# **LAYOUT** BASICS

## Layout & Design Basics

#### <u>GOALS:</u>

- Grab the viewer's **attention**
- Communicate your message
- **Easy** to understand

## THE RULES.



#### White space:

Negative space. The portion of a page left unmarked: margins, gutters, and space between columns, lines of type, graphics, figures, or objects drawn or depicted.



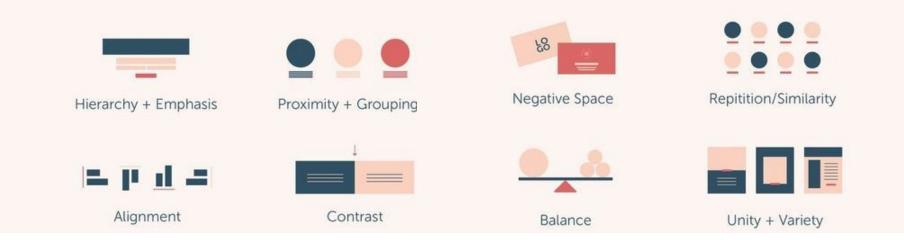
### Avoid 'busy' layouts:

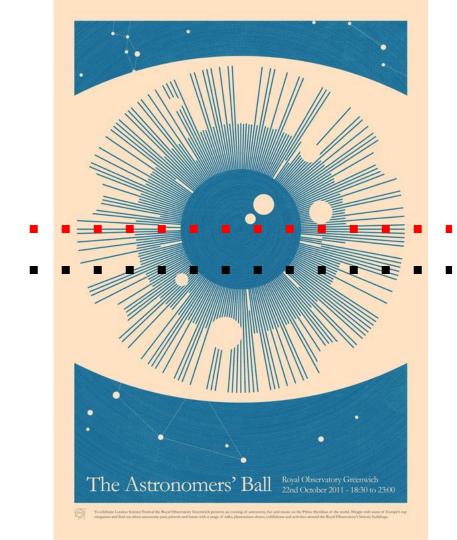
too much detail can cause your item to be distracting. Your message can get lost.



#### **Hierarchy:**

Most important elements are the largest (headlines, titles) and less important elements are smaller





#### **Optical center:**

Area on the page that is slightly higher than the midpoint. (Upper left is usually read first)



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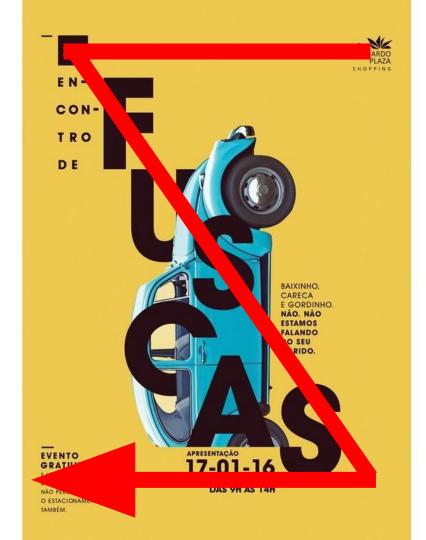
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The way, or direction, your eye moves within the piece.

Horizontal, Vertical, Diagonal, Z shape, or C shape.

FOX SPORTS







## WHAT DO YOU THINK?





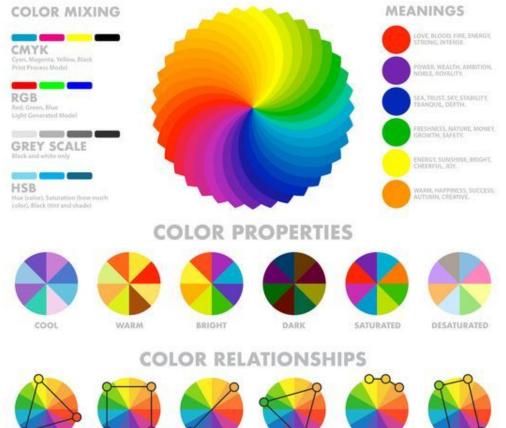






## Resources.

## **COLOR THEORY**



PRIMARY

SQUARE

COMPLEMENTARY

TRIAD

ANALOGOUS

TETRADIC

#### **NO PUKING RAINBOWS!!!**



Make sure you <u>limit your colors</u>, and <u>create custom colors</u>, so it doesn't look like a little kid's rainbow got sick on your artwork.

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TALL AND SKINNY with a pretty thick script

1. Pair a cute, fun, font 2. WITH ALL BOLD CAPS

3. MIX A BOLD TYPEFACE 4. with a swirly font

5. Match a Sweet Script 6. with a sleek type

**MIX BOLD ALL CAPS** with a sassy lowercase



AND DON'T FORGET THAT opposites attract! 1. MIX A BOLD SERIF 8. with an elegant type

1. PAIR A CONDENSED TYPE 10. with a brush font

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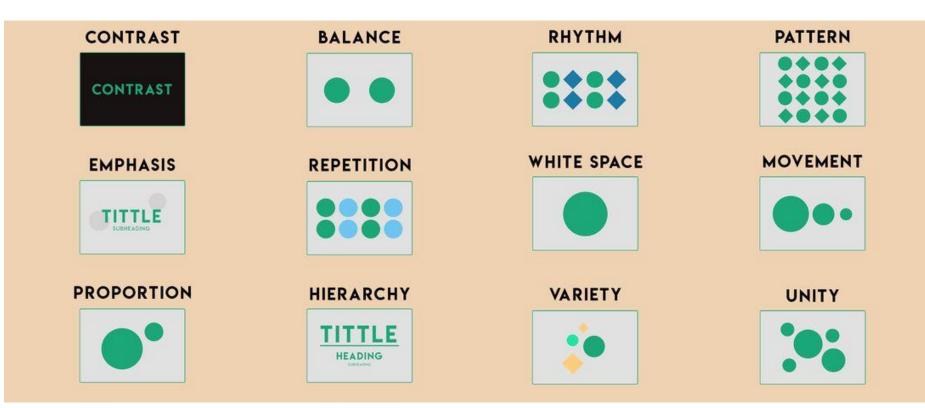
S-P-A-C-I-N-G

For example, this line of type on the first line is a certain amount of space away from the second line

Aa Aa Aa Aa Aa Aa



SANS SERIF = NO SERIF



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