

Today's agenda

- Lecture on photography
- Photoshop Tutorial
- Fix a photo
- These slides available at:
 - thepixelguild.ca



Composition: lines & shapes

- Human brain has evolved to see both
- Naturally pleasing
- Horizontal lines (landscape)
- Vertical lines (portrait)
- Diagonals
- Don't split the canvas in two



Composition: Lines & Shapes



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Composition: Rule of Thirds

Don't center your composition



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Composition: Rule of Thirds

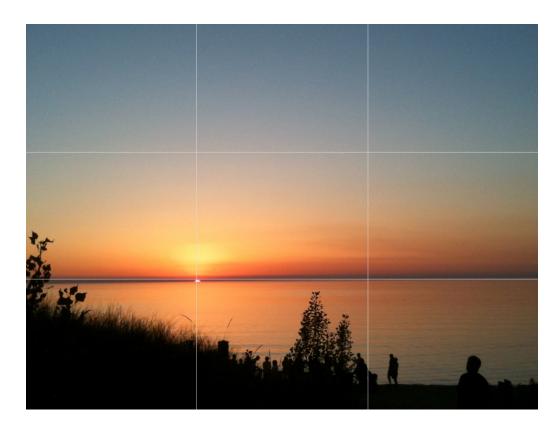
Divide the canvas into thirds, vertically & horizontally





Composition: Rule of Thirds

Place your focus on one of the intersection points





Composition: Focal Point

Ensure you have a focal point in your composition

Use the camera to help you



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Composition: Symmetry

Use symmetry, for a sense of balance, peace



Symmetry photo by Spozdone on Flickr



Composition: Asymmetry

Use asymmetry to create tension, movement, drama



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Get creative: angles, POV

- lenses
- changeperspective
- try different angles



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Get creative: framing

find an existing frame

-or-



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Get creative: framing

fill the frame of your shot

still use rule of thirds, other techniques



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Get creative: light

use combinations

- angles
- lighting
- filled frame
- asymmetry



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Get creative: light

- balance
- angles
- thirds
- s-shape
- depth

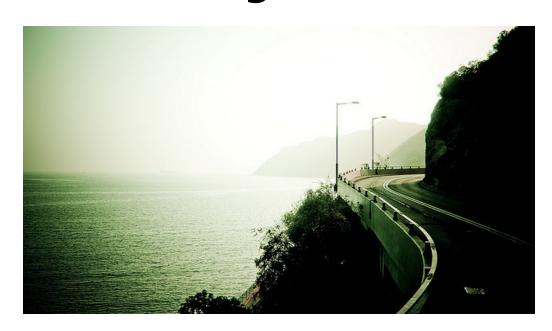


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People & animals

- angles
- framing
- cropping
- background or setting
- direct the shot



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People & animals

- watch the background for problems
- oops
- other issues
 - -- lighting





Mechanical details

- lens cap off, thumb out of the way of the lens
- watch the source of light in digital photography
- use flash to "fill" in some situations



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Mechanical details

- things to do if your camera allows it:
 - white balance
 - as much resolution as possible
 - shoot in RAW format (this does not compress the data, and allows you to fix more in Photoshop)



Today's activities & checkmark

Photoshop:

- 1. Tutorial: setting levels, adding text, cropping, optimizing for web
- 2. Fix a photo and upload the original and fixed photo to your blog
- 3. Explain what you did in the post