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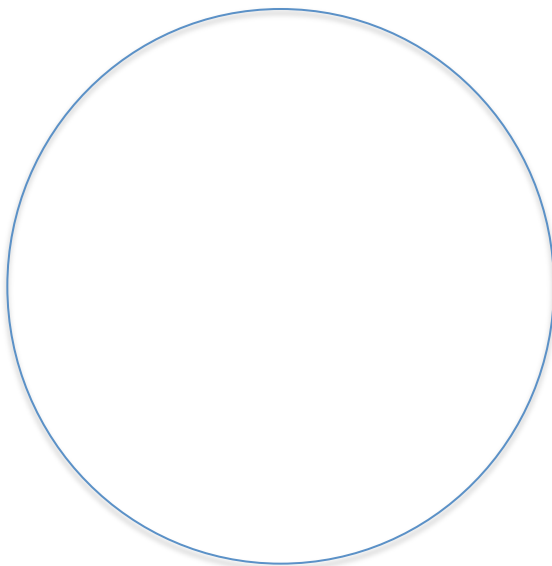
## Still Life

A still life is a **work of art** depicting mostly **inanimate** subject matter.



Composition is a very important part of a still life image. Composition refers to the placement or arrangement of visual elements or ingredients in a work of art.

One form of composition is the Rule-of-thirds. Where your canvas is broken into a 3x3 grid and focal points are placed on the intersections of the grid



Things to know:

Define the following terms:

Still life

Composition

Still life

Still Life



1pt each


Still life

## Steps:

1. Draw 4 thumbnail ideas of different compositions.
2. Paint your background
3. LIGHTLY sketch your final composition on your project paper.
4. Block in main colors of objects. – work from the background forward
5. Add details to objects and background
6. Finish by adding highlights and darkest shadows.

Thumbnail sketches

Complete these four sketches before starting your project, after you have chosen what you are going to paint. These will help you choose the best composition.

These are ideas, quick 1 minute sketches to experiment with composition ideas.

Fill each box with one sketch, they should be of the same area of the still life but different compositions (ex: what if the jug was on the right instead of the left, what if you zoomed in more or out...?).

## Rubric

1. Rubric – circle each row

	A	B	C	D	F
Realistic depiction	Yes	Nearly	Kind of	Needs work	No attempt
Shadows and highlights	Depicted accurately and with contrast	Mostly	Kind of	Needs work	No attempt
Uses the rule of thirds	Yes		Almost		No attempt
Used entire page (includes background)	Yes	Mostly	Kind of	Needs work	No attempt
Craftsmanship (clean liens, solid paint...)	Extremely high	High	Mid	Low	No attempt

2. Is your piece successful? Why or why not? 2pts

Project: /90

Questions: /10

**Total: /100**