

Exercise walk-through

Composition ■ 2.8

eXercise

You must be able to

- define **composition** 构图
- apply the **rule of thirds** 三分法
- use the design principles together to organise a work
- plan with **thumbnails** 缩略草图 before committing

Method — Composition

Composition is how all elements are arranged. Good composition uses the principles (balance, emphasis, movement) to guide the viewer.

Method — Rule of thirds

The **rule of thirds** divides the frame into a 3×3 grid; placing key elements on the lines or intersections is more dynamic than centring.

Method — Thumbnails

Planning several small **thumbnails** first lets you test arrangements quickly before committing to a full piece.

Practice 2.1 ■ 1 mark

Placing a subject on a grid intersection rather than dead-centre follows the

A rule of thirds

B value scale

C colour wheel

D vanishing point

Solution 2.1

Method: Rule of thirds

A rule of thirds



B value scale

C colour wheel

D vanishing point

Worked steps

A. off-centre placement on the 3×3 grid = rule of thirds.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

Define composition.

Solution 2.2

Worked steps

the arrangement of all the visual elements in a work **B1** to guide the viewer and express an idea **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 1 mark

State one reason to make thumbnails before a final piece.

Solution 2.3

Method: Thumbnails

Worked steps

to test/compare arrangements quickly before committing time and materials **B1**.