

Elements of Design: Intro to Shape & Space

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Structure of Art in 2D Design

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 - Form
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 - Line
 - Shape & Space
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Degrees of Representation

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Degrees of Representation

Representational

Non-representational

Naturalism

Realism

Semi-abstraction

Abstraction

Form Only



Subject Matter

Form

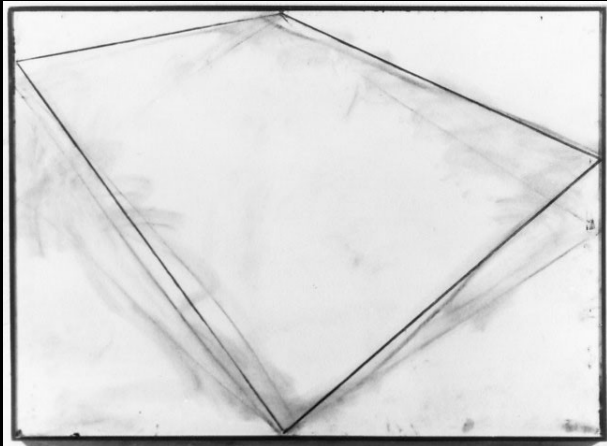
Form

Shapes are incorporated within ALL images

Shape

A visually perceived area created by an enclosed line, color, or change in value.

Line



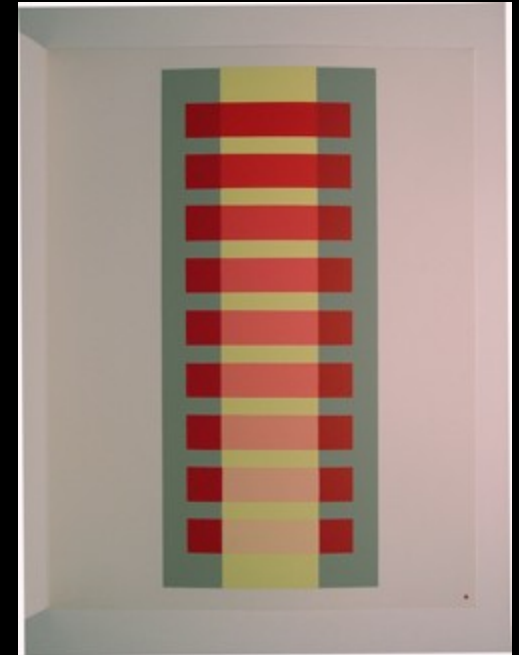
Richard Serra, "Untitled," 1972

Value



William Bazote, "Dragon," 1950

Color

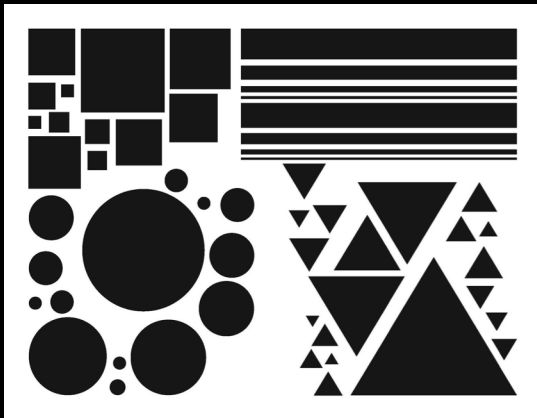


Josef Albers

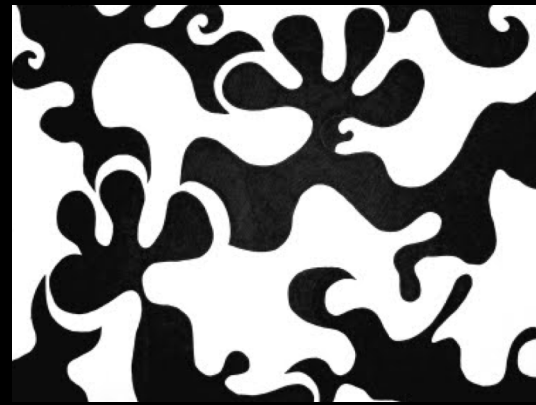
Shape

Main Characteristics:

