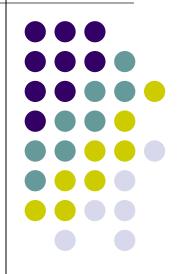
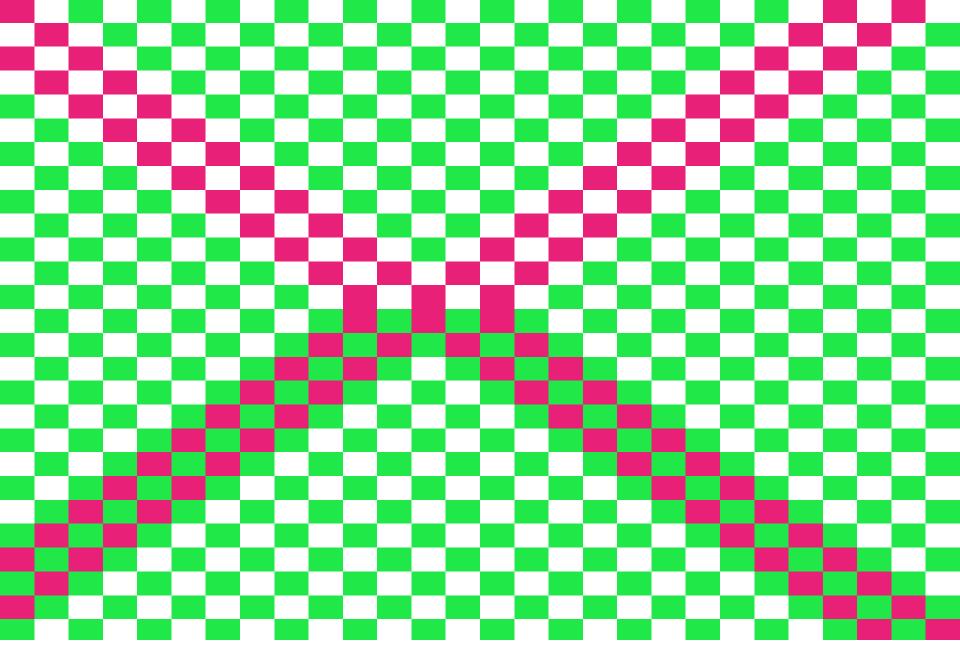
Optical Illusions

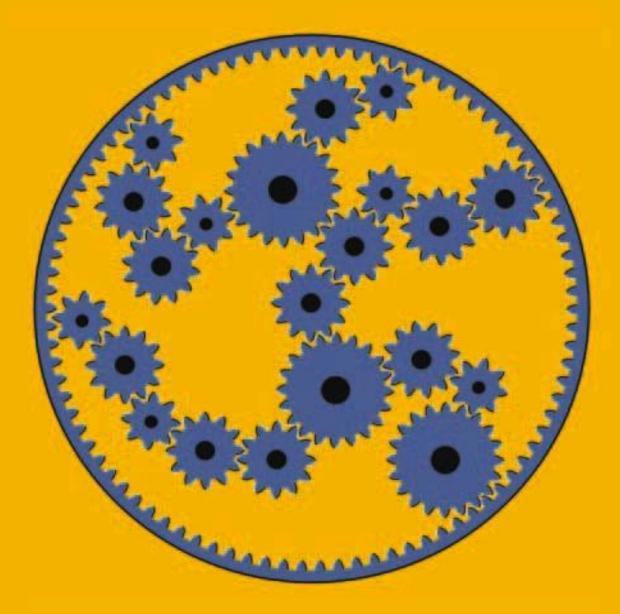




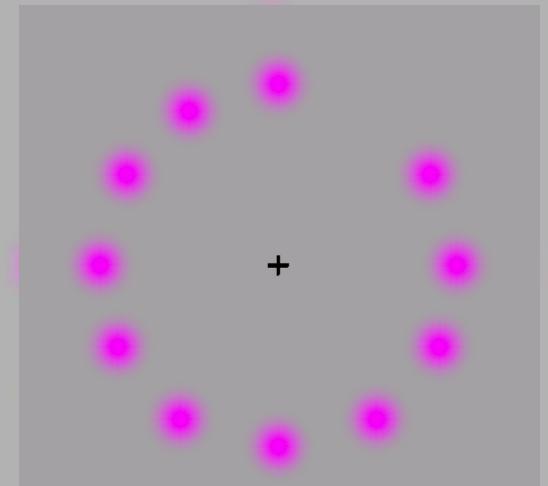
Graphic Illusions



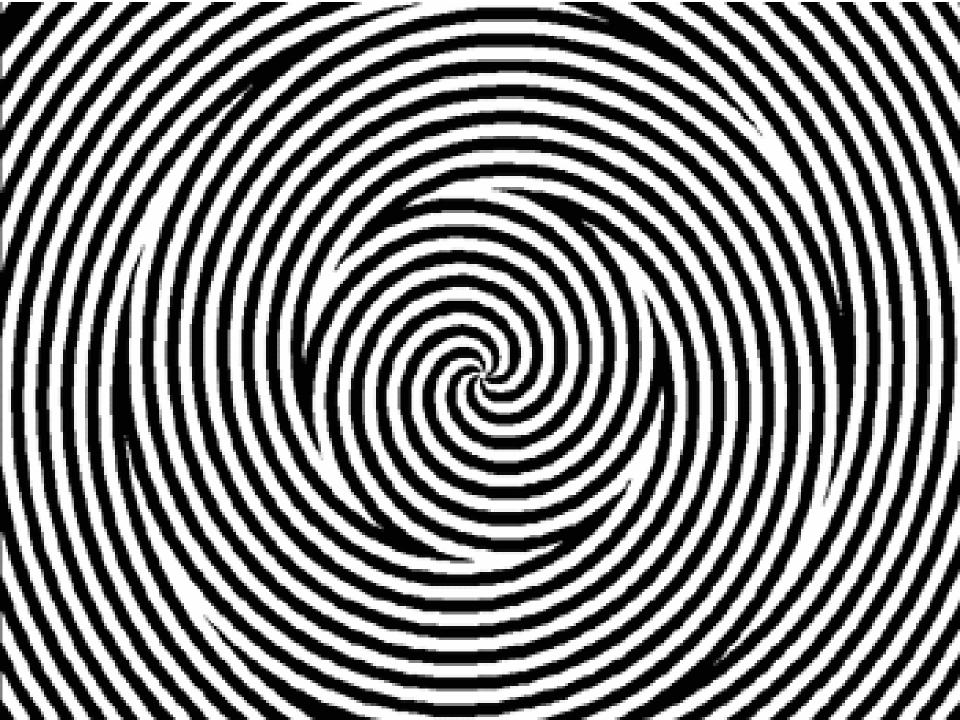
The red squares are the same color in the upper part and in the lower part of the "X"

