



BALANCE

one of the seven Principles of Art

Balance is the way in which the elements in an artwork (lines, shapes, colors, textures, etc.) are arranged.

In this worksheet, discover the three types of balance and recreate each with example images, then play word games to become familiar with common terms when using balance to create a work of art.

THE 3 TYPES OF BALANCE

Symmetrical

Both sides of an artwork mirror each other.



Asymmetrical

Both sides of an artwork are different.

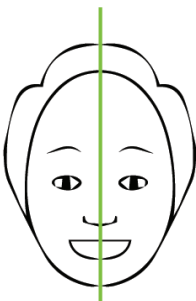


Crystallographic or Radial Symmetry

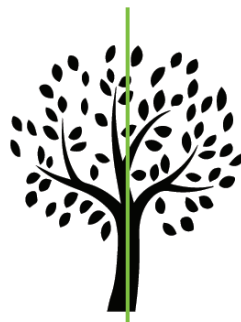
The visual elements of an artwork are arranged from a center point and expand in several directions.



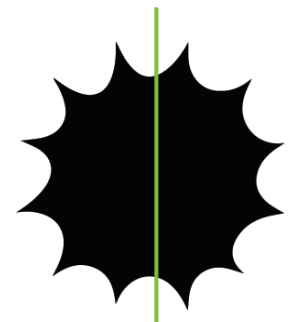
Now it's your turn! Recreate these images using the three types of balance.



Symmetrical



Asymmetrical



Crystallographic or Radial Symmetry



WORD SEARCH

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Look up and down and across to find

ASYMMETRIC BALANCE COLOR COMPOSITION
 CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC FORMAL HORIZONTAL INFORMAL
 MOSAIC PATTERN RADIAL REPETITION SIZE
 SYMMETRIC TEXTURE VERTICAL VISUAL WEIGHT

Y	O	R	Q	I	H	R	A	D	I	A	L	W	C	V	C	T
P	J	P	A	T	T	E	R	N	U	W	F	G	O	D	R	G
M	C	K	D	M	I	M	B	S	M	R	I	L	L	O	Y	Q
Z	Z	F	B	H	E	O	W	V	W	H	X	L	O	A	S	G
R	V	O	F	A	T	S	X	Z	D	I	Y	Q	R	P	T	M
E	H	R	W	Z	O	A	P	T	V	E	R	T	I	C	A	L
P	S	M	H	O	R	I	Z	O	N	T	A	L	G	B	L	A
E	S	A	Q	C	Z	C	D	T	E	X	T	U	R	E	L	S
T	Y	L	G	I	F	Y	G	B	A	L	A	N	C	E	O	Y
I	M	M	C	O	M	P	O	S	I	T	I	O	N	R	G	M
T	M	R	D	K	Y	V	W	Z	N	S	G	O	C	W	R	M
I	E	Q	N	W	Z	O	N	K	F	J	E	S	A	Y	A	E
O	T	M	I	Z	R	I	S	B	O	H	W	D	R	C	P	T
N	R	S	B	B	E	R	L	Z	R	J	Q	C	H	T	H	R
Y	I	I	N	U	O	S	S	O	M	C	J	P	U	V	I	I
Y	C	Z	Y	B	O	S	U	Y	A	C	Q	I	D	T	C	C
U	T	E	W	V	I	S	U	A	L	W	E	I	G	H	T	Z



WORD SCRAMBLE

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Unscramble these 17 words about **BALANCE**

(HINT: These are the same words that you found in the Word Search!)