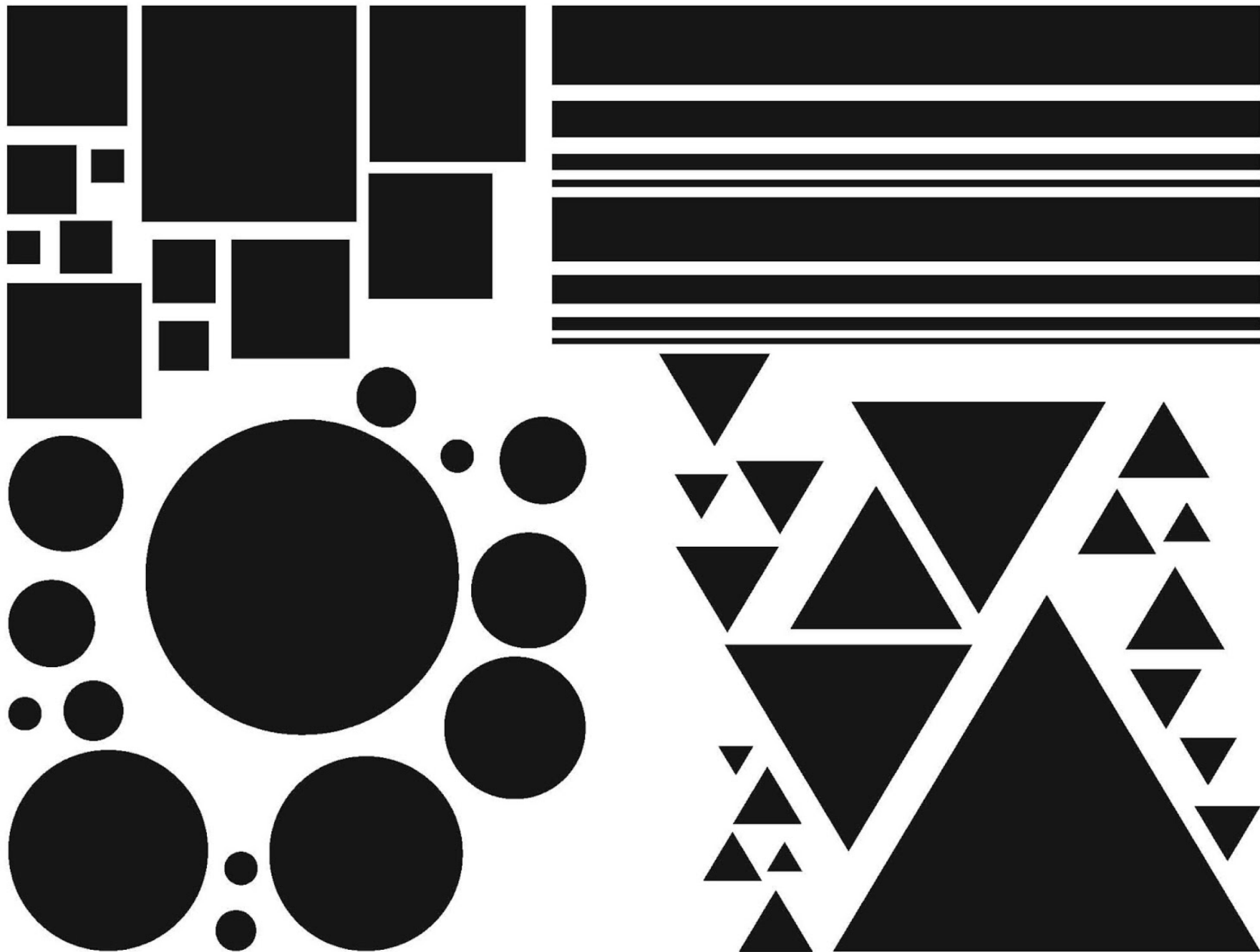
- **Geometric** - A shape that appears related to geometry; such as a triangle, rectangle, square or circle.
- **Organic/Biomorphic** - A shape based on forms from the natural world or suggestive of living organisms.



