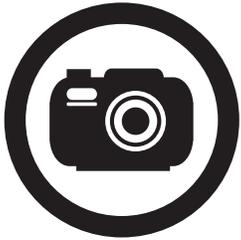


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Composition and the rule of thirds

The rule of thirds involves breaking an image into thirds with horizontal and vertical guidelines. Then the photographer aligns the subject with the guidelines and their intersection points.

If the person is moving or looking in a particular direction, it is best to have the larger space in front of the person. Lastly, if you are taking a picture with the person facing the camera try having the person's eyes are placed along the top line. For added effect, place one eye at an intersection point.

Are there exceptions to the rule of thirds? Of course. If you are photographing abstract subjects or want to emphasize balance or emotion, the rule of thirds might not be best for that image.



How does this image measure up to the rule of thirds?

This grid helps to to frame your image and locate points for the important parts of your photograph. Placing your subject along the lines and intersecting points balances the image. It also allows the viewer's eye to travel around the photograph naturally.

When taking a photograph of a person, many choose to line the body with a vertical line and have the eyes line up with a horizontal line. people, it is common to line the body up to a vertical line and the person's eyes to a horizontal line.



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