

# WASH / MW Crew

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## Surface Studio Project 1: Cut It Out, Phase 1

Due at the beginning of our next Surface Studio, 9:30am, 1/24

### Challenge:

Using Sharpie on bristol paper, make 30 thumbnail solutions in an effort to create dynamic compositions emphasizing LINE, PROPORTION/SCALE, & VALUE. You must use between 3 to 9 geometric shapes in each thumbnail while being limited to any combination of rectangles, squares, circles and triangles. Create a minimum of TEN thumbnails for line, TEN for proportion/scale and TEN for value. All thumbnails must be the exact same size. After completing your designs, carefully cut all thumbnails apart from one another. Store them inside of a Ziploc bag or envelope, labeled on the back with your name, crew, and either line, p/s, or value.

- Craft is very important when striving for successful design
- Strive for CLARITY in design. We should immediately know if it is line, p/s, or value
- Consider tracing objects or stencils for clean shapes
- All thumbnails should be square and the same size
- Use pencil first but erase afterwards
- Practice avoiding bleeds
- Use multiple types of sharpie/design pen
- Know the difference between value and contrast; it is easy to accidentally use contrast when you intend value.
- Experiment with overlapping shapes and sending shapes outside of the composition.
- Consider the impact “tension” can have on a design. Explore good versus bad tension.

Materials: bristol paper, black sharpies/design pens, stencils (optional) metal ruler, cutting mat, pencil, eraser, SHSU campus copy machine or scanner, scissors/x-acto /paper cutter for neatly cutting thumbnails.

About thumbnails: These are a series of studies created in preparation and research for a project. This process allows the artist to push beyond the first solution, to discover the most innovative and creative solution. This takes time and is a valuable part of the artistic process.

### Grade Evaluation:

Each phase of this project is worth 1/3 of your total project grade.  
Review WASH project rubric for specific grading criteria.