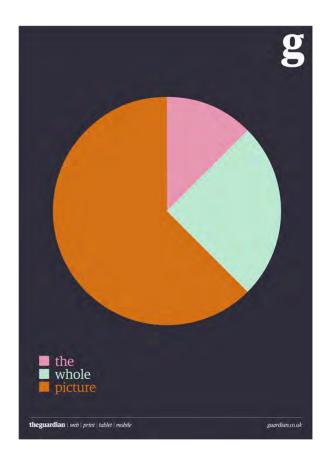
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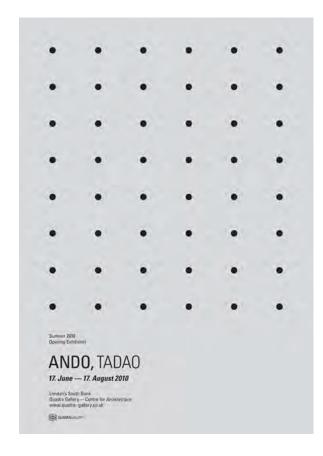
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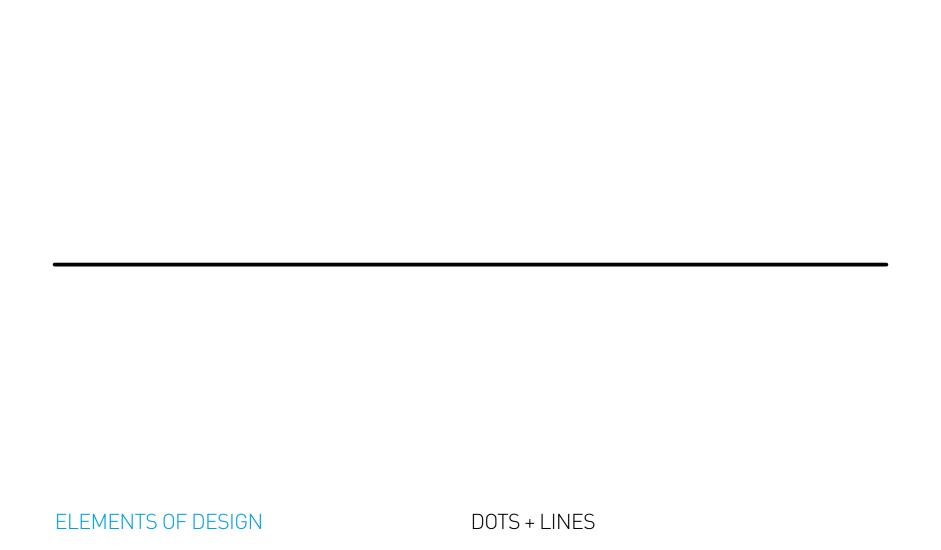
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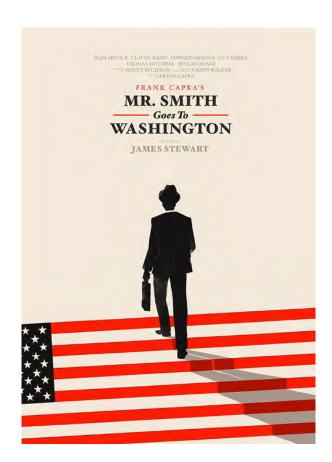


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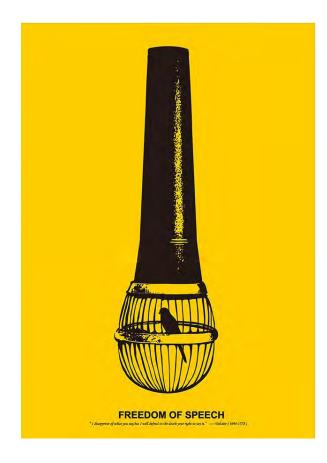


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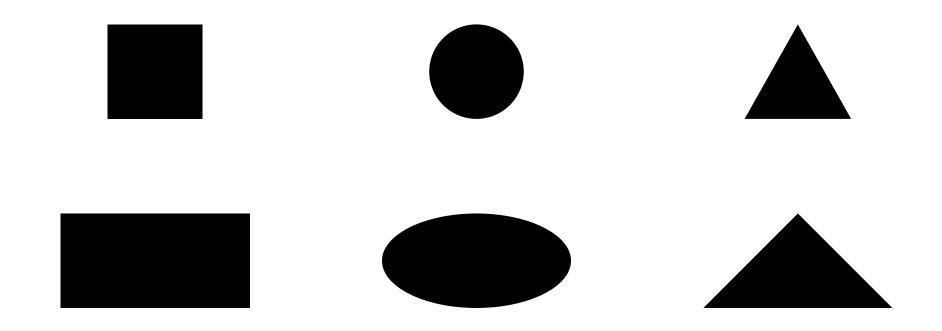


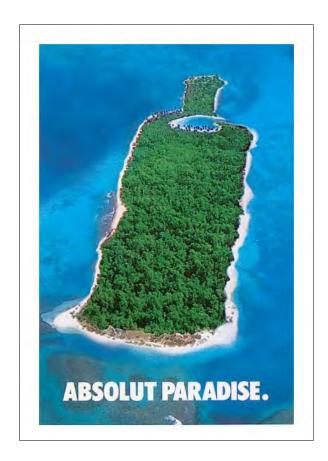


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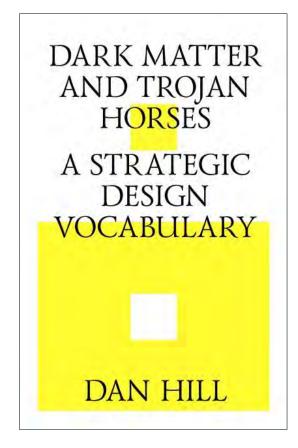


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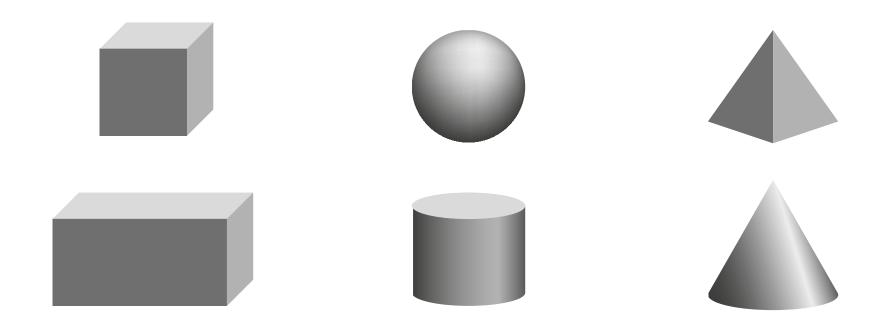
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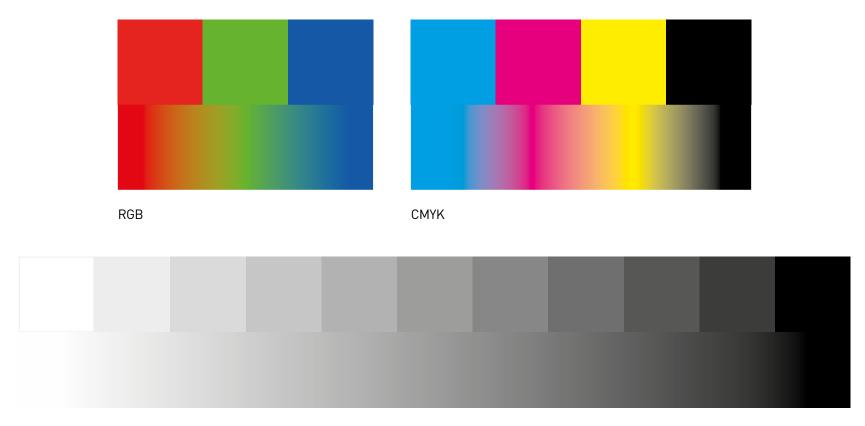