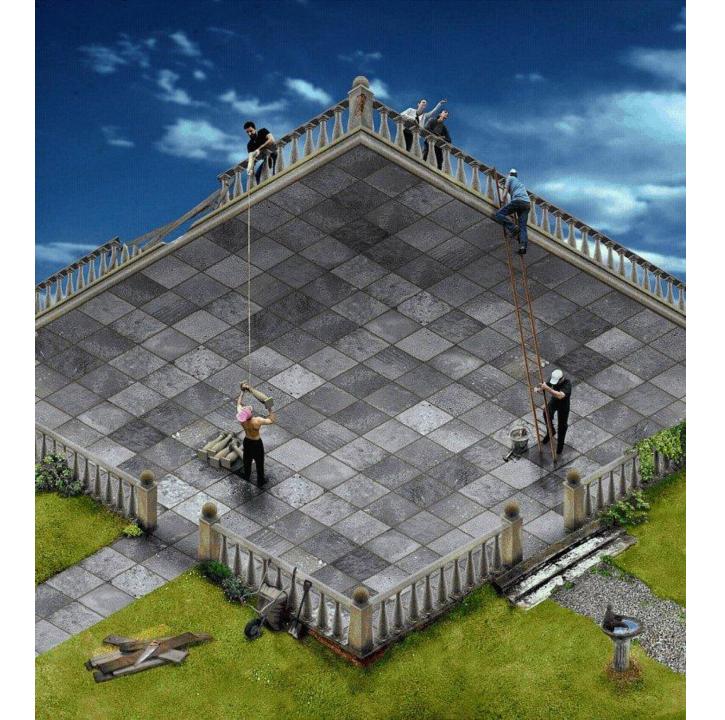


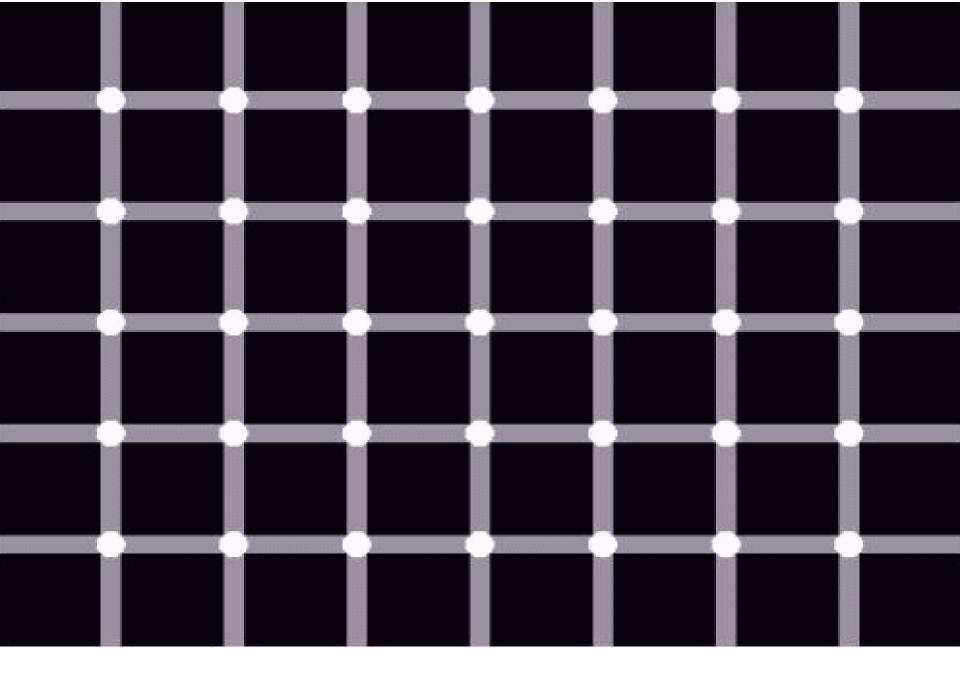
Afterimage



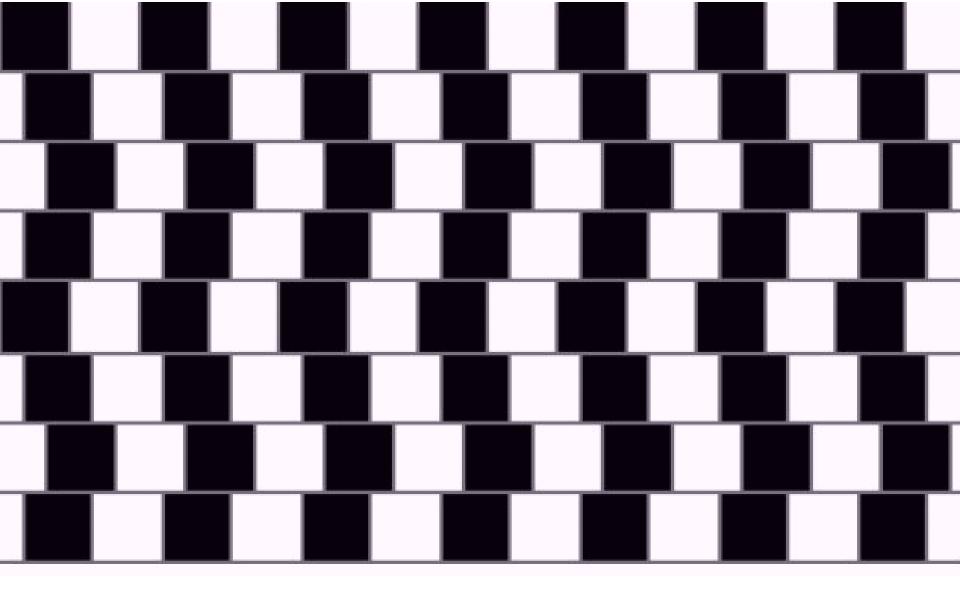
An afterimage is a visual impression that remains in the retina after the initial stimulus is removed. The afterimage always has colors that are complementary to those of the original image. Look steadily at the cross in the center of the picture to see an afterimage.



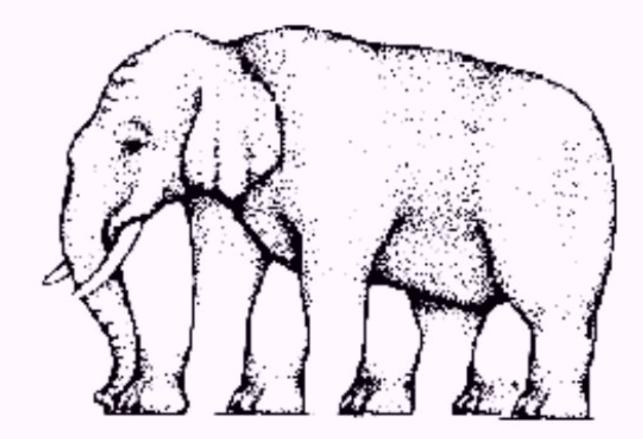




Count the black dots



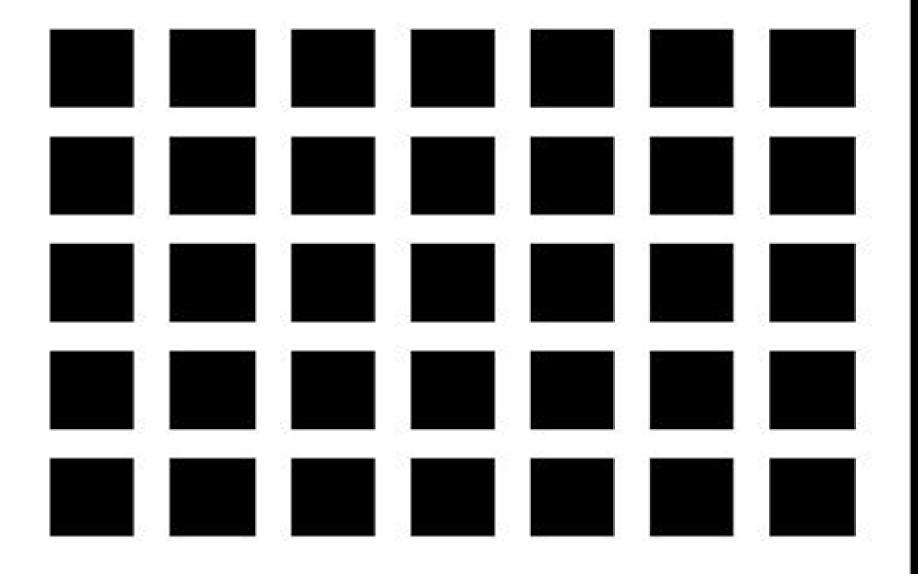
Are the horizontal lines parallel or do they slope?



