

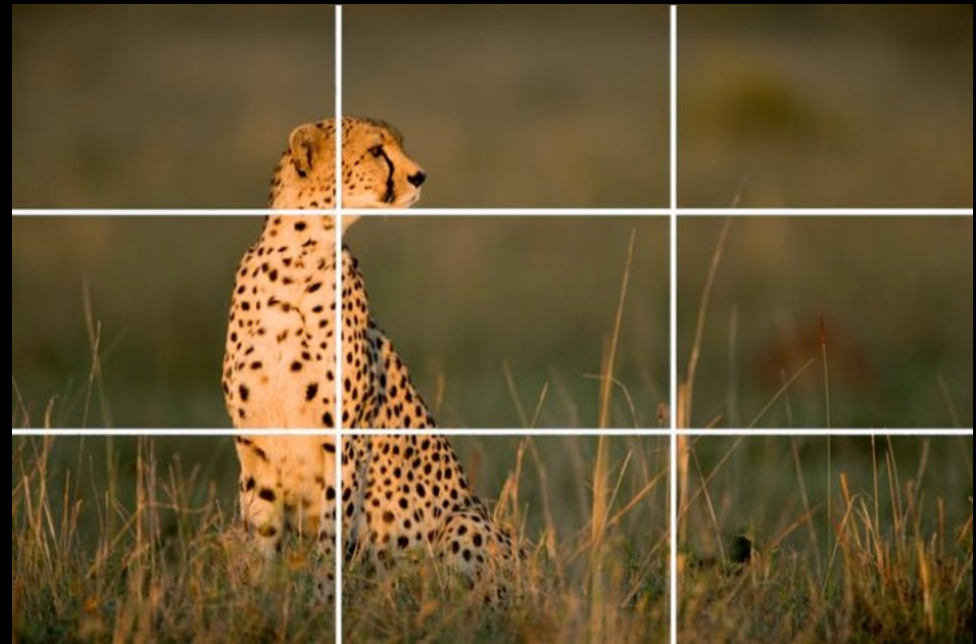
The Rule of Thirds

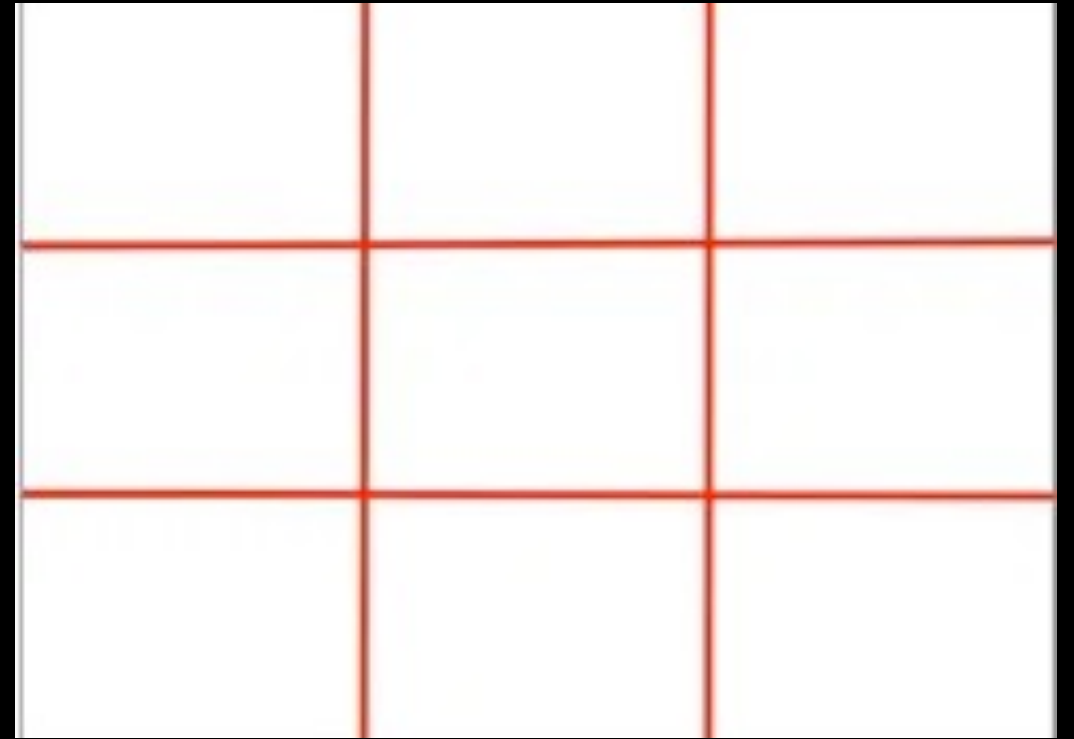
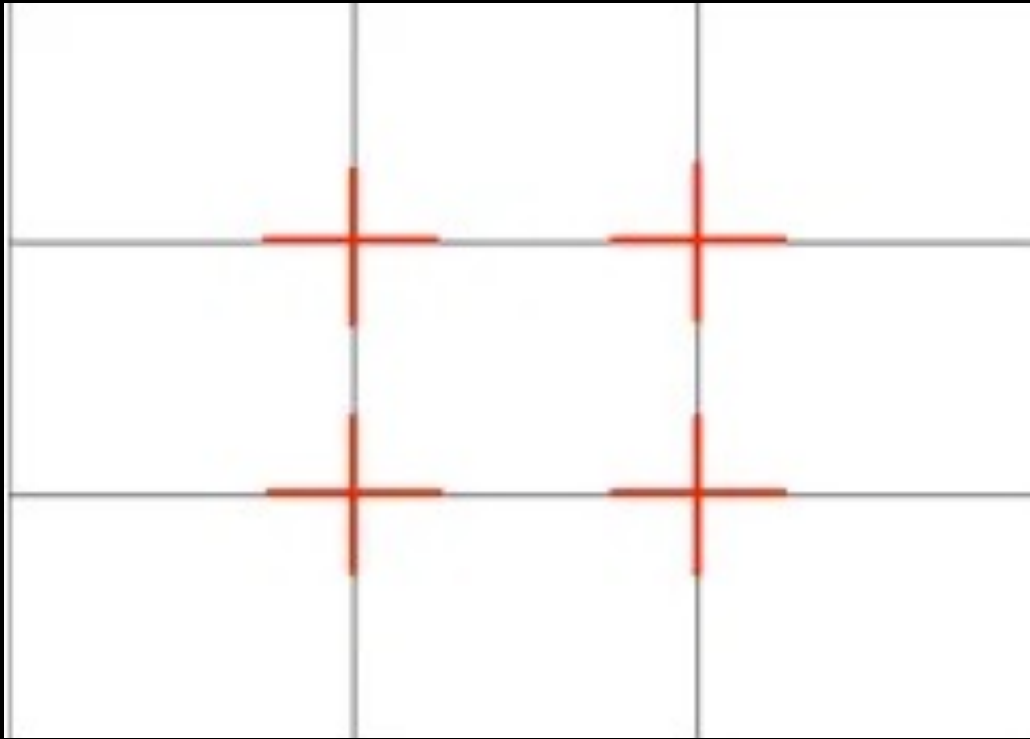
Photo Composition