Geometric



Organic/Biomorphic



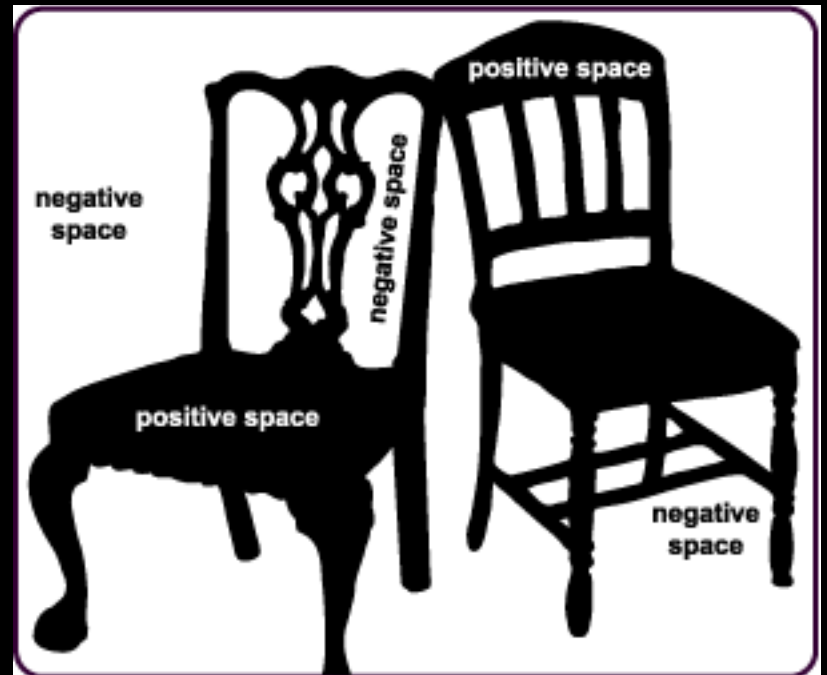


Shape and Space

Positive Shapes (Figure) The main shape or subject in a picture.

Negative Shapes (Ground) The space between objects or the “empty” space.

The arrangement and organization of negative shapes is as important, if not more important, as the arrangement and organization of positive shapes in any successful composition.