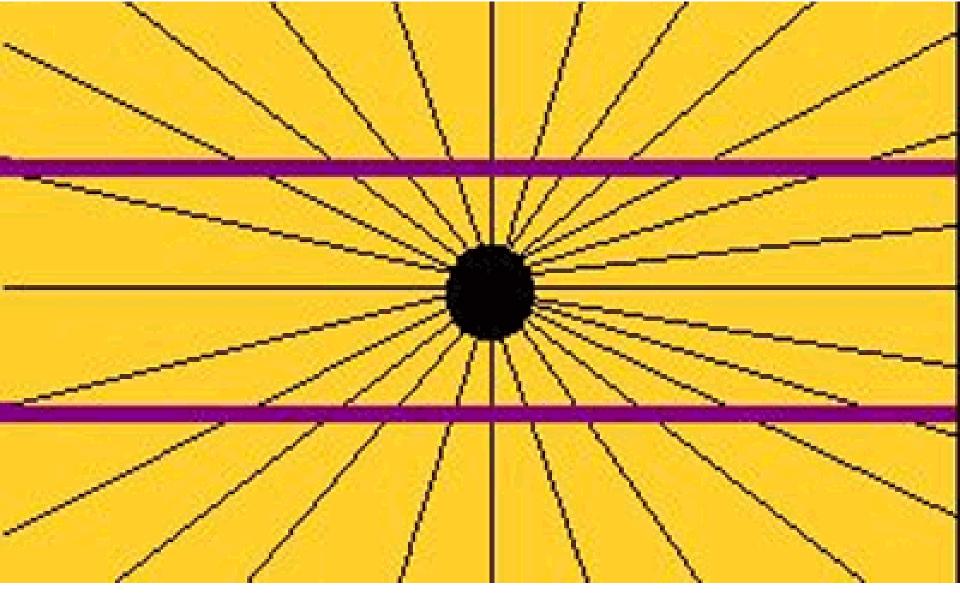
How many legs does this elephant have?



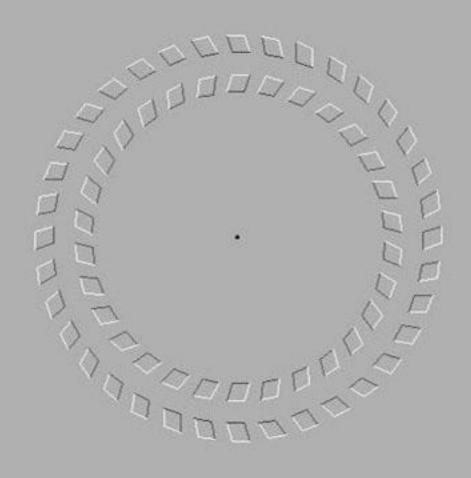
Do you see the face? Or an Eskimo?



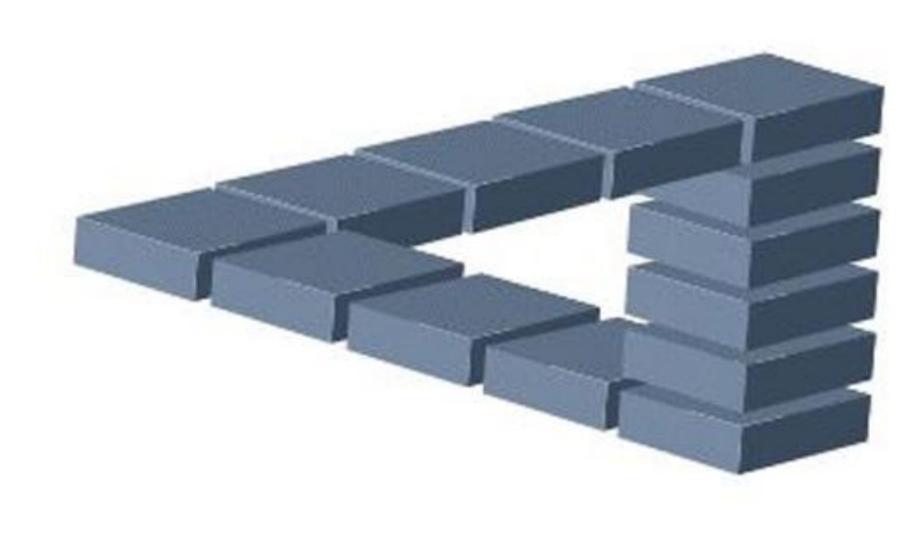
Do you see gray areas in between the squares? Now where did they come from?



Are the purple lines straight or bent?



Focus on the dot in the centre and move your head Backwards and forwards, weird hey....

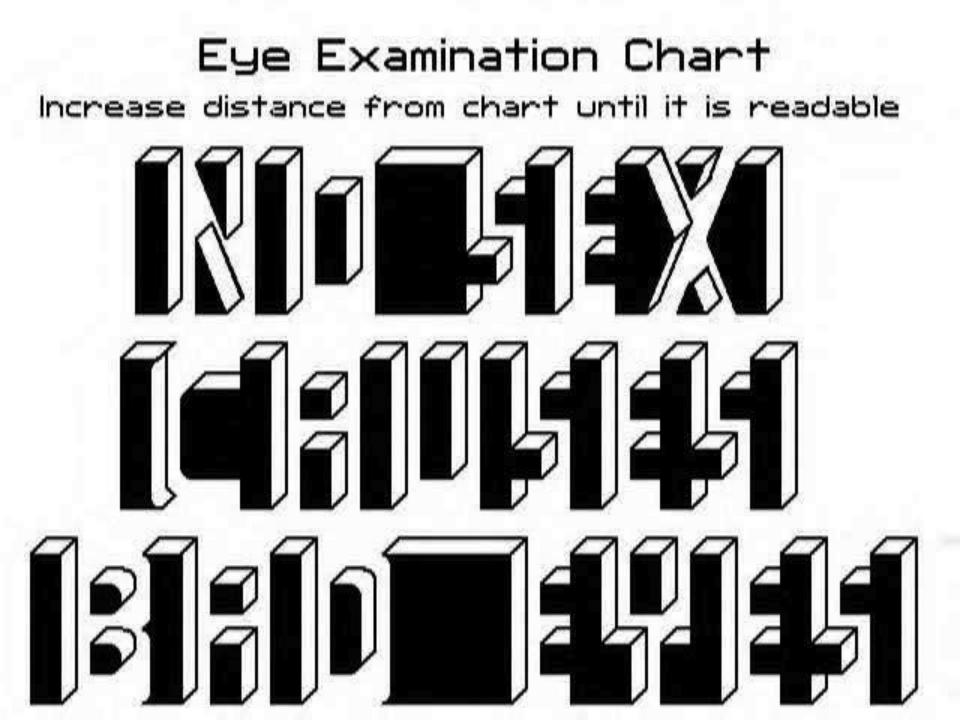


Is this possible?

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You should see a man's face and also a word... Hint: Try tilting your head to the right, the word begins with 'L'