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Monochrome – Grayscale





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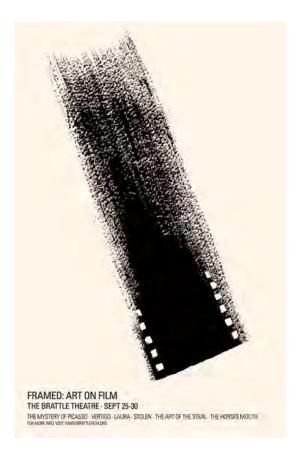
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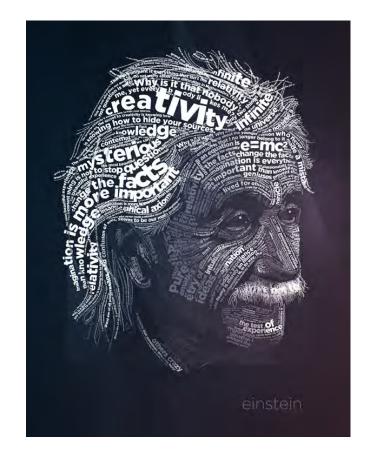








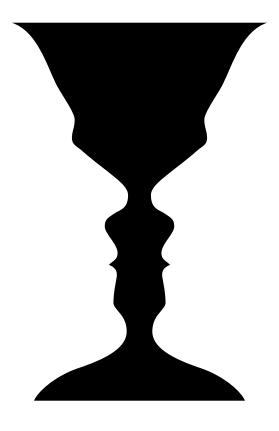
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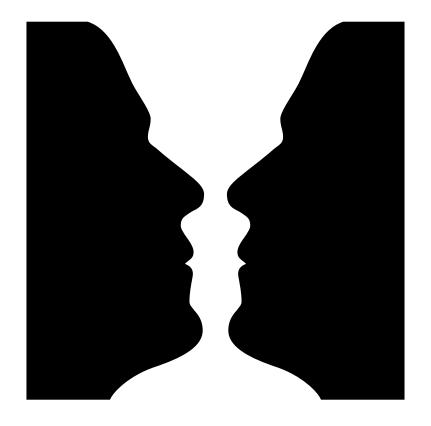


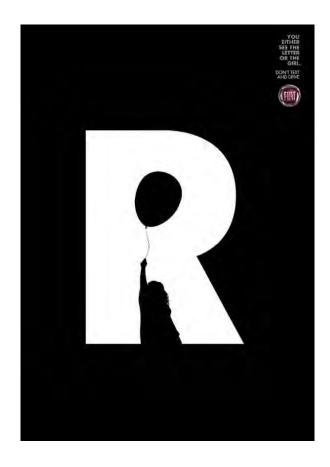
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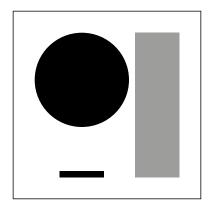


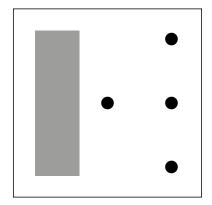
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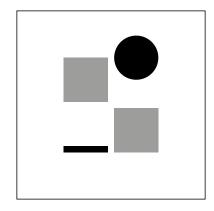
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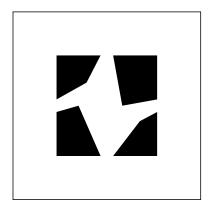


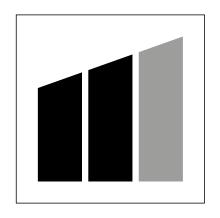
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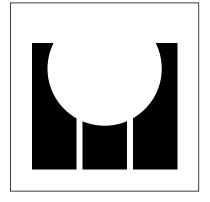


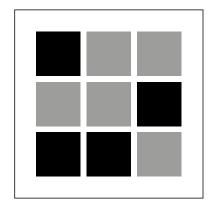












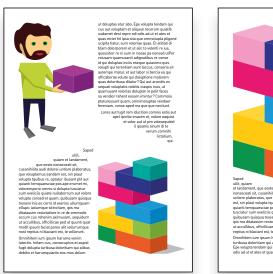
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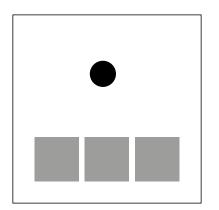


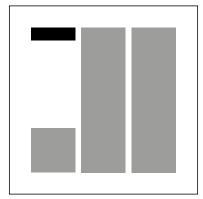


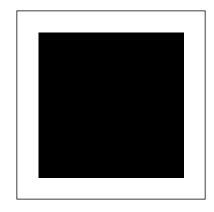




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Space is "defined when something is placed in it", according to Alex White in his book, The Elements of Graphic Design. Incorporating the principle of space into a design helps reduce noise, increase readability, and/or create illusion. White space is an important part of the layout strategy.



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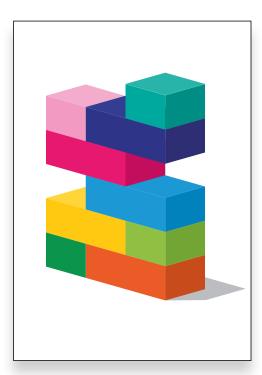
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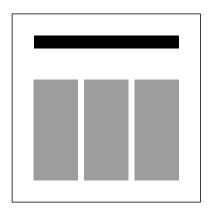
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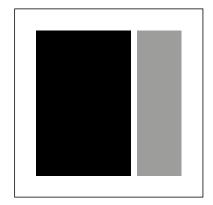
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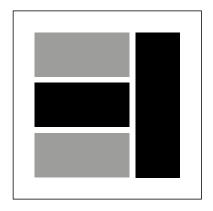
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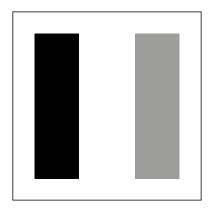
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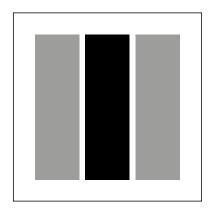
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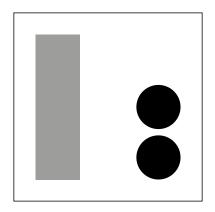
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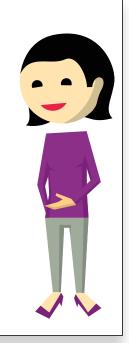
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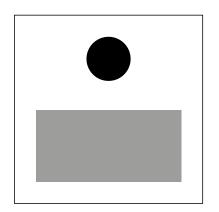
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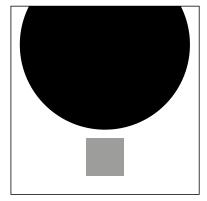
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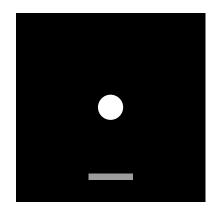
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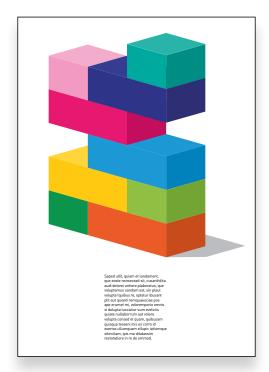


