Digital Photo Exercise 1:
Working With Composition

Choose one of the images below and copy/paste it into a new Photoshop file.

Photo credit: John Hein

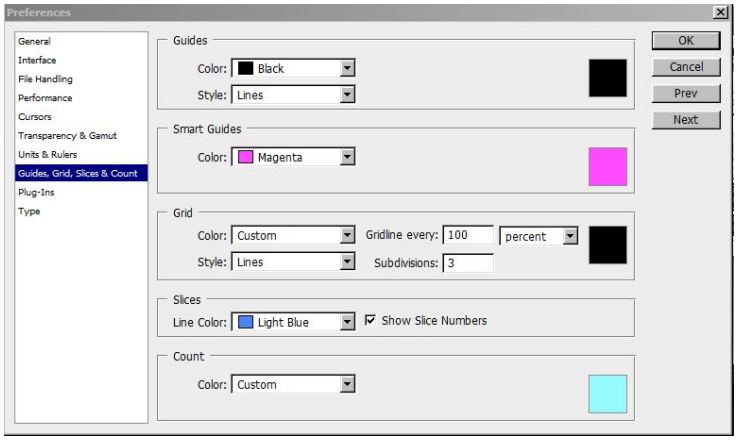
RESTRO-BAR
HOTEL
SUNRISE
DLX
DELHI
HEART
HOTEL
BAR
Restaurant

Kevin Bubriski’s “El Rito Fiesta,” 1981, is an archival pigment ink print, edition of 25. (Courtesy of Verve Gallery)

Photo credit: Carrie Boretz

Photo credit: Alison Joyce

To make the “rule of thirds” grid visible on your image, go to Edit>Preferences>Guides,Grid, Slices…
In the pop up window, make your grid line every 100 percent and type in 3 for the subdivision. Next, hit OK.
Refer to the window below for a visual.



Use the crop tool to find interesting compositions within the photographs. Your goal is to:

1. Find five interesting compositions that follow the rule of thirds. You will need to copy and paste your image into five separate photoshop files.
2. Add contrast to your images by experimenting with Levels and Brightness/Contrast or color balance (Image>Adjustments>Levels)
3. Copy/paste your 5 images into a 5” high by 10” wide photoshop file with a grey background.