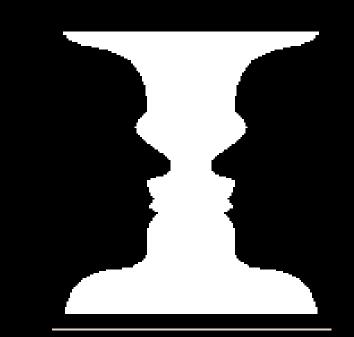


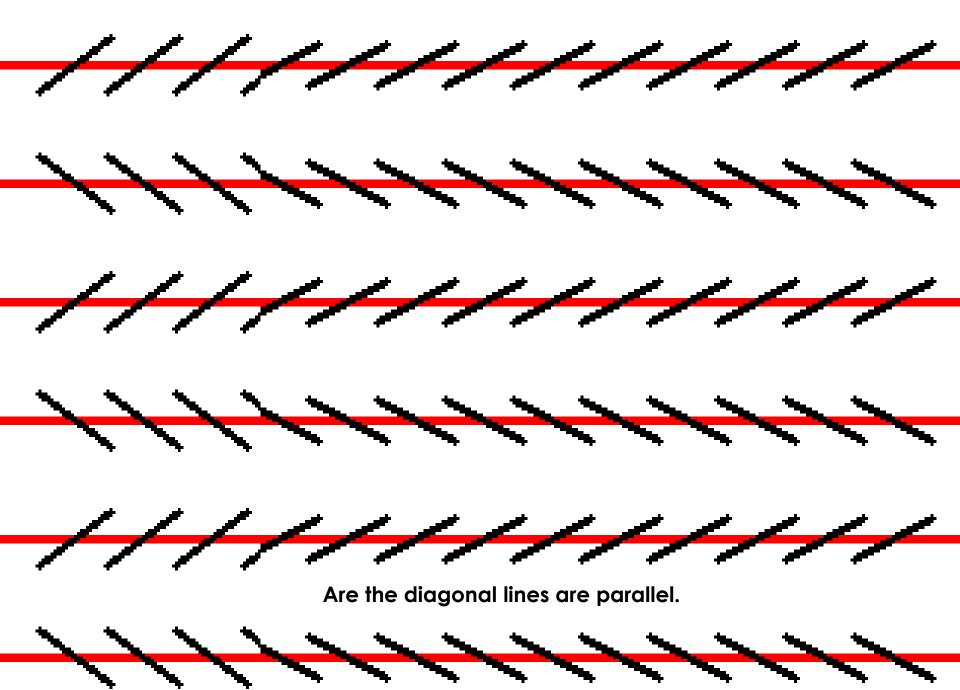




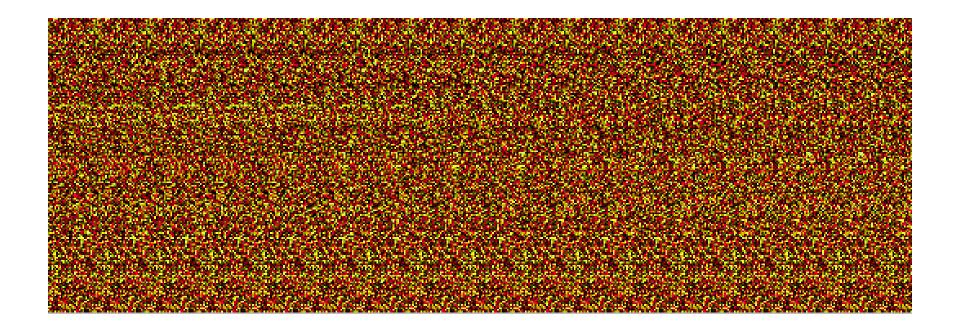


- 1. Relax and concentrate on the 4 small dots in the middle of the picture for about 30-40 seconds
- 2. Then take a look at a wall near you (any smooth, single colored surface)
- 3. You will see a circle of light developing
- 4. Start blinking your eyes a couple of times and you will see a figure emerging....
- 5. What do you see? Moreover, who do you see?



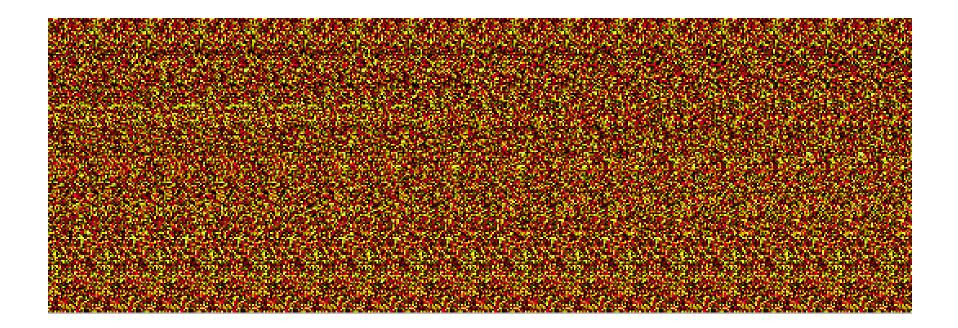


EYE PUZZLE



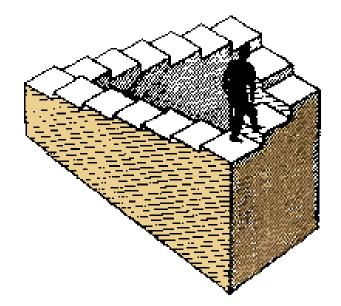
This rectangle of seemingly random colored dots contains a message. Do you know the answer?

EYE PUZZLE



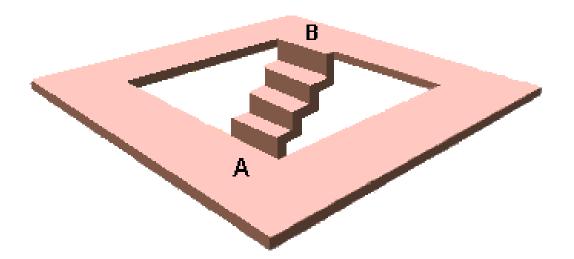
The rectangle of colored dots is actually a stereogram. In order to visualize the threedimensional image, you need to focus about 4 inches (10 cm) above of the plane of the computer screen. (Hint: Look at the tip of your thumb while your extended index finger touches the screen.)

PERPETUALLY ASCENDING STAIRCASE



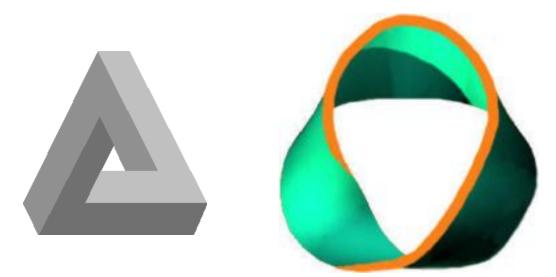
How can the man go up all the time? Can such a staircase be built as a real object?

STAIRWAY BETWEEN CORNERS OF A FLAT SQUARE



You can go from corner A to corner B by climbing the stairs or by going around a level plane.