1. RIATEMCMYS _____
2. CABENAL _____
3. LOCRO _____
4. ONOMPCOISIT _____
5. CALTLGRYCAPIORHS _____
6. MRLOAF _____
7. IHORNZOLTA _____
8. MOALFIRN _____
9. OASIMC _____
10. TEPTANR _____
11. DAARLI _____
12. INOPIEETRT _____
13. IESZ _____
14. SIRYTECMM _____
15. TRTXUEE _____
16. CTEVIARL _____
17. ASVUIL IGHWE _____



CROSSWORD BALANCE

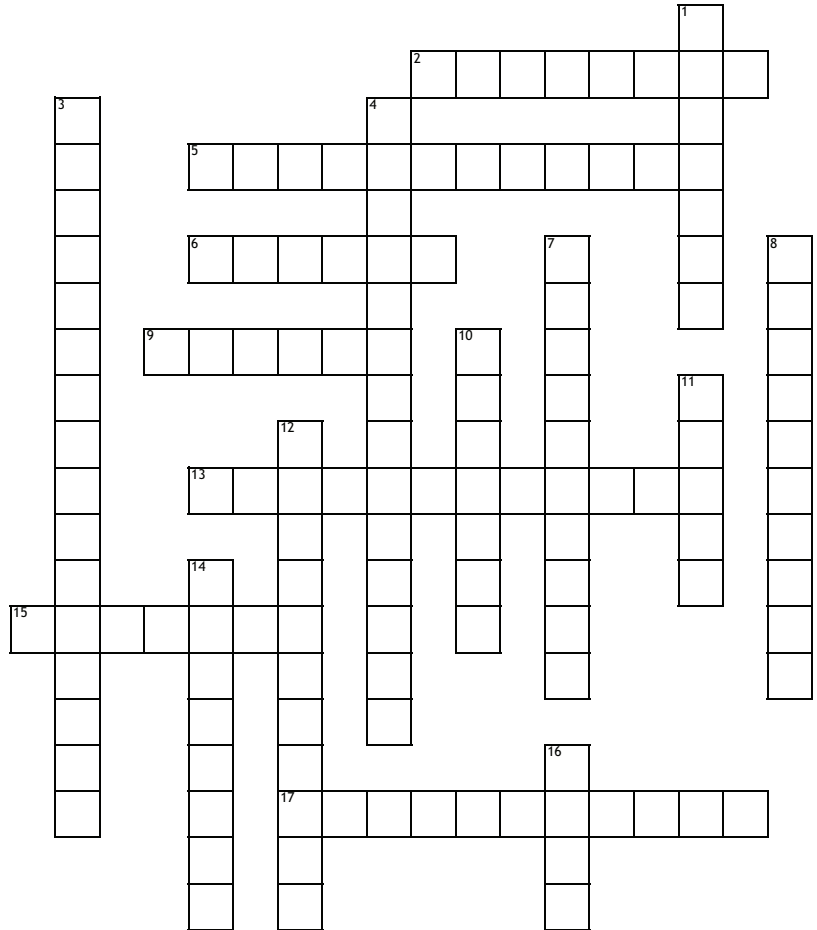
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Across

2. At right angles to the horizontal
5. The more an element attracts the eye, the greater its ... (two word answer) ...
6. Composed of a combination of diverse elements
9. Similar to symmetrical; this type of balance means opposite sides of a given point are equal
13. Both sides of an artwork are different
15. The way in which the elements in an artwork are arranged
17. The way in which a whole or mixture is made up

Down

1. Repeating or echoing the elements of an artwork
3. A type of all-over balance that finds harmony in repetition
4. Visual elements of an artwork expand outward from a center point (two word answer)
7. Repeating a single element many times in a design
8. At right angles to the vertical
10. Perceived surface quality of a work of art
11. Hue, shade, tint, tone, etc.
12. Both sides of an artwork mirror each other
14. Also known as asymmetrical balance
16. Relates to scale and proportion



1. Pattern; 2. Vertical; 3. Crystallographic; 4. Radial Symmetry; 5. Visual Weight; 6. Mosaic; 7. Repetition; 8. Horizontal; 9. Formal; 10. Texture; 11. Color; 12. Symmetrical; 13. Asymmetrical; 14. Informal; 15. Balance; 16. Size; 17. Composition