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**Composition and page Layout**

Both composition and design layout are very important when it comes to graphic design, as they are known to be one of the building blocks as well as the foundation of any art project, since they can draw people’s attention to a focal point in the design and make their understanding much easier.

Composition is one of the graphical design principles that are responsible for the placement of elements and how they are arranged in the design. The term composition also means 'putting together' which can be applied when we put all the visual elements/ingredients together and arrange them in a design project or an art piece. Visual Elements, such as lines, shapes, textures and spaces are what a designer has to arrange and organize in order to make the design more appealing for the user. Composition is also important because it organizes the design or the art piece and creates harmony and visual connections between all elements in the design.

similarly, page layout is also another design principle that is responsible for the arrangement of elements in the design project. However, the layout of the design focuses more on the outline and how the visual elements or ingredients of the design are laid out. In other words, we can say that a page layout is an outline, a guide or a blue print that shows how the design project is supposed to look at its final stage, how visual elements are arranged and placed, and how negative spaces are distributed throughout the frame or the page. Layout is also an essential part of design because it helps the designer plan out their design and imagine how elements should be arranged within the frame or the page, all of which will create balance and contrast between the elements of the design.

Overall, composition and layout are two very necessary steps in graphic design. For that, every graphic designer should make sure he/she has to follow these design principles before designing any project or a piece of art. Additionally, even non designers can use these steps to make their projects more visually appealing and powerful. Finally, following the design principles will for sure supplement your project, support your ideas and makes sending a message through a design more effective. It will also create harmony, balance and contrast to your design, because simply composition and layout are mainly responsible for the arrangement and organization of all elements included in the project, as a result they are a really important aspect of graphic design.

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