IMPOSSIBLE TRIANGLE

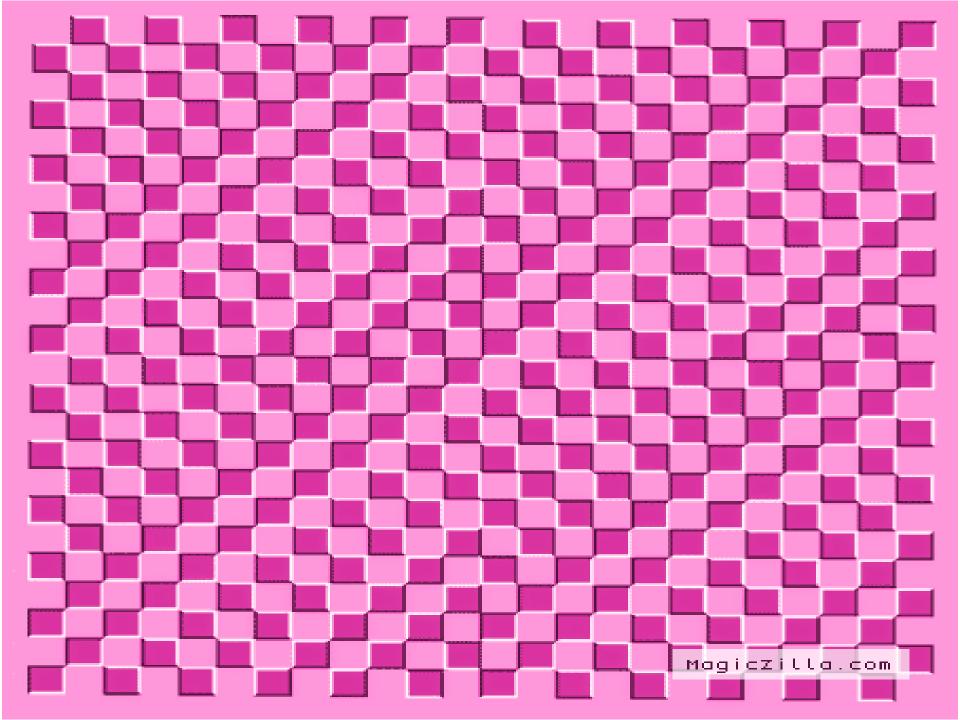


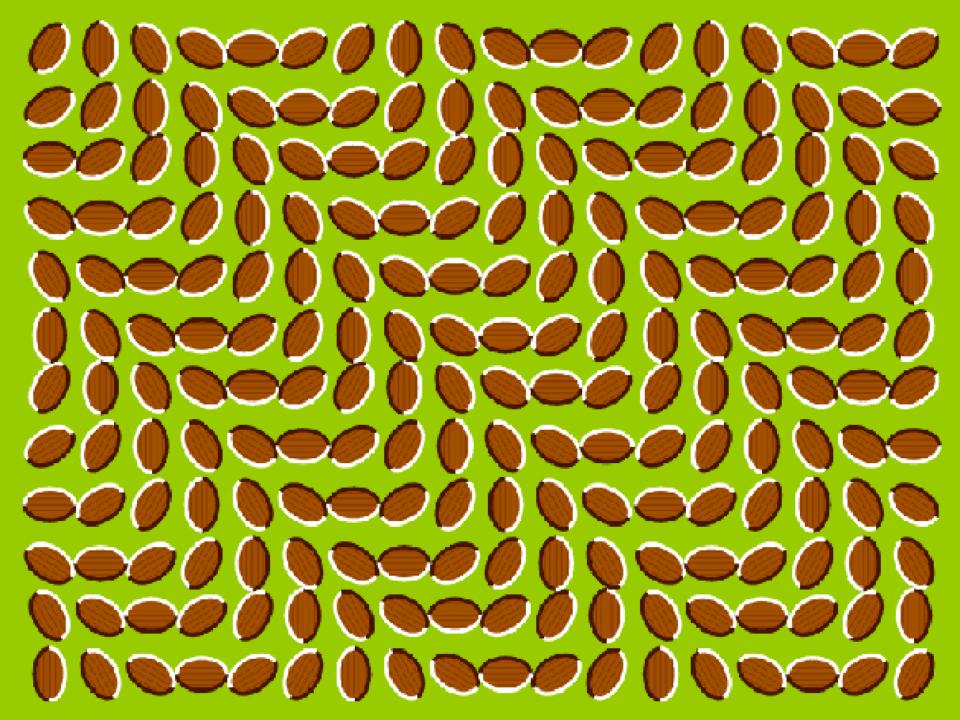
This triangle cannot be built as a real object. Can you find a relationship between this triangle and a Möbius strip? (Hint: Assume that the thickness of the strip is the same as the width of the strip, and that instead of twisting 180 degrees before joining, there is only a 90 degree twist.)

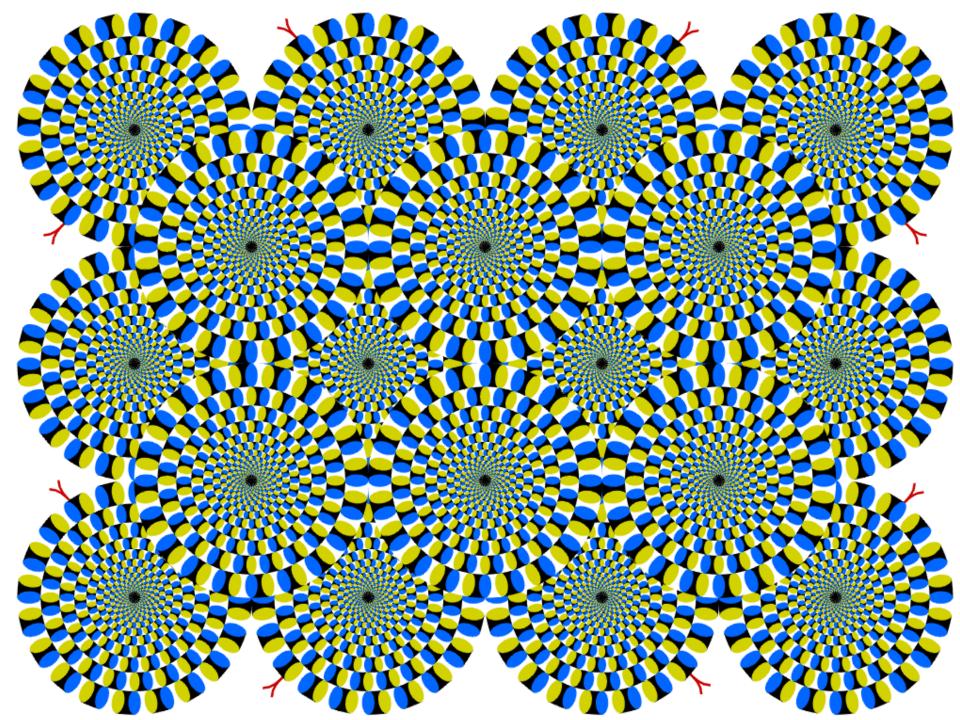
WORD COLOR TEST

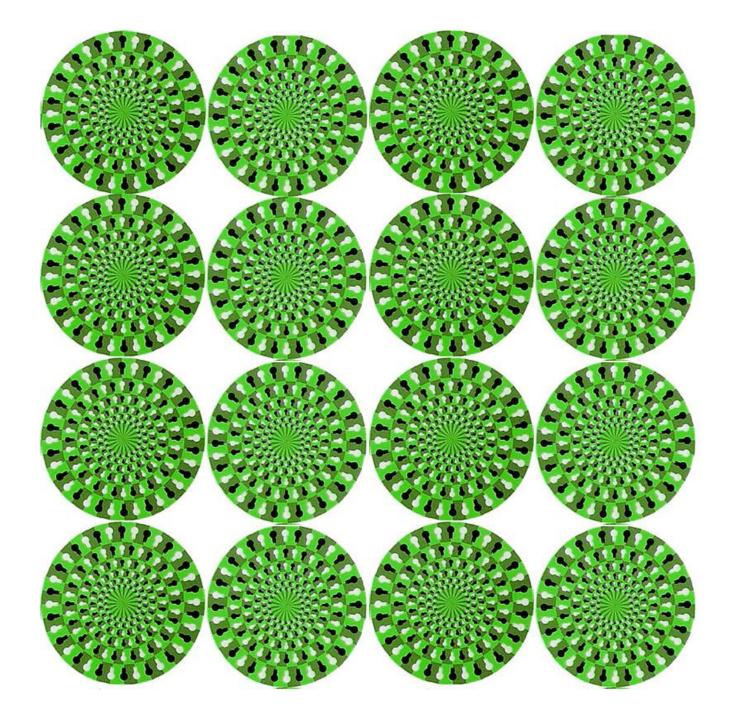
YELLOW BLUE ORANGE BLACK RED GREEN PURPLE YELLOW RED ORANGE GREEN BLACK BLUE RED PURPLE GREEN BLUE ORANGE

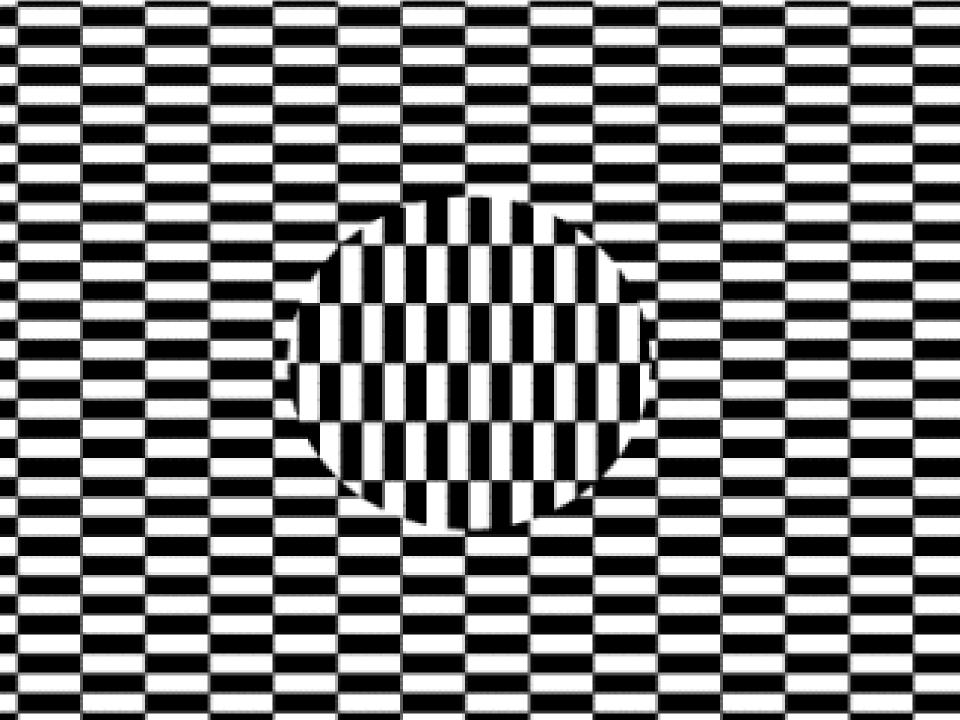
This is a type of psycholinguistic test that poses some difficulty because the portion of the brain that handles language has the conflicting tasks of verbalizing the color of the written words while ignoring the meaning of words representing colors.

