

## Chapter 7

### Balance

In this chapter we will explore the distribution of visual weight in relationship to the picture plane know as **Visual Balance**.

### Topics

Asymmetrical Balance, Axis of Symmetry, Formal Balance, Hierarchy of Visual Weight, Horizontal Axis of Symmetry, Horizontal Balance, Informal Balance, Near Symmetrical Balance, Pictorial Hierarchy of Visual Weight, Symmetrical Balance, Typographic Hierarchy of Visual Weight, Vertical Balance, Vertical Axis of Symmetry, Visual Weight

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