

Composition Techniques

- OBJECTIVE** Compositional techniques such as The Rule of Thirds or The Golden Rectangle provide ways to arrange objects in your drawing. Because these are guidelines objects should not be forced to follow them precisely. Try using them but use your intuition as well to decide on what makes an effective composition.
- MATERIALS**
- sketchbook (or paper) no smaller than 8.5" x 11"
 - graphite pencils
- GRADING** 10 points (2 points per sketch)
- INSTRUCTIONS**
- 1) Make 5 different sketches of composition ideas for Homework Assignment #6 (Shoes Composition). Use the golden rectangle twice and The Rule of Thirds twice to create compositions using a pair of shoes and any other objects or background you choose to include. The fifth composition does not require using either of these techniques.
 - 2) Compositions should be line drawings in pencil. You may include the quick shading technique practiced in the last sketchbook assignment.



A Pair of Shoes, 1886, Vincent van Gogh, Oil on canvas. 14.75" x 18"