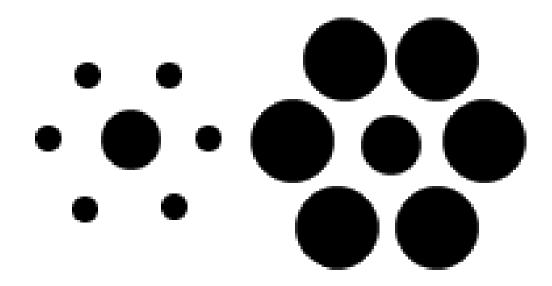




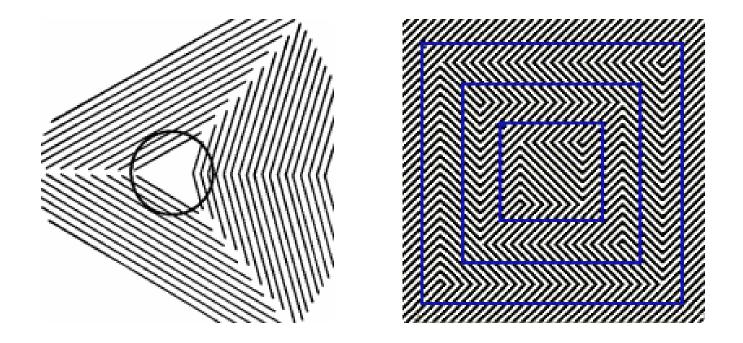








The center circles are both the same size.



The circle and the squares appear distorted by the background patterns.