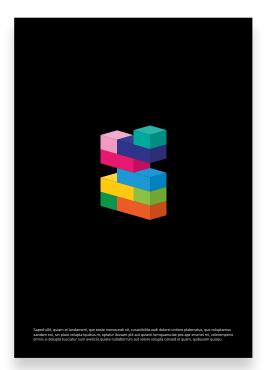
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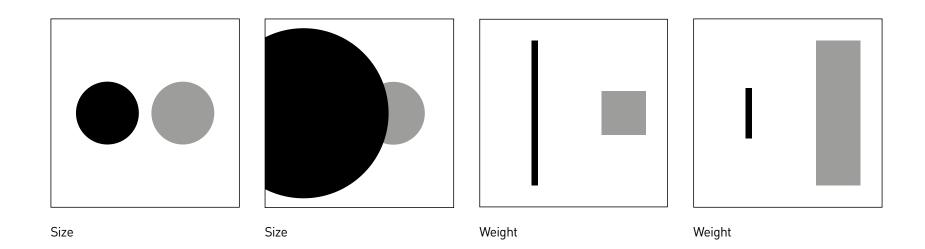
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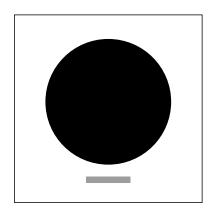
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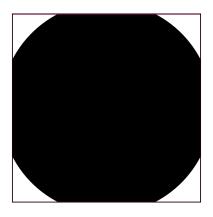
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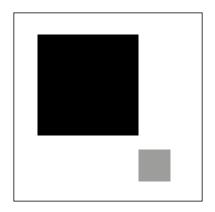
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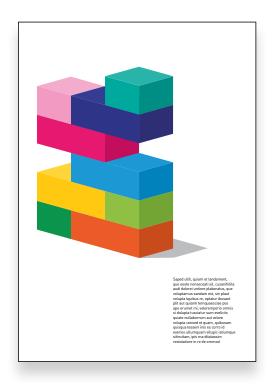


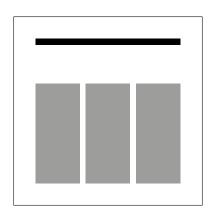


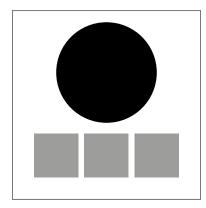
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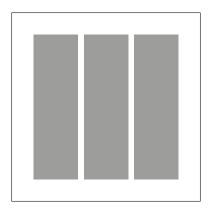












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The principle of similarity refers to creating continuity throughout a design without direct duplication. Similarity is used to make pieces work together over an interface and help users learn the interface quicker.

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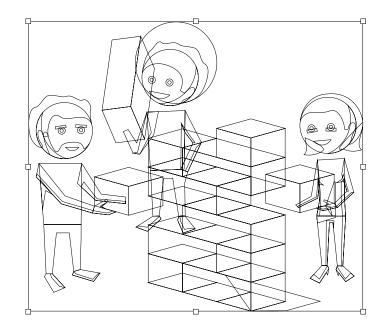
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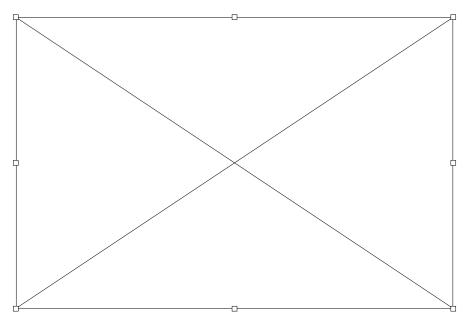
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Vector: lossless format – scalable graphic image without the loss of definition.

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142 x 94 px (@ 72ppi)

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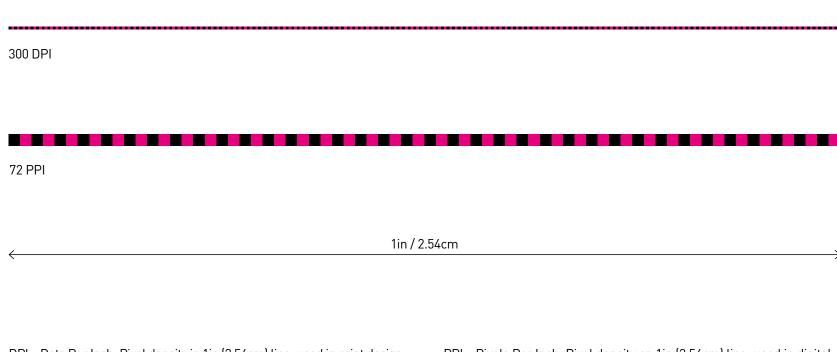


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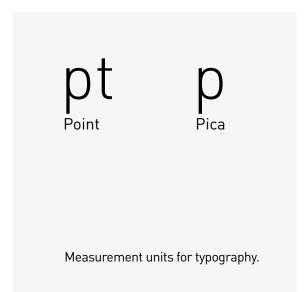


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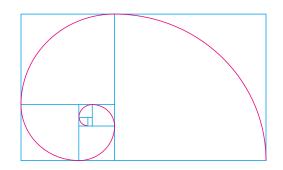


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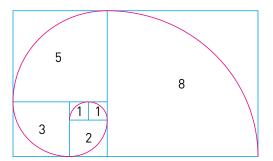




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The Golden Section – The Golden Spiral in 1 : 1.61803 proportion.

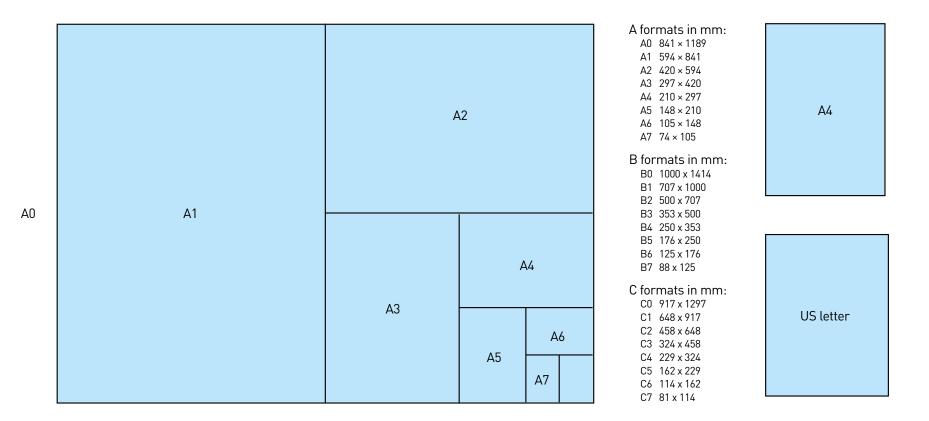


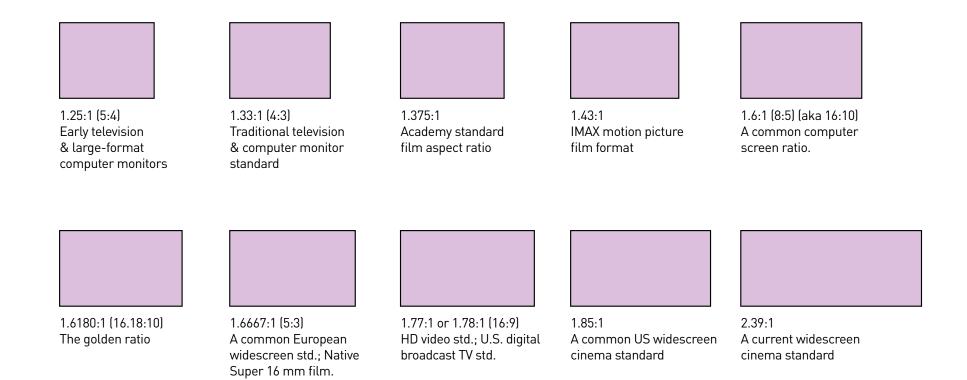
The Fibonacci Spiral – Fibonacci sequence: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 55, 89,144, etc.



