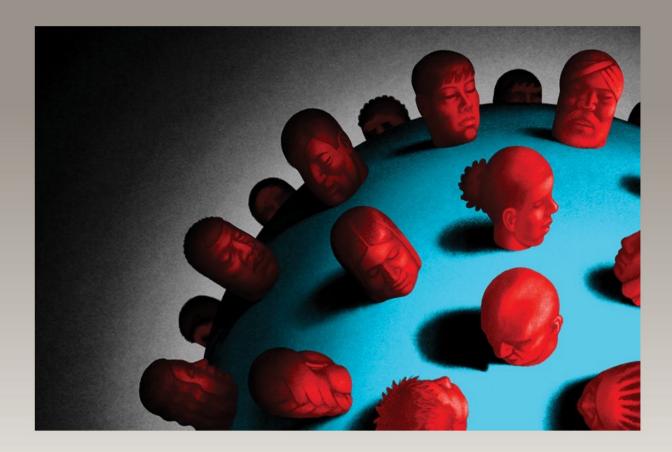


## EMPHASIS & SUBORDINATION – LOCATION

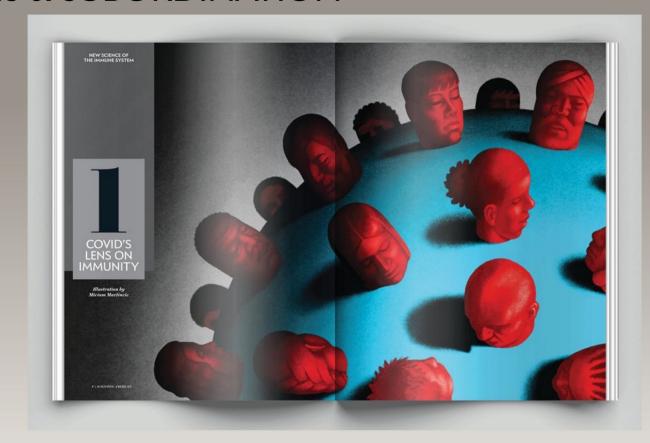


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Miriam Martincic "Puss Catapiller"













#### **Touch Not the Cat**

The venomous puss caterpillar is no cuddly kitten.

By CAROLINE KETTLEWELL | Illustration by MIRIAM MARTINCIC

S WE SAT STUCK AT HOME LAST fall, a flurry of local news stories seized on the apocalyptic spirit of the

"Weird-looking poisonous caterpillars are on "Alien hairball sends woman to emergency room," another read. A third sounded like the trailer from a horror flick: "A bizarre little insect that looks like a walking toupée and squirts venomous pus from knifelike spines is terrorizing Virginia this year."

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But were we really coming under assault from hordes of venom-squirting caterpillars?

For the record, those walking toupées are puss (not pus) caterpillars. And they are, in fact, venomous. And, yes, one unlucky New Kent woman did land in the ER after a too-close encounter with a puss caterpillar left her with pain that felt, "like a scorching-hot knife passing through the outside of my calf."

But extension entomologist Eric Day, director of the insect identification lab at Virginia Tech—and a guy who has seen a bug or two in his life—is here to tell you that, no, the caterpillars are is need to learly out in alta, no, the caterpinars are not on the attack. "Sometimes the news cycle gets low, and scary bugs make a great story," says Day. "In no way are we having an invasion of these things."

Still, what is the likelihood that you might

come in contact with one? "Very rare," says Day, who spends a lot of time outdoors yet neverthe-less has never encountered a puss caterpillar him-self, except when it's been sent to his lab for iden-

tification.

The puss caterpillar is the larval stage of the The plus caterplair is the larval stage or the southern finanel moth, a small, innocuous furry yellow creature with a vague resemblance to the Dekimon character Pläckale. But to emerge into mothbood requires first surviving caterpillardom. And that means not getting picked off along the way by the Very Hungry Animal Kingdom. HOMEgrown > Natives

So as a caterpillar, Megalopyge opercularis bris-ties—literally—with a defense system packing a punch so painful that the puss has earned a rep-utation as the most venomous caterpillar in the

utation as the most venomous caterpillar in the U.S. But then it holes up in a cooon and emerges as a perfectly harmless fluzzy moth. It's kind of like if Chucky the killer doll took a sabstated and came back as Raggdy Andy.

To look at the puss caterpillar doesn't exactly tolegraph 'danger don't touch' 'It's a knurriam't tolegraph' danger don't touch' 'It's a knurriam't tolegraph' danger don't touch' 'It's a knurriam't tolegraph's danger don't touch' 'It's a knurriam't tolegraph's convening like a draw Johghin or a very touch't touch a draw of the state of a very depth or a very convening like the state of t

landed with the name "puss," as in "in Boots").

Concealed within those long hairs, however, are sharp, hollow spines, each equipped at the base with its own reservoir of venom. Brush against the caterpillar, and those spines inject the venom into unfortunate you. And then? "The sting produces an immediate intense burning pain," details a fact sheet from the University of Florida. Also good to know? The toxicity of the sting increases with the size of the larvae.

It looks like an ambling toupee, a furry dolphin, or a very miniature cat (hence the name "puss").

In addition to inflicting severe pain, the touch of the puss can also leave a pattern of blister-ing red welts on the skin and induce a spreading allergic rash. Less commonly, it can bring on nau-sea, vomiting, rapid heart beat, low blood pres-sure, seizures, muscle spasms, and comulsions. Also numbness, chest pair, difficulty breathing, and vision problems. "Other than that," concludes a North Carolina State extension publication

The reason the puss caterpillar is sometimes erroneously referred to as a "pus" caterpillar seems to be a case of conflating the unfamiliarly archaic name "puss" either with the caterpilarchaic name "puss" either wint me caterpul-lar's wenom or with the blistering rash it causes. It is also sometimes known as the "stinging asp," which is certainly more on point—an asp being a venomous snake. Whatever you want to call it, as the caterpil-

whatever you want to can it, as the caterphi-lar goes through its larval molts, it also east its own castoff skin, including the venomous spikes. It further sustains this admirable efficiency by spinning itself a cocoon from its own hair, which doesn't seem like a structural material that would pass the Big Bad Wolf test. But the occoon is in fact quite tough and durable, to the point where empty occoons can persist long enough to grow a layer of lichen.

It seems like a lot of work, because as soon as

It seems have a but on work, because a soon as the adult emerges it expeditiously goes about pro-ducing a new generation of venomous offspring and dies soon thereafter. But for a brief, burning moment of glory, the notorious puss caterpillar commandeered the headlines as the most feared and funny-looking supproposes grapping in America.

venomous caterpillar in America. @

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