Illusions in Art





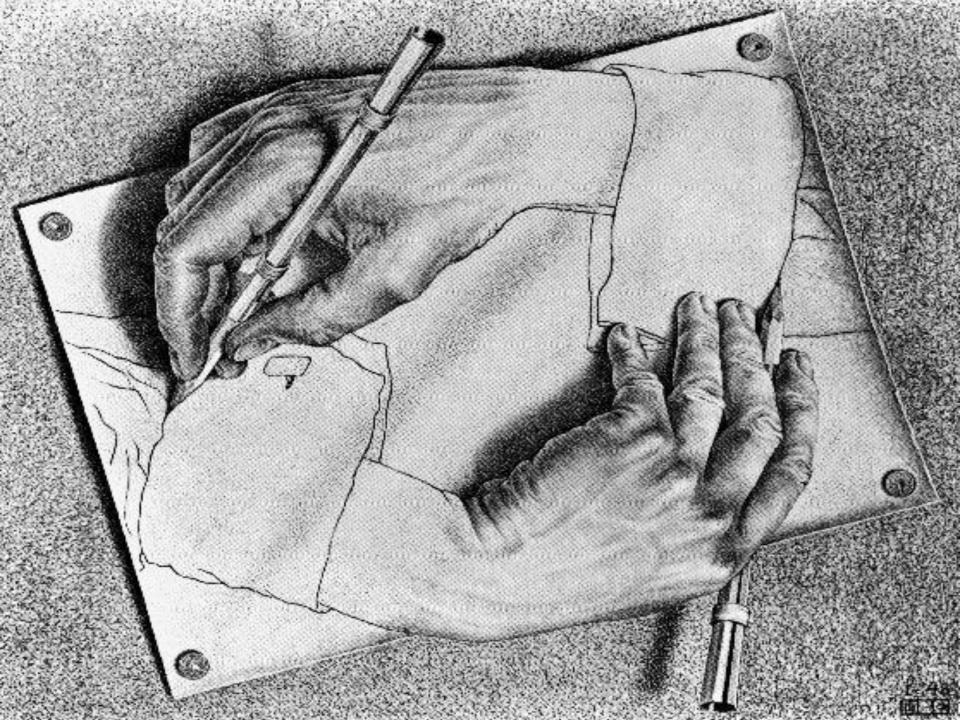


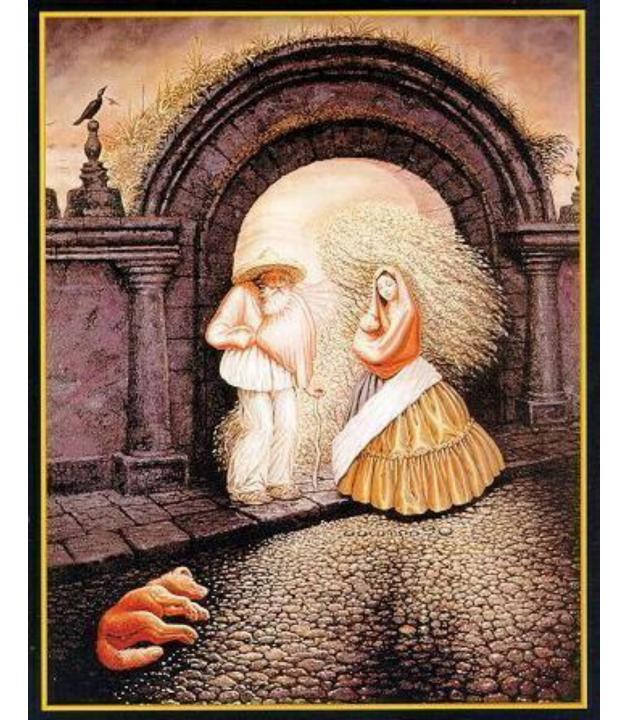


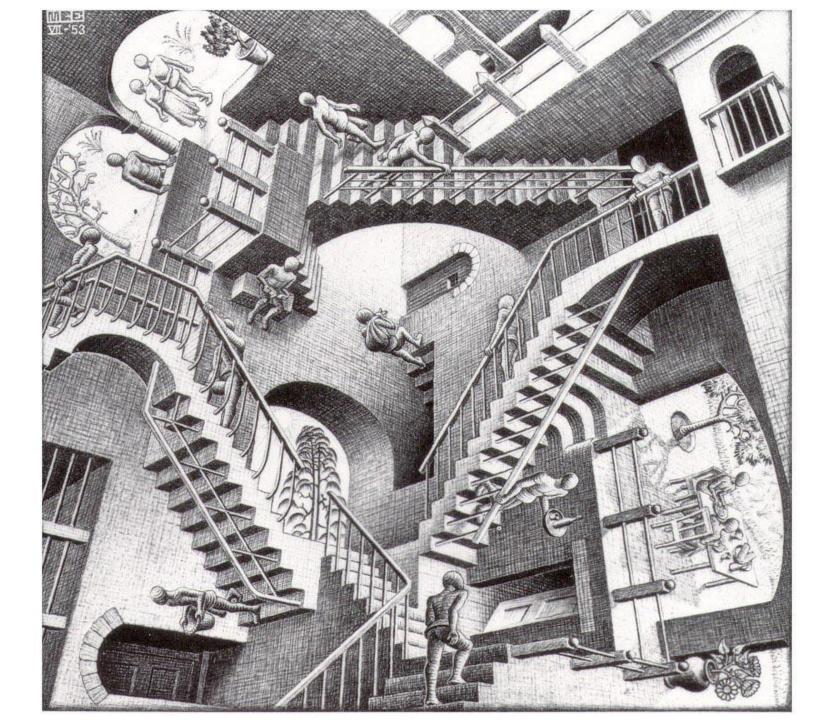


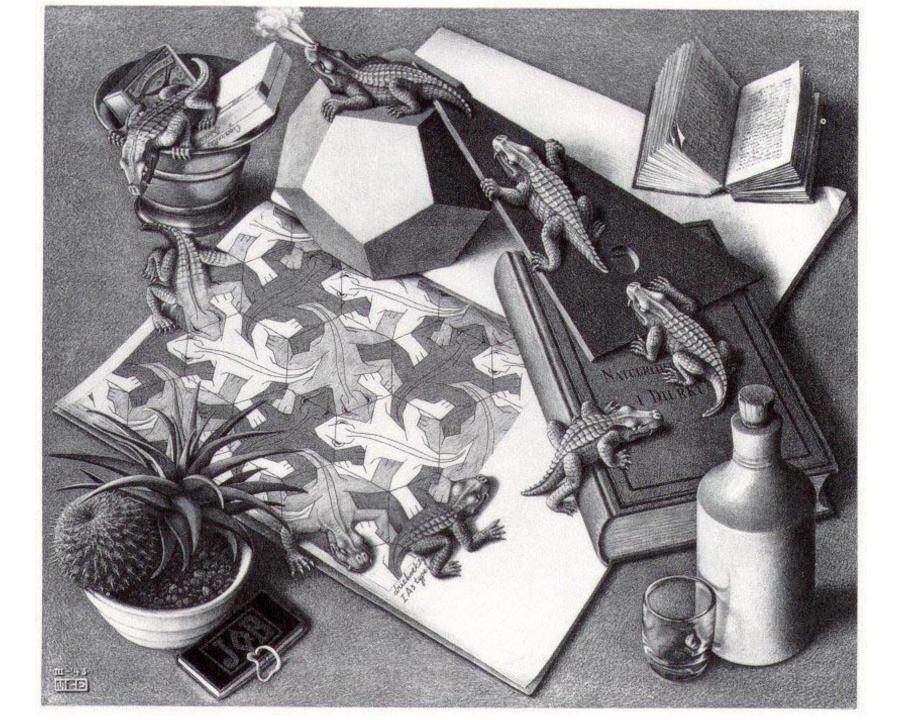




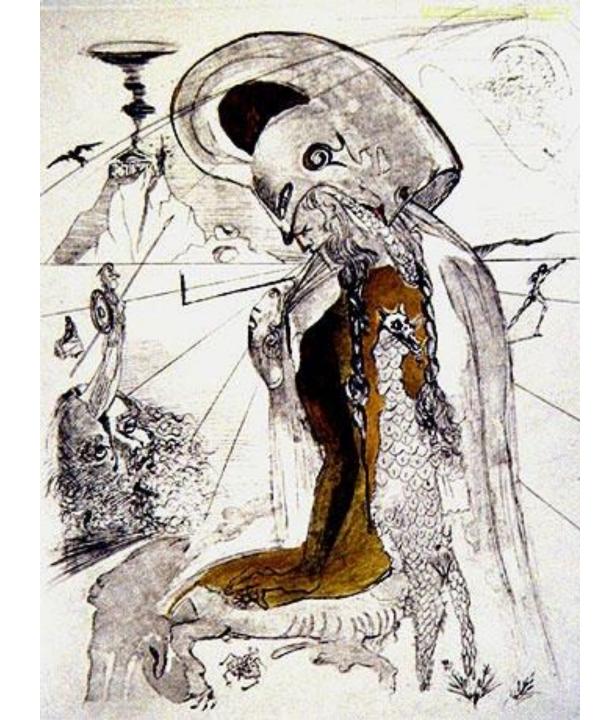


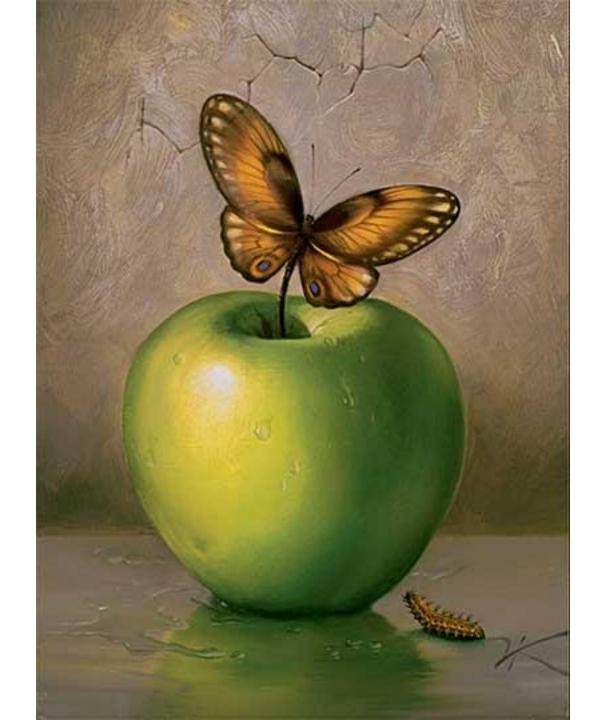




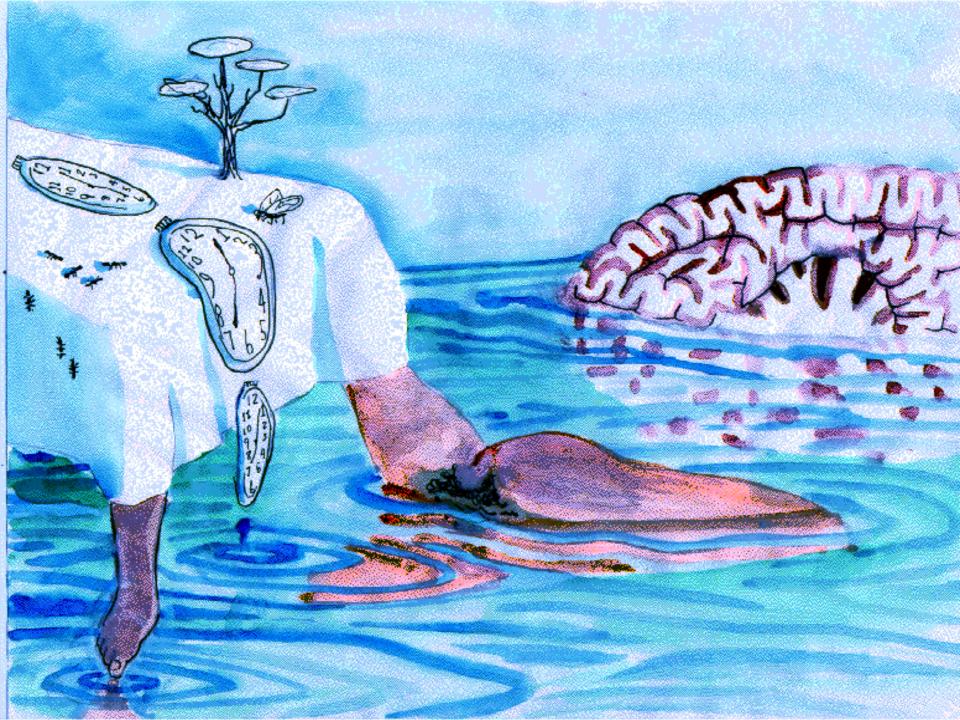






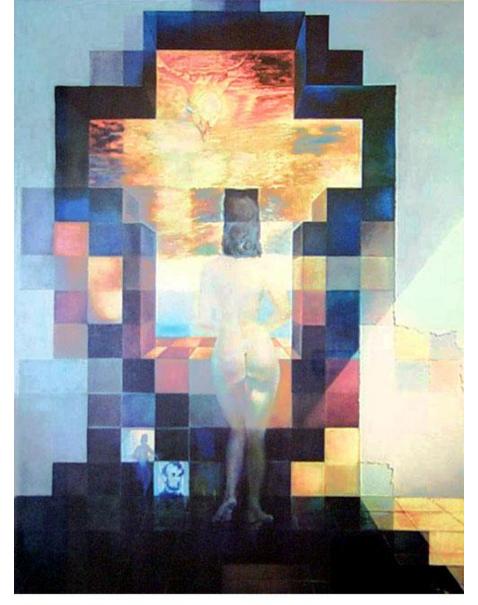