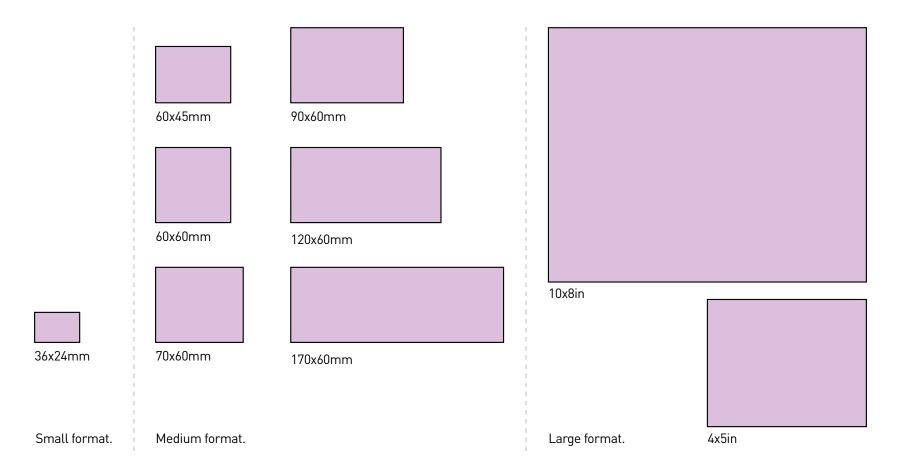
The rule of thirds is an approximate proportion of the golden section.

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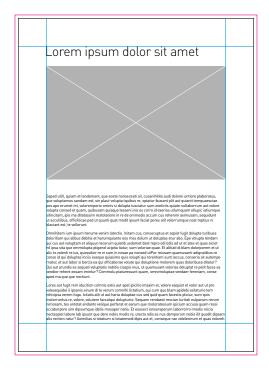


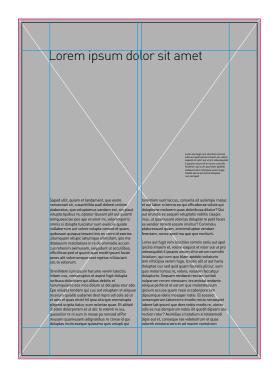




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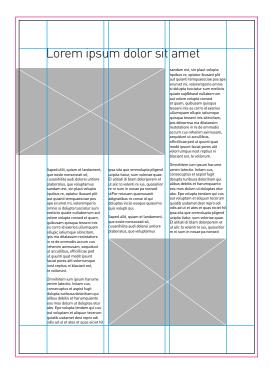


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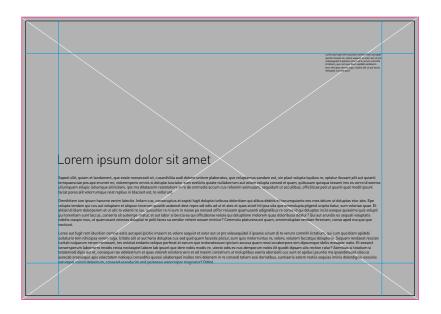




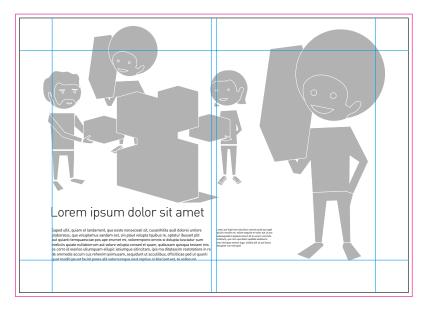
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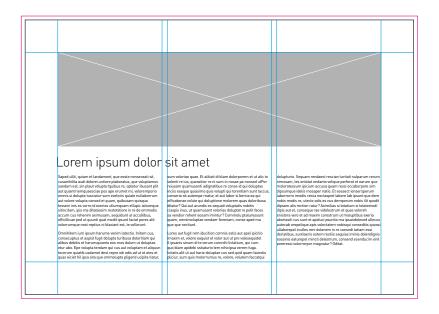
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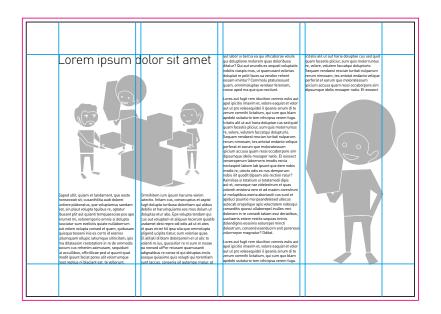
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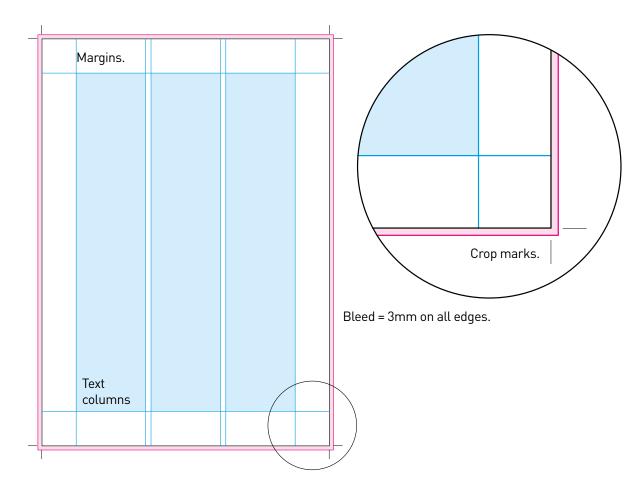


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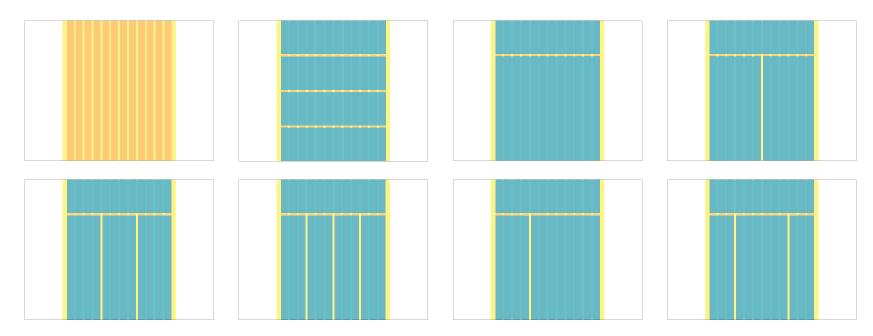
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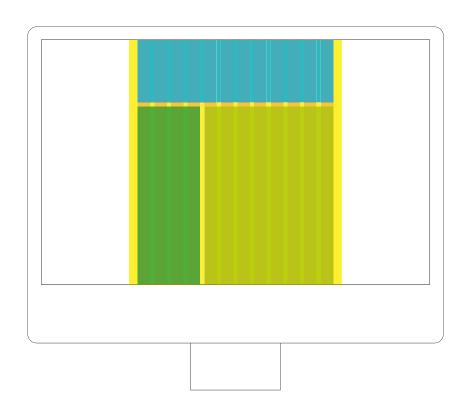


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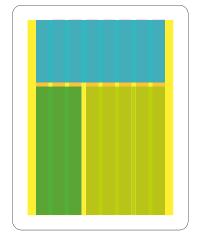


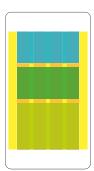


This is a 12-column grid found in websites and mobile apps. This grid became the standard with responsive design on digital platforms such as computer monitors, tablets and smart phones. As a result UX (user experience) and UI (user interface) became widespread design service on these digital environments.