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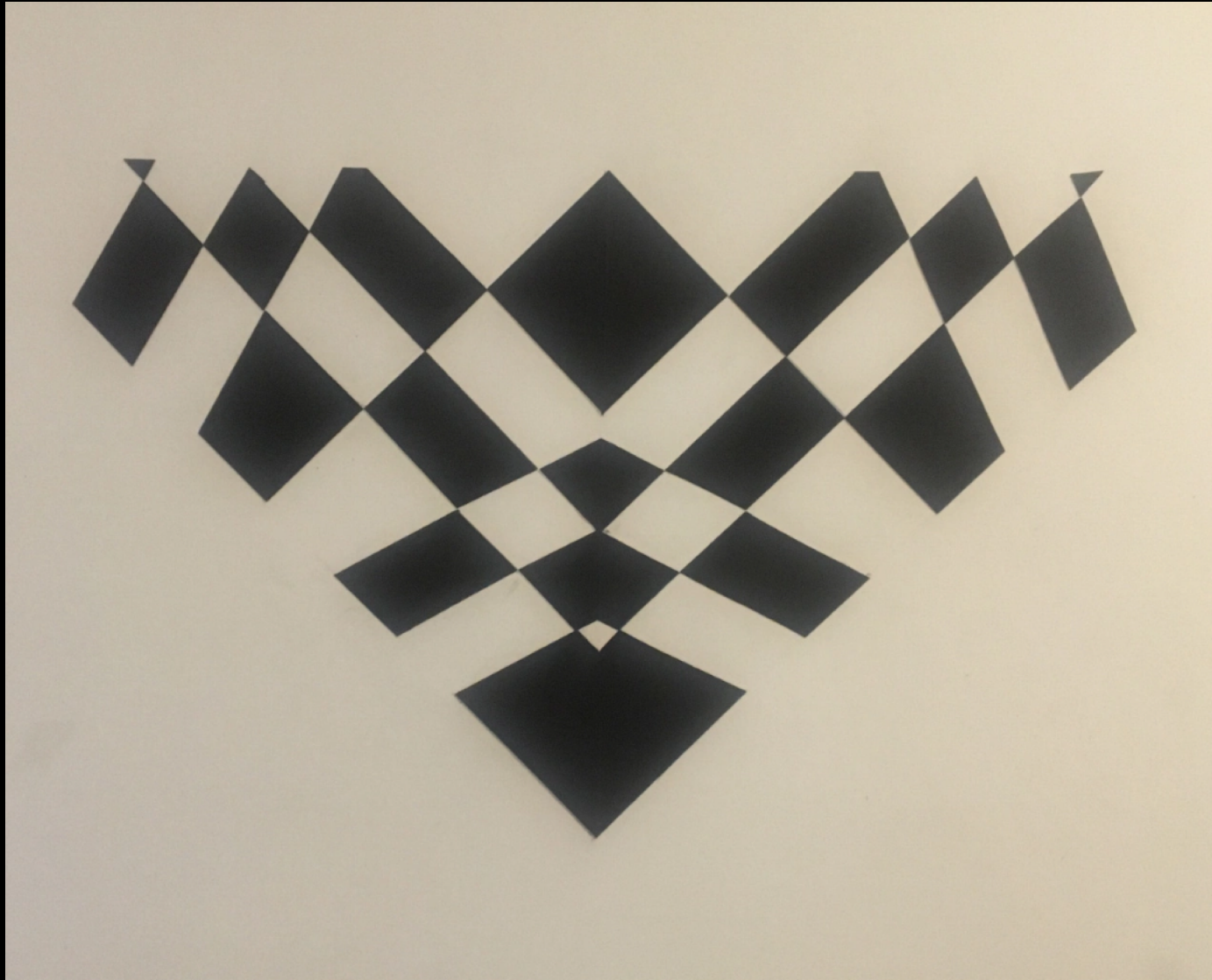
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Geometric or Organic

