

# Shape:

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> Element

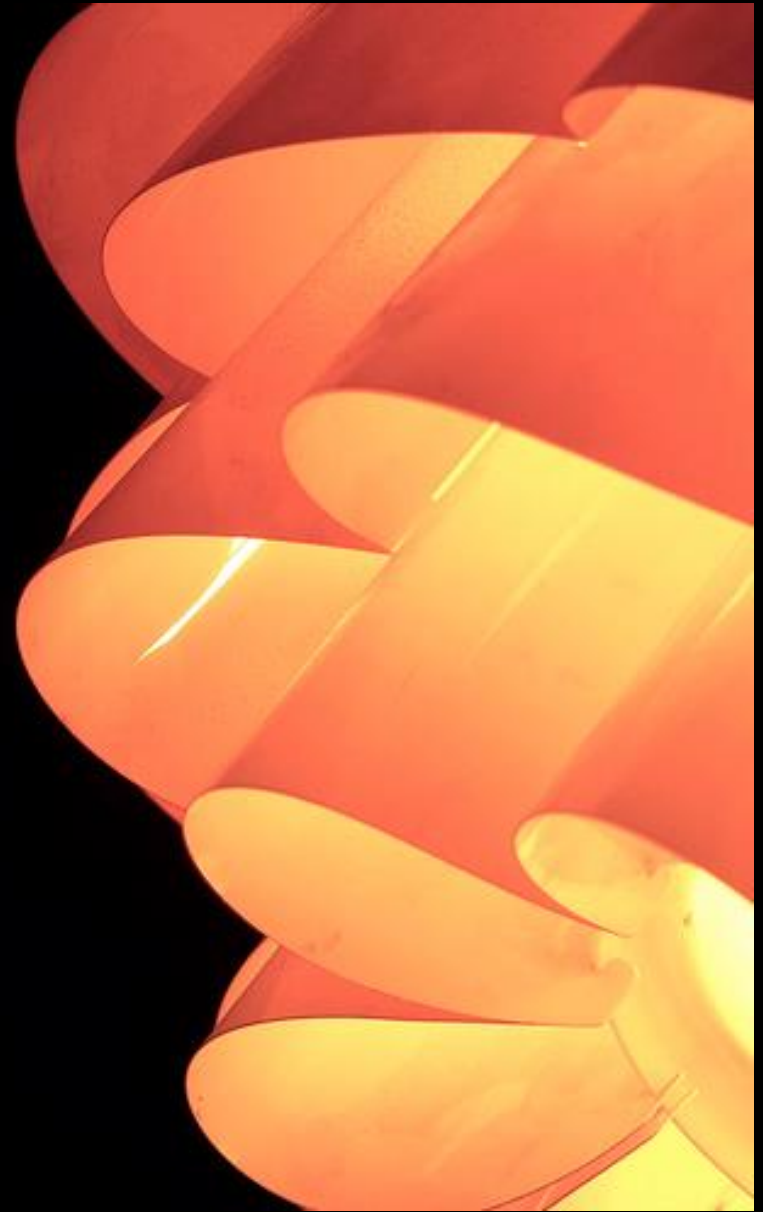


Intermediate  
Digital Photography Unit

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## Learning Intentions:

1. To learn about the elements of design, specifically, **shape**.
2. To see and capture the elements of shape in photographs.
3. To use shape to create powerful images with digital photography.



When we see things, the shape tells us what it is.



Shape can  
show the  
**relationship**  
between  
objects in a  
photograph...



...or how those objects **interact** with each other.







Negative  
space, the  
space that is  
not the  
subject, is  
also very  
important.



Repeating shape is often used to create **visual harmony** in a photograph.

Creative use of any  
regular shape  
(circles, squares,  
rectangles, etc.)  
can enhance a  
photograph.





# Your assignment:

1. Take several photos of shape.
2. Use the lesson ideas to help you 'see'.
3. Also look for line, texture, remember rule of thirds and use other composition tips to create a strong photo overall.
4. Please behave appropriately if outside of the classroom.

# References

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