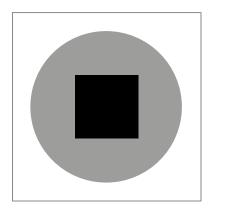


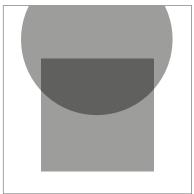
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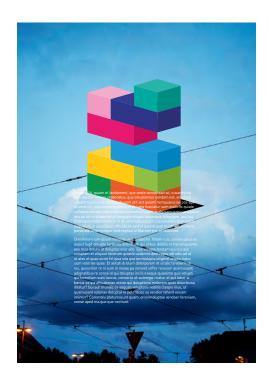


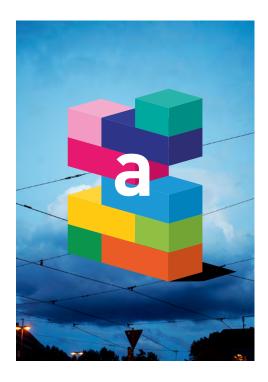
GRID + FRAMING: IN DIGITAL MEDIA



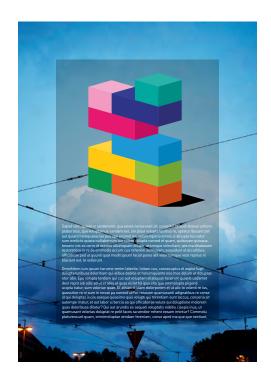




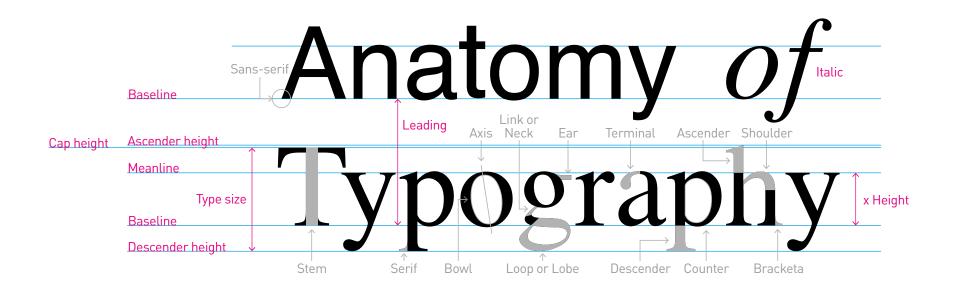












TYPOGRAPHY: ANATOMY

Serif: Times, Regular

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

Sans-serif: Helvetica, Regular

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

Script: Snell Roundhand, Regular

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

Display: Zeroes, Medium

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog.

Dingbats: Bodoni Ornaments



Speciality typefaces: braille...





TYPOGRAPHY: PROPORTION

Times is Neutral. FlareGothic is Informal. Bodoni BE is Classic. Gill Sans is Modern. DINPro is light. Bookman is Dramatic. Helvetica is neutral.

Helvetica Helvetica

The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. (Gotham, Thin) The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. (Gotham, Light) The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. (Gotham, Book) The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. (Gotham, Medium) The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. (Gotham, Bold) The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. (Gotham, Black) The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog. (Gotham, Ultra)

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The strongest expression of contrast of hue: red / yellow / blue.



Colours of greatest luminosity.



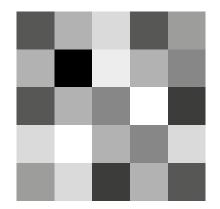
Strong expressions of contrast of hue: red / white / blue / black / yellow.



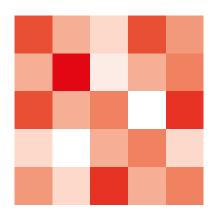
Colours of greatest luminosity in tints and shades.

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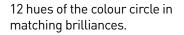
COLOURS: CONTRASTS OF HUE

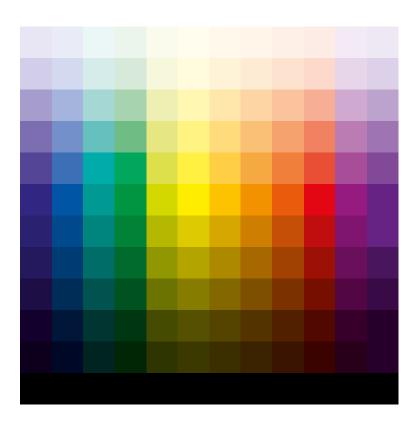


Light-Dark composition in black, white and grays.



Light-Dark composition in red.







The strongest Cold-Warm contrast: red-orange / blue-green.



Red-violet seems warm realive to blue.

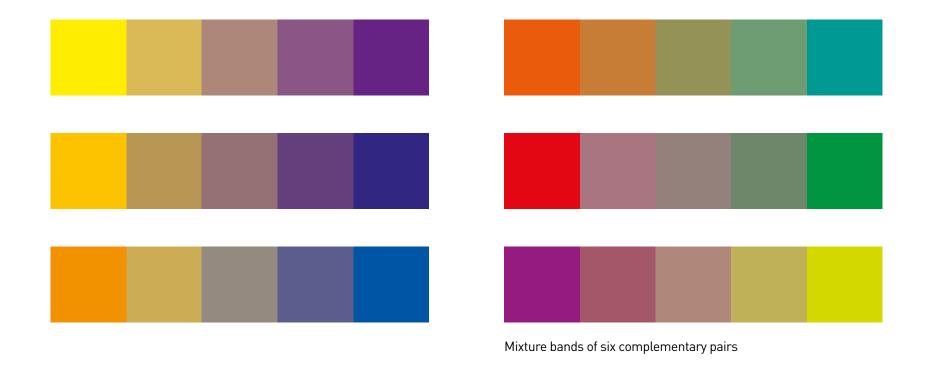


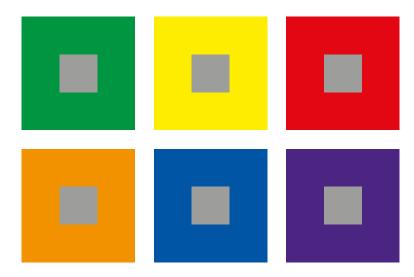
Inversion of the the strongest Cold-Warm contrast: red-orange / blue-green.



Red-violet seems cold realive to red.