Notan B&W Shape Composition

Symmetrical Balance



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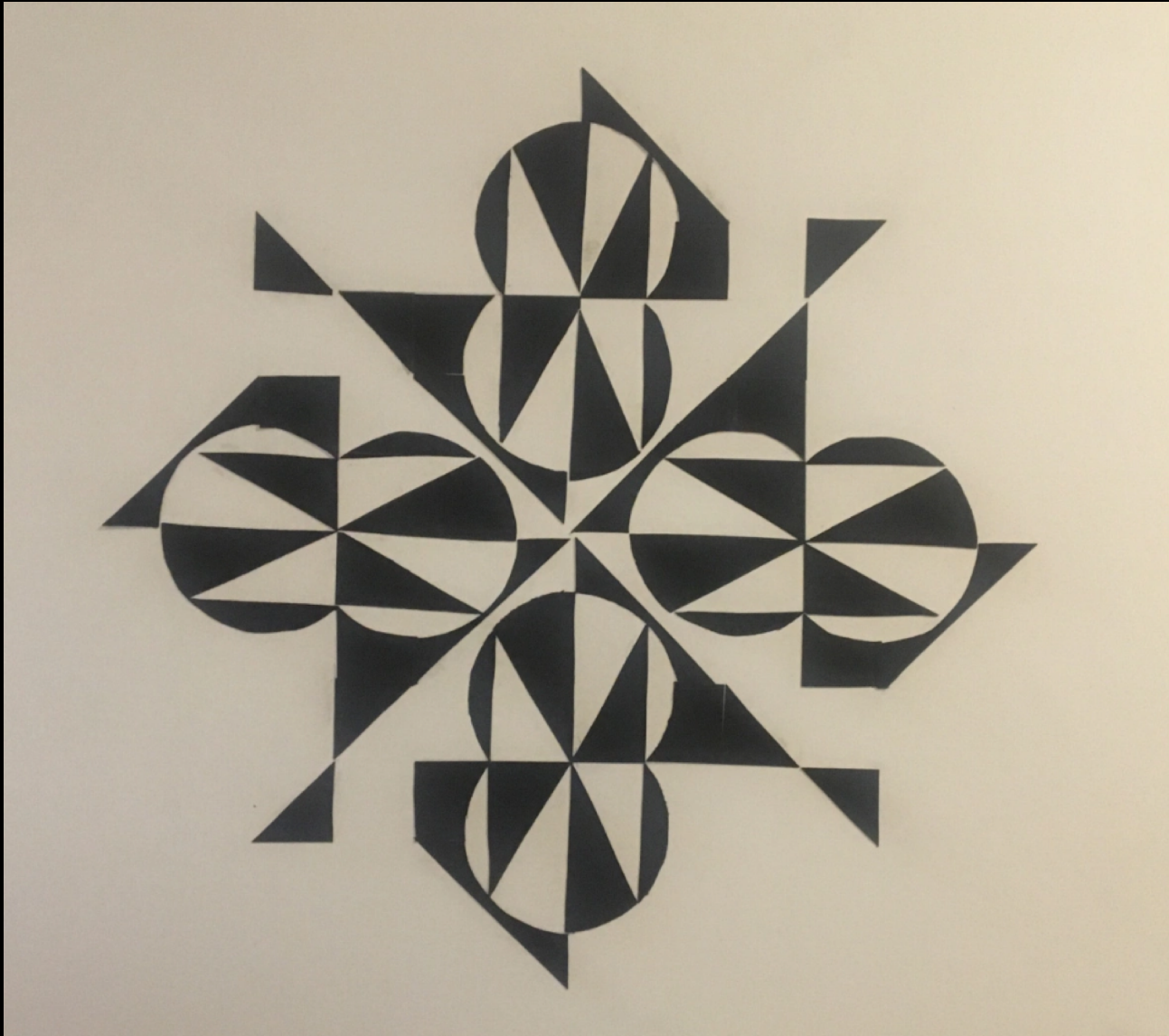
Symmetrical Balance



Lamb Brussich

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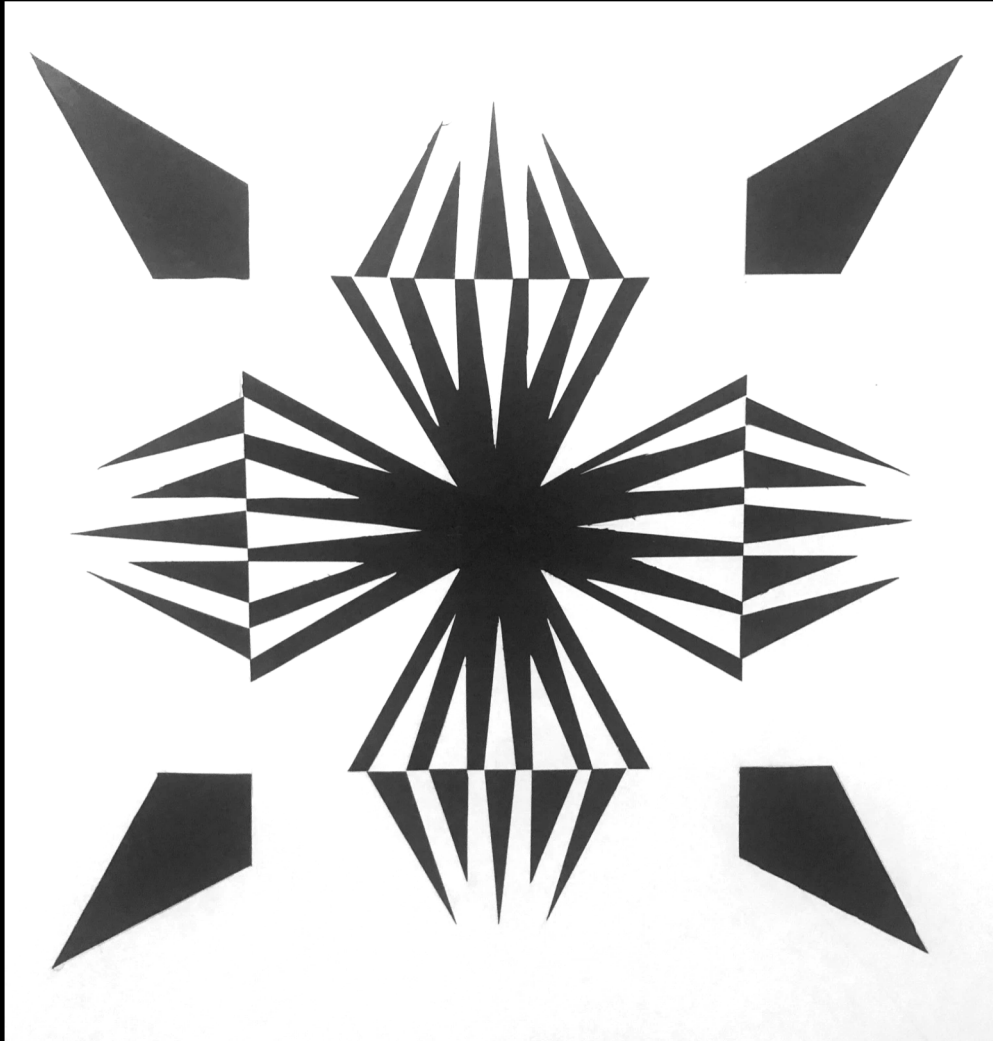
Radial Balance



