

Principles of Art: Balance

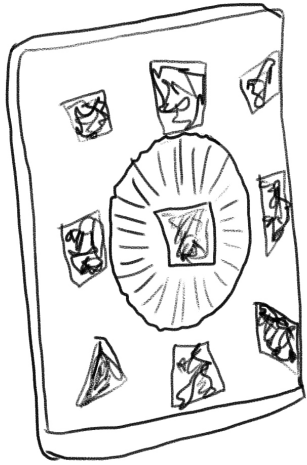
Visual balance is the way different parts of the composition are arranged in relation to each other. Balance can be created by shape, color, space (positive and negative), and/or texture. Three of the most common types of balance are:

Symmetrical balance: exactly the same on both sides. If a line were drawn down the middle, each side would create a mirror image.

Asymmetrical balance: informal balance that has no center line

Radial balance: repetitious balance created from a center point that radiates outward

Find three different artworks that incorporate each type of balance. Sketch the artwork and explain how it is balanced in the spaces below.

Type of Balance	Sketch it!	How is it balanced?
Radial	 <p>Diné wrist guard</p>	<p>This Diné (Navajo) <i>ketoh</i> (wrist guard) shows radial balance because the design starts from the center square and repeats in a circle. The center creates a spinning feeling.</p>

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Radial		
Asymmetrical		

Which type of balance is most pleasing to you? Why?