COLOURS: COLD-WARM CONTRAST

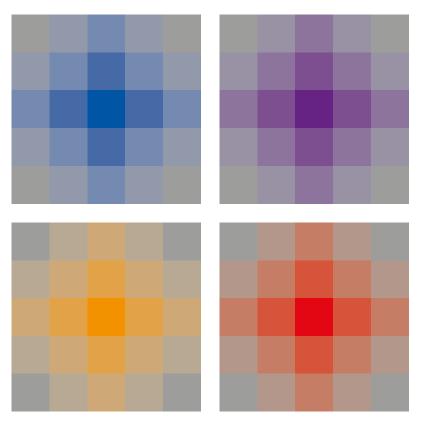




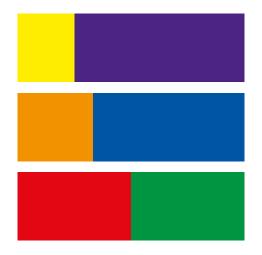
Each of six pure colour squares contains a small neutral gray square, matching the background colour in brilliance. Each gray square seem to be tinted with the complementary of the background. The simultaneous effect becomes more intense, the longer the principal colour of a square is viewed.



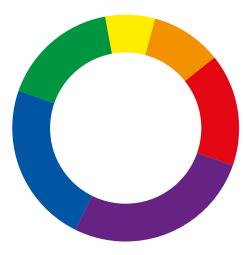
Three small grey square surrounded by orange. Three greys barely distinct from each other have been used. The first grey is bluish and intensifies the simultaneous effect; the second grey is neutral and suffers simultaneous modification; and third grey contains an admixture of orange and therefore fails to be modified.



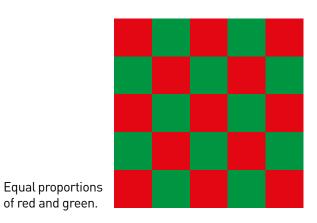
On a checkered pattern of 25 squares, luminous blue, violet, orange or red is placed in the center. The four corners are neutral gray in the same brilliance and the pure colour. Graded admixture of gray with pure colour produces intermediate shades of low saturation.

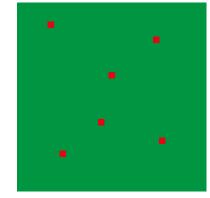


Harmonious proportions of area for complementary colours: Yellow : Violet = 1/4 : 3/4; Orange : Blue = 1/3 : 2/3; Red : Green = 1/2 : 1/2



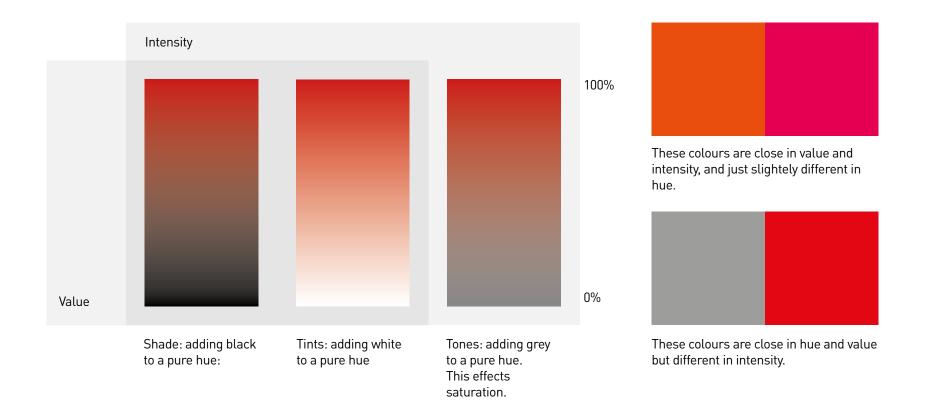
Circle of primary and secondary colours in harmonious proportion.

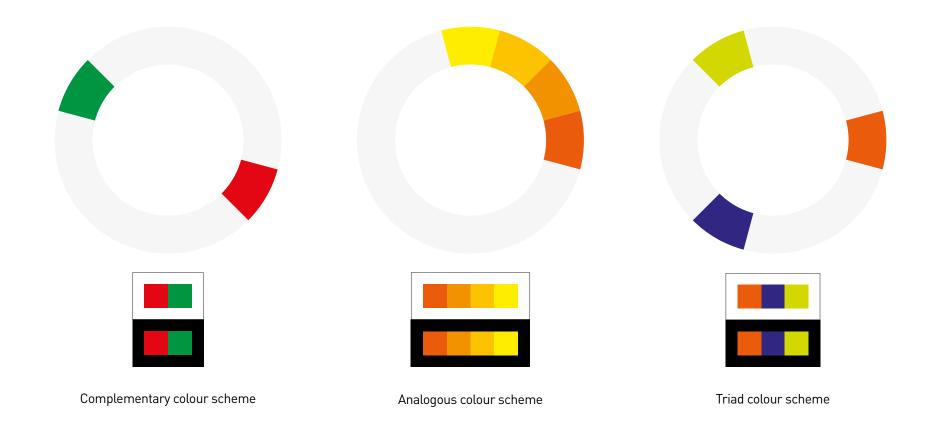




A little red with a great deal of green makes the red highly active.

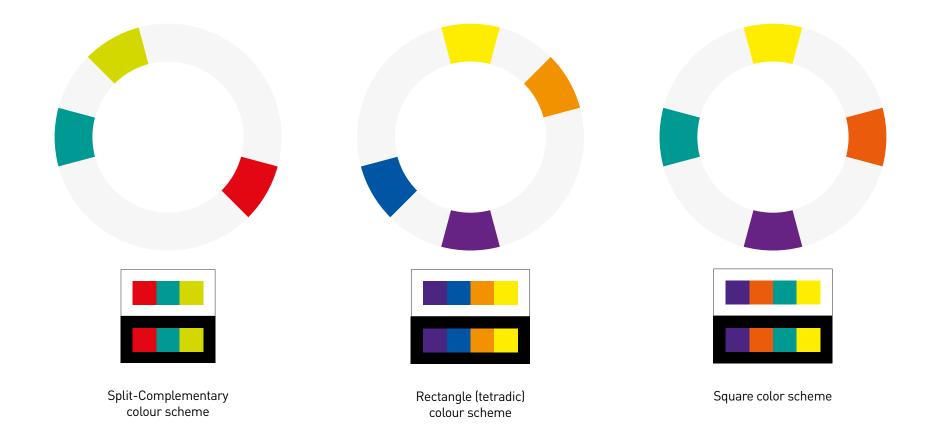
of red and green.





