**Symmetrical, Asymmetrical and Radial Notans**

**Description:** Notan is a Japanese word that means “light dark harmony.”

**Objectives:**

You will create 3 abstract (non-representational) Notan compositions.

The shapes should be either organic/biomorphic or geometric.

One composition should have Asymmetric Balance: the sides of the composition are not equal but have the

same visual weight.

One composition should have Symmetric Balance: two sides of the composition are equal.

One composition should have Radial Balance: all four sides of the composition are equal.

**Materials:**

Glue stick Scissors

(3) 5” x 5” Black papers (3) 11” x 14” pieces of Bristol paper X-acto knife

Ruler Eraser

HB Pencil

**Part 1: Asymmetrical Balance Notan**

1) Sketch shapes that demonstrate Asymmetrical Balance. Include both organic and geometric shapes.

2) Cut out the shapes using scissors. Create inner shapes. Include both organic and geometric shapes.

Don’t lose any of your shapes!

3) Place the large middle shape with small shapes around it in the center of your 11” x 14” Bristol sheet. Make sure everything is centered!

4) Glue the shapes to the board.

**Part 2: Symmetrical Balance Notan**

1) Sketch shapes that demonstrate Symmetrical Balance. Include both organic and geometric shapes.

HINT: fold your paper in half so that both sides are even.

2) Cut out the shapes using scissors. Create inner shapes. Include both organic and geometric shapes.

Don’t lose any of your shapes!

3) Place the large middle shape with small shapes around it in the center of your 11” x 14” Bristol sheet. Make sure everything is centered!

4) Glue the shapes to the board.

**Part 3: Radial Balance Notan**

1) Sketch shapes that demonstrate Radial Balance. Include both organic and geometric shapes.

HINT: Fold your square in half, and then in half again.

2) Cut out the shapes using scissors. Create inner shapes. Include both organic and geometric shapes.

Don’t lose any of your shapes!

3) Place the large middle shape with small shapes around it in the center of your 11” x 14”

Bristol sheet. Make sure everything is centered!

4) Glue the shapes to the board.