

## Project 1 Composition

### Design 9 compositions that communicate emotion using only lines and dots.

#### Week 1: Lines

Choose three emotion words you want to work with. Examples include ecstatic, lonely, calm, optimistic, bold, lethargic, joyful, silly, etc.

Sketch at least 30 2x2" compositions using **only straight lines** that visually express your three emotion words (10 sketches per word). *Optional:* Print and use the sketching template at the end of this PDF.

Upload images of your sketches—scans or photographs—to Slack for feedback. Due Thursday, 9.10 at 6 p.m. CST.

#### Week 2: Dots & Dots and Lines

Based on feedback, choose your most promising sketch for each word for a total of 3 line compositions. Make additional sketches to test how it could improve before you enlarge it for the final version—see Week 3.

Using the same three emotion words, sketch 60 new 2x2" compositions. In the first 30, use **only dots**. In the second 30, you may use **both dots and lines**.

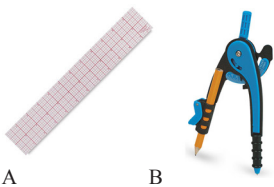
Consider how these words can be expressed differently and what new visual avenues you can explore. Upload your sketches to Slack for feedback. Due Thursday, 9.17 at 6 p.m. CST.

#### Week 3: Enlarge Your Best Work

Choose your 6 best sketches (3 for dots, 3 for dots and lines) from last week. Explore possible improvements through additional sketching.

Produce your final pieces: Using a ruler (A) and drawing compass (B), enlarge your 9 compositions to 6x6" squares. Center the square on an 8.5x11" sheet of nice paper—thick cardstock or Bristol paper is recommended (C).

Use a paintbrush and Black Chroma Opaque Poster Color (D) or a nice black marker (E) to carefully reproduce your sketches. Outline the 6x6" square in a thin black line. Try to avoid using Sharpies that bleed through the paper.



You can find these supplies online at [Blick Art Materials](#) or [Amazon](#).

E is a Micron pen. Micron pens are great for inking fine lines. For filling in shapes, use a thicker marker, but try to avoid Sharpies.

#### Week 4: Critique

The final project is due **on Thursday, 9.24 at 6 p.m. CST**.

Upload images of your 9 compositions to Slack. Number each composition 1–9 in pencil, so you can erase the numbers later.

Note on your Slack message what word applies to each composition. For example: 1–3 are Anger, 4–6 are Joy, and 7–9 are Surprise. An example is provided on the next page.

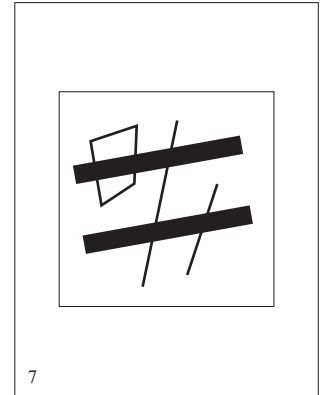
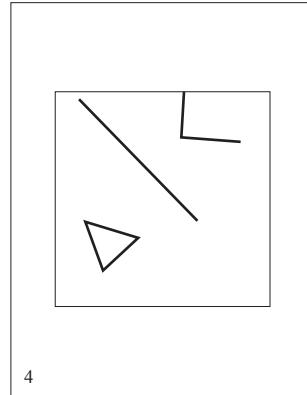
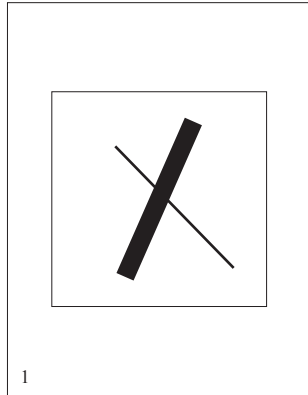
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Emotion 1  
Example: Calm

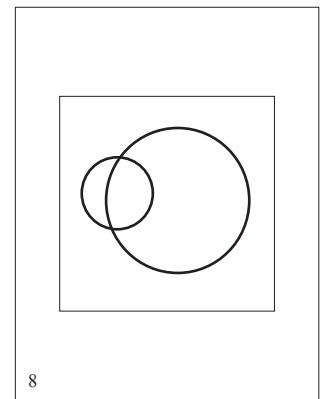
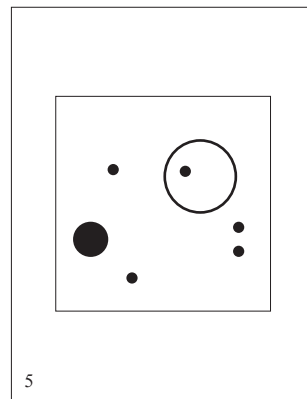
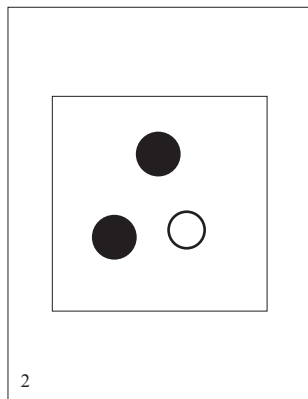
Emotion 2  
Example: Joy

Emotion 3  
Example: Surprise

Week 1  
Lines



Week 2  
Dots



Week 2  
Lines and Dots