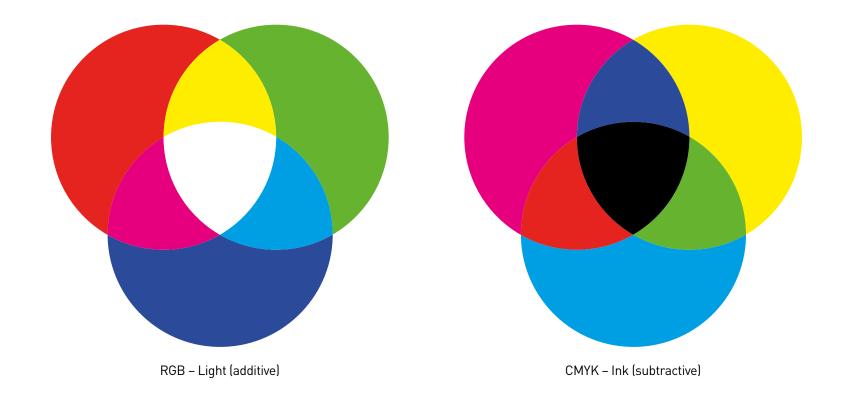
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COLOURS: COLOUR HARMONY

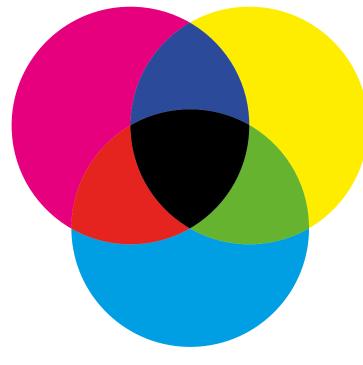


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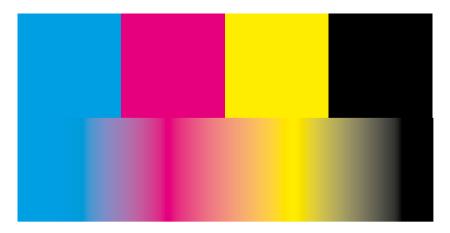
COLOURS: COLOUR HARMONY



COLOURS: RGB VS CMYK



CMYK - Ink (subtractive)



The CMYK colour model (process colour, four colour) is a subtractive colour model, used in colour printing, and is also used to describe the printing process itself. CMYK refers to the four inks used in some colour printing: cyan, magenta, yellow, and key (black). As a print specification code "4/4" is used to describe a 4-colour print on both sides of the print surface (paper), "4/0" is used to describe a 4-colour print on single side of the print surface (paper), and "4/1" is used to describe a 4-colour print on one side and (usually) black on the other side of the print surface (paper).



GRAPHIC DESIGN PARTICULARS

COLOURS: CMYK - CYAN, MAGENTA, YELLOW, BLACK



In 4-colour print process inks follow as such: cyan on the first roller, magenta on the second roller, yellow on the third roller and black on the forth roller. Depending on the size of the printing company machines come in various configurations: single roller press, two roller press, four roller press or five and six roller presses. First four rollers are reserved for CMYK, fifth and sixth rollers are often for additional "spot" colours (metallic, pastel or fluorescent inks) or clear varnish for additional effects.



Raster image zoomed in at the visual size of halftone.

CMYK angles. **CYAN** 15° **MAGENTA 75° BLACK YELLOW**

GRAPHIC DESIGN PARTICULARS

COLOURS: CMYK - RASTER

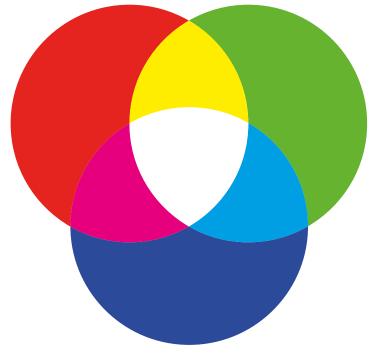


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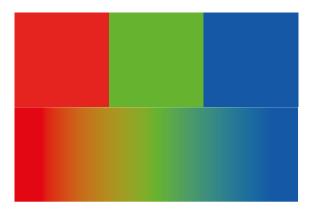
COLOURS: CMYK - PRINTING PRESS



The Pantone Colour Matching System (PMS) is largely a standardized color reproduction system. By standardizing the colours, different manufacturers in different locations can all refer to the Pantone system to make sure colours match without direct contact with one another. Most of the Pantone system's 1.114 spot colours cannot be simulated with CMYK but with 13 base pigments (14 including black) mixed in specified amounts. The Pantone system also allows for many special colours to be produced, such as metallics, pastels and fluorescents. Pantone system is used in single, two and three-colour print. If CMYK specification code refers to "4/4", Pantone system uses "1/1" (generally used for black only), "2/2" for 2-colour print and "3/3" for 3-colour print with spot colours of Pantone system. Codes are appropriated based on the specification of the print; for instance, a postcard with two spot colours on one side and black on the other would refer to "2/1" code.



RGB - Light (additive)



The RGB color model is an additive color model in which red, green, and blue light are added together in various ways to reproduce a broad array of colors, shades and tints. The name of the model comes from the initials of the three additive primary colors, red, green, and blue. The main purpose of the RGB color model is for the sensing, representation, and display of images in electronic systems, such as televisions, computers and mobile divices, though it has also been used in conventional photography. Before the electronic age, the RGB color model already had a solid theory behind it, based in human perception of colors.





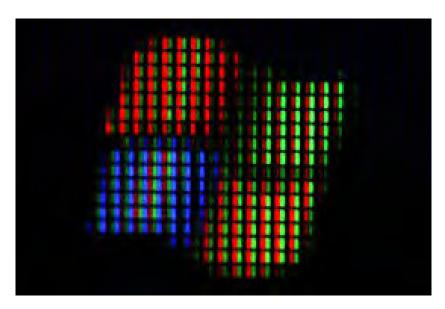


RGB split colour.

COLOURS: RGB - RED, GREEN, BLUE



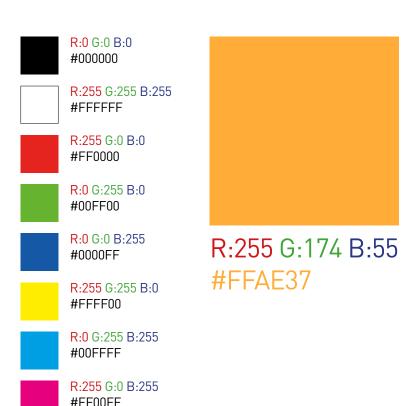
Additive mode of the RGB colour model with saturated RGB channels of red, green and blue creates a complete luminous colour image.



RGB on colour LCD monitor.



Colour photo enlarger uses secondary RGB colours (very similar to cyan, magenta and yellow in CMYK) to colour correct colour images. You can find similar colour correction modes in Adobe Photoshop and other image edditing software.



Web colours are colours used in displaying web pages, and the methods for describing and specifying those colours. Colours may be specified as an RGB triplet or in hexadecimal format (a hex triplet). They may also be specified according to their common English names in some cases. Often a color tool or other graphics software is used to generate color values. In some uses, hexadecimal color codes are specified with notation using a leading number sign (#). A color is specified according to the intensity of its red, green and blue components, each represented by eight bits. Thus, there are 24 bits used to specify a web color, and 16,777,216 colours that may be so specified.



In photography and computing, a greyscale digital image is an image in which the value of each pixel is a single sample, that is, it carries only intensity information. Images of this sort, also known as black-and-white, are composed exclusively of shades of grey, varying from black at the weakest intensity to white at the strongest. Grayscale images are distinct from one-bit bitonal black-and-white images, which in the context of computer imaging are images with only the two colors, black, and white (also called bilevel or binary images). Grayscale images have many shades of gray in between.





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Adobe InDesign

.doc or .docx

Microsoft Office Word

.Xls or .XlsX

Microsoft Office Excel

.ppt

Microsoft Office PowerPoint

etc.

.bmp

Bitmap - (virtually) uncompressed raster file

Tag Image File Format – uncompressed raster file

.gif

Graphics Interchange Format) compressed file, supports animations

.raw

Raw – uncompressed + unprocessed. Canon: .crw .cr2, Nikon: .nef (Nikon Electronic File)



.png

Portable Network Graphics – uncompressed file – predominantly used on screen / online

All Raster files:

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Scalable Vector Graphics – XML-based vector image – for two-dimensional graphics

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AN INTRODUCTION INTO VISUAL DESIGN SPECIALTIES

VISUAL DESIGN THEORY



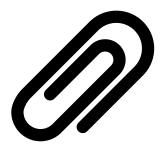






What is a logo? A logo identifies a cause in its simplest form via the use of a mark or icon.











