

The **rule of thirds** is applied by aligning a subject with the guide lines and their intersection points, placing the horizon on the top or bottom line, or allowing linear features in the image to flow from section to section.

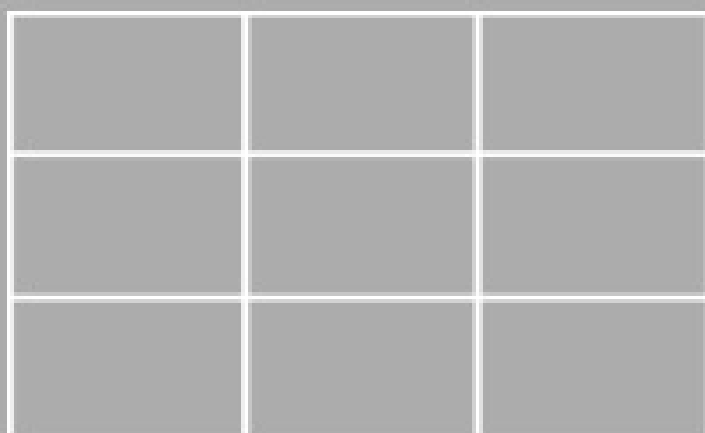
## The Rule of Thirds

Imagine lines dividing your image into thirds both ways. Line up any prominent straight lines, and put your subject at the places they cross.

*Why?*

1) You're not putting the subject dead center, so it gives **space for the eye** to wander around first.

2) It divides the canvas unequally, so there's **more emphasis on one part**. This makes it clearer where to look.



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From Wikipedia by Moondigger



Left: Center composition. Right: Rule of Thirds used. From Wikipedia by Pir6mon/Teeks66