

The Rule of Thirds

Photography 11&12

Often, we take a photograph because we find interest in the subject. And, we want the subject to be the focal point (center of interest) of the photo.

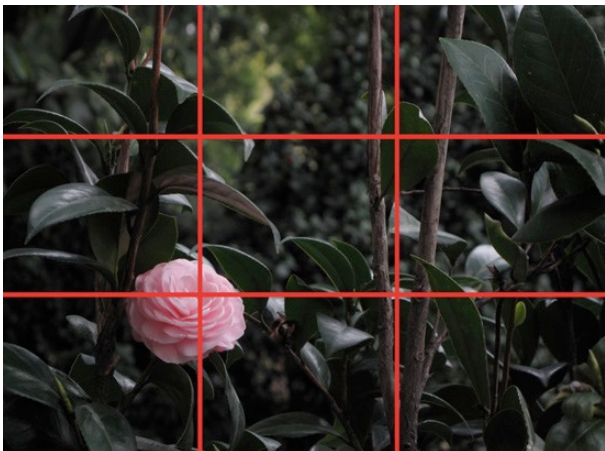
This may seem counter-intuitive at first, but we don't want to place the subject at the center. We want to place the subject at one of the four intersections of the 1/3 grids as seen below.

If we place something attractive at the center, the viewers will not be able to shift their attention from there to anywhere else on the frame.

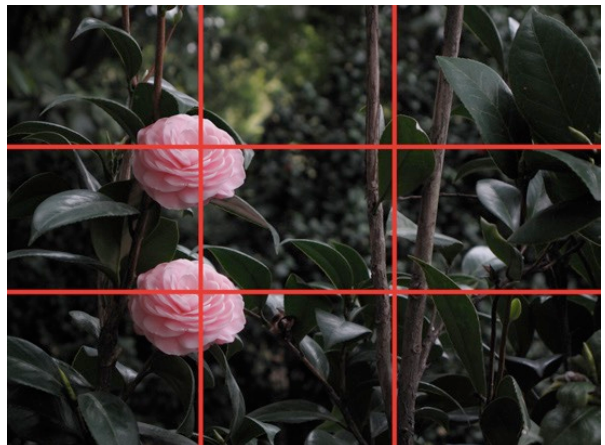
We want the viewers to explore the whole frame. We want the image to be the focal point.

The Rule of Thirds suggests that placing the subject off center will help us to achieve a kind of balance needed.

One intersection



Two Intersection



Is she on the right side?



Don't tilt your horizon lines.



Task:

Plan and take 4 photographs use The Rule of Thirds with different subjects.

Stuck on a subject idea? Check out these ideas...

- A person
- A flag
- A horizon
- A chair
- Something colourful

Postproduction:

- Upload your photos to your computer/OneDrive.
- Use **PowerPoint** to display your photos.
 - o Include the type of subject with each photo.
- Save file LastNameFirstNameRule3rds
 - o Ex. SmithBobRule3rds
- Export file to PDF.
- Complete and Save Self-Assessment form.
- Hand in PDF and Self-Assessment form.