What is a icon / symbol? An icon or symbol is an object that represents, stands for, or suggests an idea, image, belief, action, or material entity visually.











What is an identity? It is the visual aspects that can form part of the overall brand.

CHANEL











What is a brand? It is the perceived emotional image of what you do as a whole.







































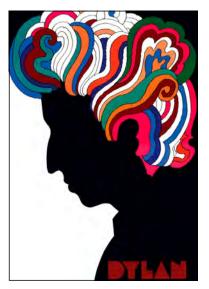




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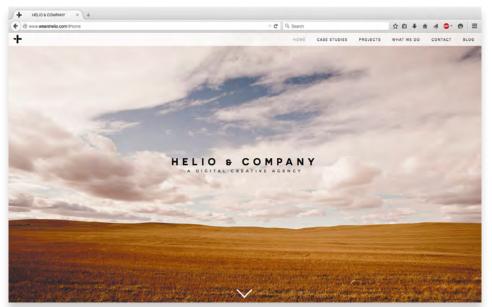
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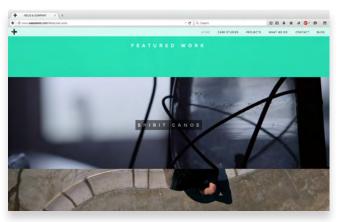


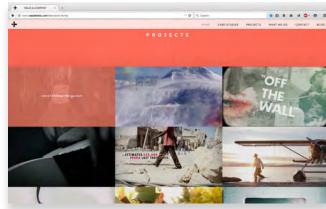




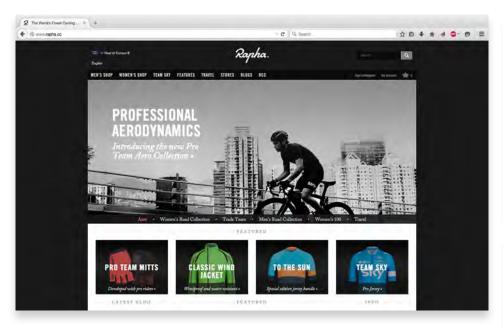


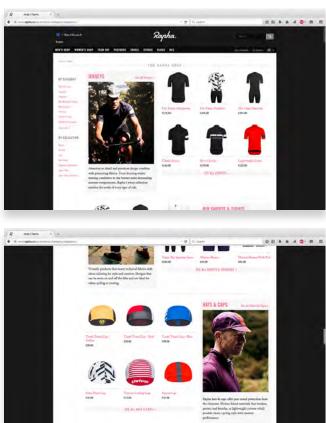


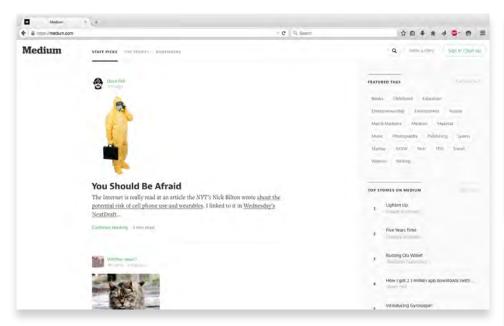


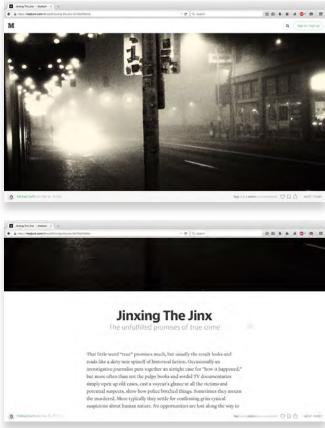


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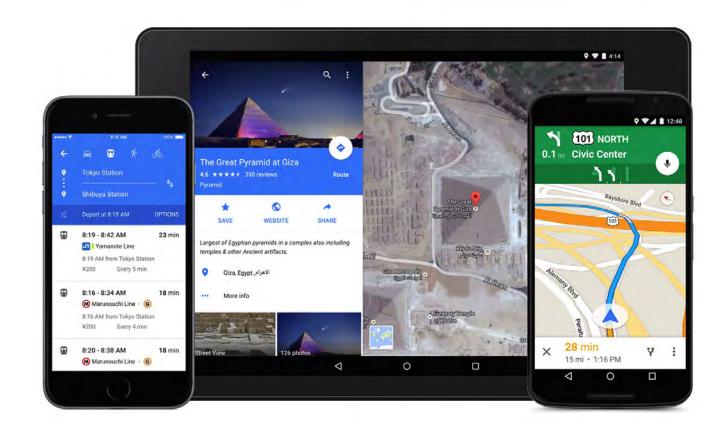


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RESOURCES & INSPIRATION

VISUAL DESIGN THEORY

RESOURCES

The Fundamental Elements of Design (Video): https://vimeo.com/32944253

Design Insights – Graphic Design Resources: http://www.designersinsights.com/designer-resources

Design Insights – Using Layout Grids Effectively: http://www.designersinsights.com/designer-resources/using-layout-grids-effectively

Design Insights – Typography Basics You Must Learn to Use: http://www.designer-resources/typography-basics-you-must-learn-to-use

Adobe Color CC (formerly Kuler): https://color.adobe.com/create/color-wheel/

Basic colour schemes – Introduction to Colour Theory: http://www.tigercolor.com/color-lab/color-theory/color-theory-intro.htm

Itten: The Elements of Colour (book): http://monoskop.org/images/4/46/ltten_Johannes
The Elements of Color.pdf

Graphic Design: The New Basics: http://www.gdbasics.com/

Tuts+ Design & Illustration: 50 Totally Free Lessons in Graphic Design Theory: http://design.tutsplus.com/articles/50-totally-free-lessons-in-graphic-design-theory--psd-2916

Graphic Design Basics: http://desktoppub.about.com/cs/graphicdesign/a/designbasics.htm

Graphic Design Principles: http://desktoppub.about.com/od/designprinciples/tp/Principles
of Design.htm

A Crash Course in Typography: The Basics of Type: http://www.noupe.com/essentials/icons-fonts/a-crash-course-in-typography-the-basics-of-type.html

Anatomy of a Typeface: http://typedia.com/learn/only/anatomy-of-a-typeface/

Type classification: http://www.adobe.com/ type/browser/classifications.html

The Grid System: http://www.thegridsystem.org/

Using Layout Grids Effectively: http://www.designer-resources/using-layout-grids-effectively

Identity design: http://identitydesigned.com/

Just Creative: http://justcreative.com/

15 Signs You're A Bad Graphic Designer: http://justcreative.com/2007/12/06/bad-graphic-design/

Responsive Grid System: http://www.responsivegridsystem.com/

50 Meticulous Style Guides Every Startup Should See Before Launching: https:// designschool.canva.com/blog/50meticulous-style-guides-every-startup-seelaunching/?utm_source=FloatingBar&utm_ medium=twitter&utm_campaign=DesignSchool

INSPIRATION

Pintarest: https://www.pinterest.com/

Behance: https://www.behance.net/

From Up North: http://www.fromupnorth.com/

The Noun Project: http://thenounproject.com/

Inspiration Grid: http://theinspirationgrid.com/