Emely Castillo

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Radial Balance



Allison Martinez

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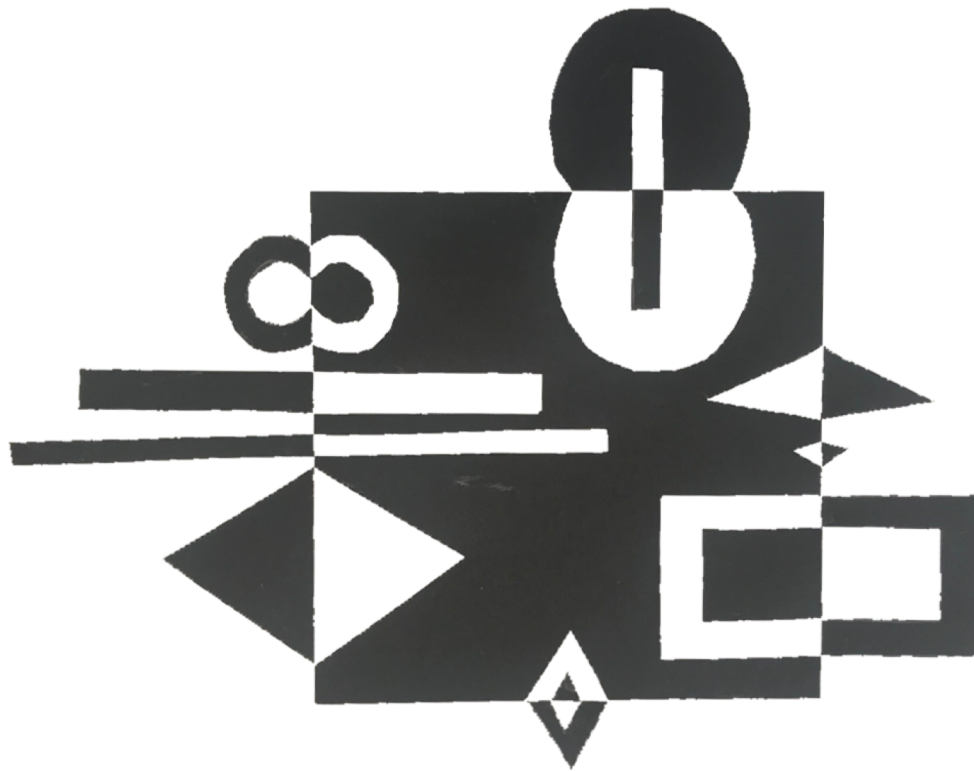
Asymmetrical Balance



Bell [Yingzhi] Baisley

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