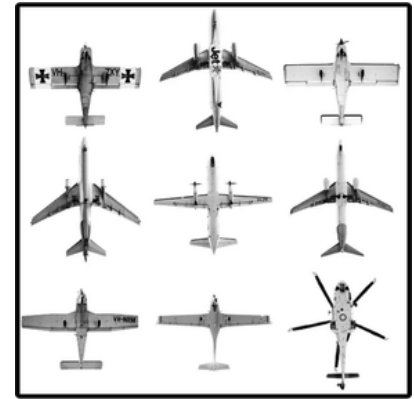
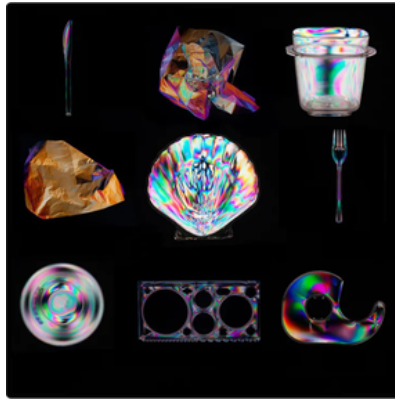


# Typology Photography

Have you ever made a collection of something? Stamps, buttons, figurines? If so, then you've made a typology, without even knowing it!



Typology photography is a fun way of taking pictures that are similar in a very organized way. Imagine you collect things—like different kinds of leaves, sneakers, or water bottles—and line them up so you can compare them. Typology photography is like doing that, but with photos.

Here's how you can think about it:

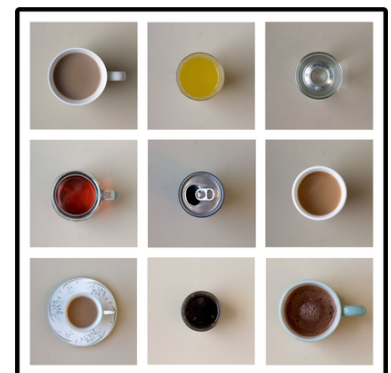
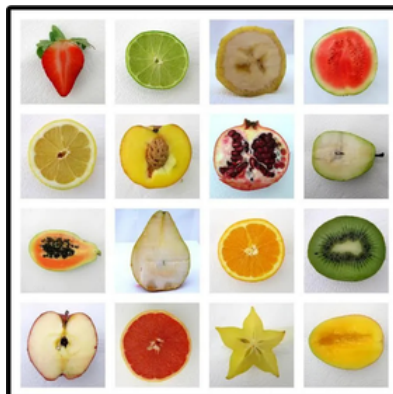
- You pick one kind of thing (like doors, trees, or bikes).
- You take lots of pictures of that same kind of thing.
- You try to take the pictures in a similar way each time (same angle, same distance, same background if possible).
- Then you put all the pictures together in a grid or series.

The goal is to notice what's the same and what's different.

For example:

- If you photograph 20 different mailboxes, you might see they all do the same job, but look really different.
- Or if you take pictures of school backpacks, you'll notice patterns in colors, shapes, and styles.

So, typology photography is like making a “picture collection” that helps you compare and learn about things by looking closely.



# Typology Photography Activity:

## Goal:

Take a group of photos that show how one type of thing can look many different ways.

## Pick Your Subject:

Choose ONE kind of subject. Keep it simple! For Example:

- Doors
- Backpacks
- Trees
- Flowers
- Facial expressions
- Containers
- Tools
- Mugs
- Chairs
- Cereal boxes
- Lockers (open, closed, decorated)
- Toys (cars, squishmallows, figurines, etc.)



## Make a plan:

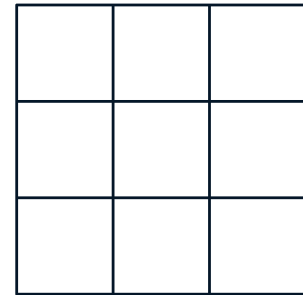
Decide how your photos will look the same:

- Will you stand the same distance away each time?
- Will you take the photo straight-on (not tilted)?
- Will the object be in the middle of the picture?

Try to keep these things the same for each photo so you get a consistent look and feel.

## Tips for a strong layout:

- Keep all photos the same size
- Line them up neatly in rows and columns
- Try to keep the background simple so the objects stand out
- Make sure each object is placed in a similar position



## Take your photos:

- Take at least 6-12 pictures of your object.
- Each photo should be a different example (different shoe, different car, etc.)
- Move around your school, home, or neighborhood to find them.

## Organize your photos:

- Put your photos together in a grid (rows and columns)
- You can print them and adhere to chip board (similar to matte board)
- Use a slideshow, google slides or powerpoint to organize photos.
- Canva or any simple design app will work too!

**This activity helps you become a better observer and shows how even ordinary things can be really interesting when you compare them.**

Look closely and ask yourself:

- What things look the same in all the pictures and what's different?
- Which one is your favorite and why?
- **Title your typology collection:** "Shoes with Groove" or "Doors Around Town", etc.