What is the Rule of Thirds?

- Simply put, the Rule of Thirds refers to placing the main subject on the left or right third of an image to create space, balance, and interest in your photo.
- This rule is quite versatile and can be applied to all types of photography.



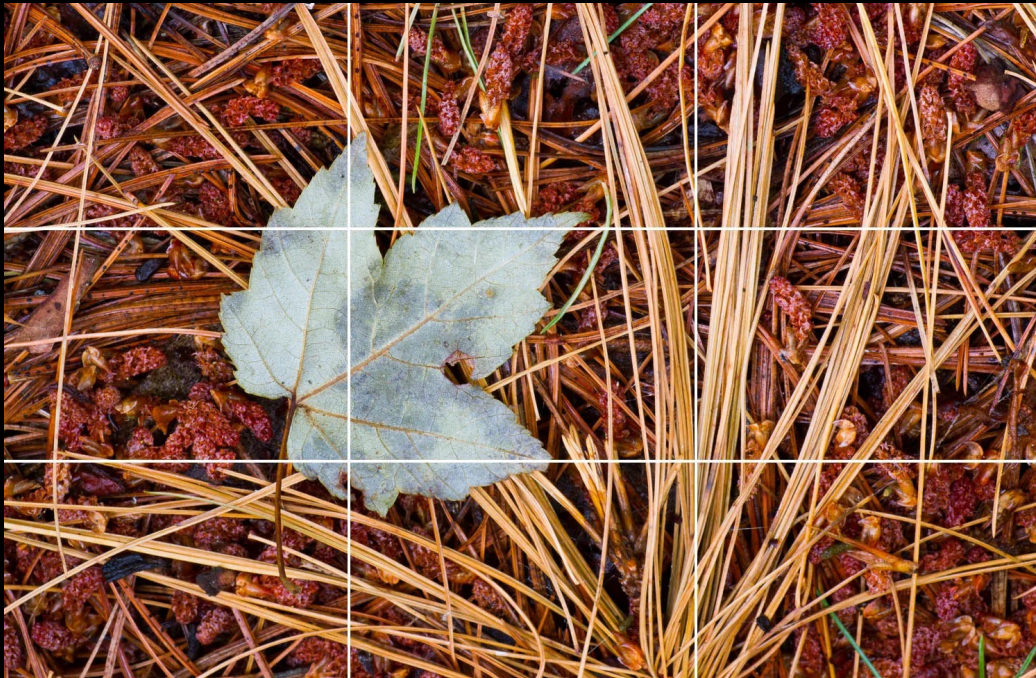


The Grid

- Imagine the scene you are about to photograph has a 3 x 3 overlay.
- The goal is to place your main subject, or focal point, along one set of lines. This does not have to be spot on – it's more of a guide.

The Big Idea

- **The Viewer:** An off-centre composition is more pleasing to the eye and looks more natural across the entire scene.
- **The Photographer:** This encourages you to make creative use of negative space, the empty areas around your subject.



Tips for the Rule of Thirds

- Position people off to one side of the frame.
- We are naturally drawn to people's eyes. Place them at one of the intersections on the rule of thirds grid to give the shot a clear focal point.
- In landscape shots, place the horizon along one of the horizontal lines (high or low). Also, include something larger as the focal point. This will provide an anchor for your image.
- When photographing moving subjects, position them as normal, but also pay attention to the direction they're moving.
 - Generally, you should leave more space in front of them than behind, to show where they're going.

Examples









