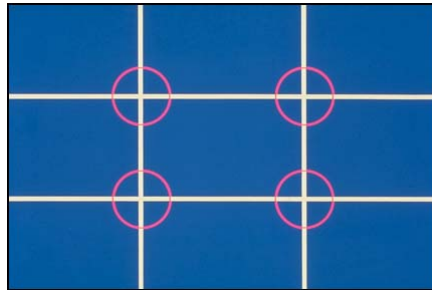


The Rule of Thirds

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One of the most popular 'rules' in photography is the **Rule of Thirds**. It is also popular amongst artists.

Imaginary lines are drawn dividing the image into thirds both horizontally and vertically. You place important elements of your composition where these lines intersect. Like a **Tic Tack Toe** grid.



As well as using the intersections you can arrange areas into bands occupying a third or place things along the imaginary lines. As you can see it is fairly simple to implement. Good places to put things; third of the way up, third of the way in from the left.



Using the Rule of Thirds helps produce nicely balanced easy on the eye pictures.



The Rule of Thirds is fairly structured but there are a great many methods you can employ which rely on your ability to 'see' things and incorporate them into your composition.