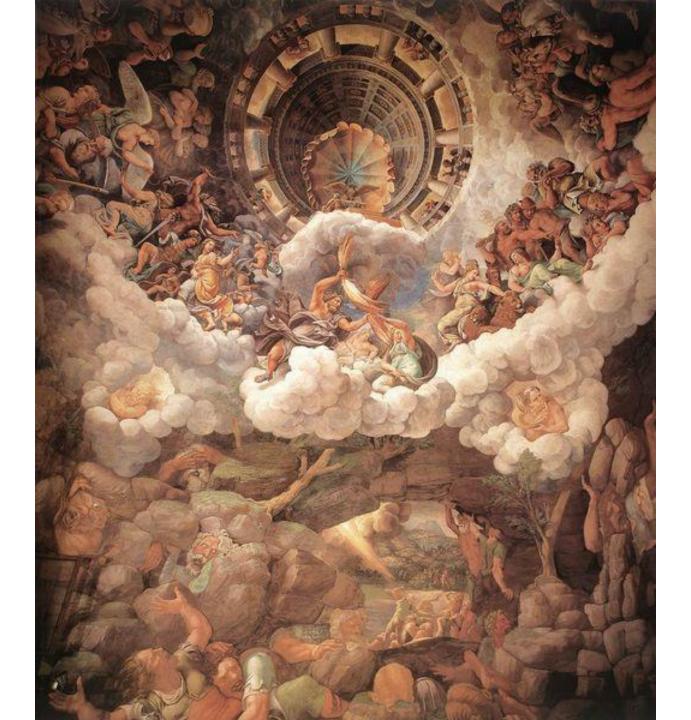


← Viewed from a distance.



Frescos and Mural Illusions

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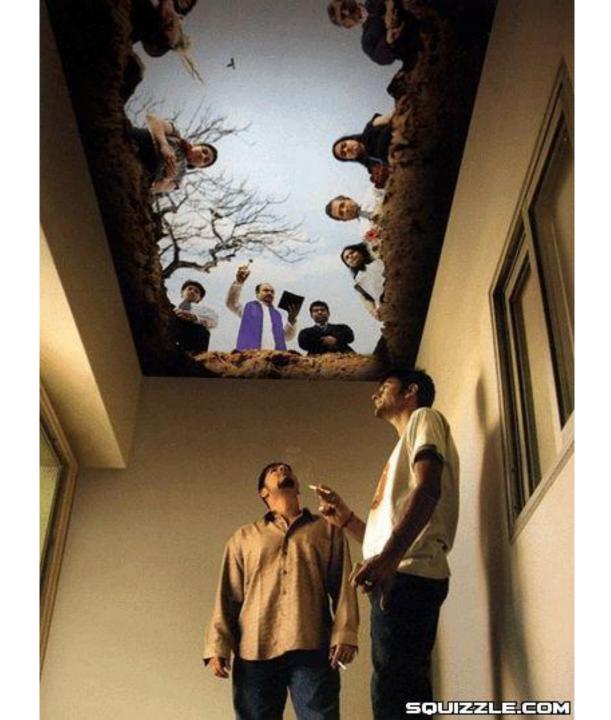










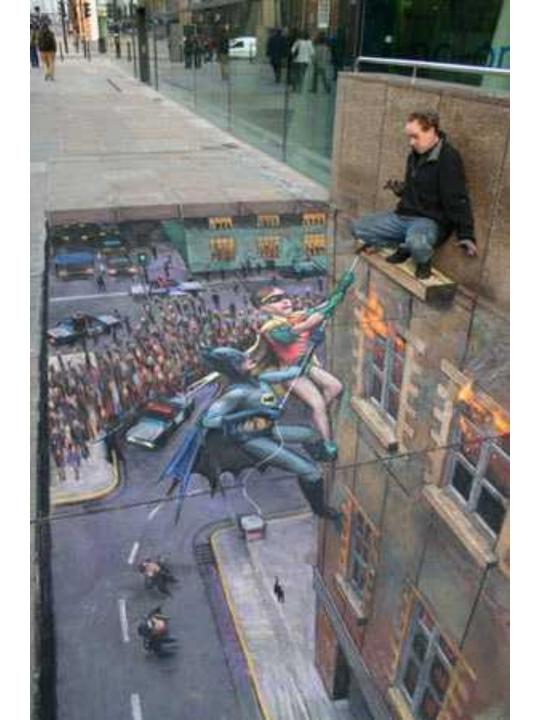




Sidewalk Illusions











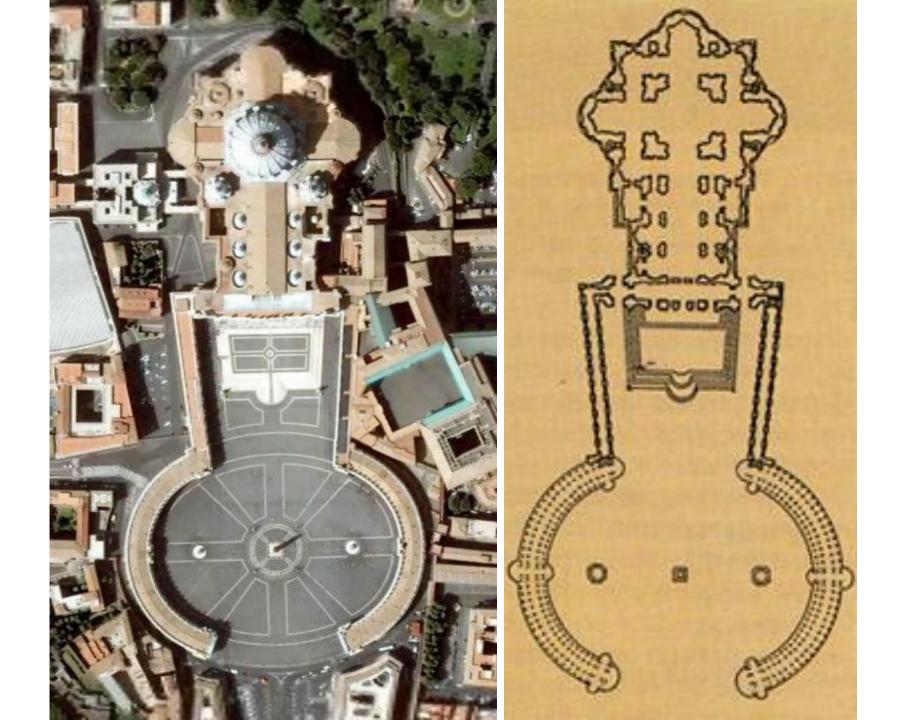




Built Illusions















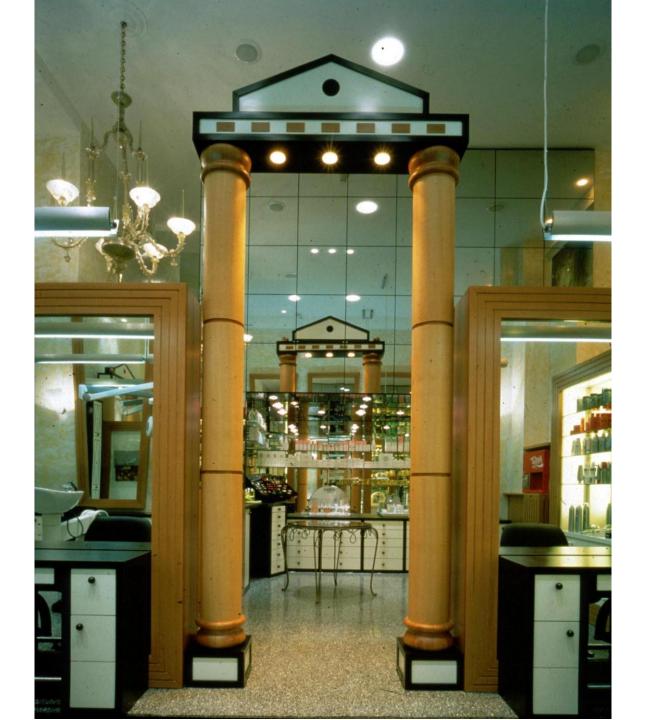






















«Eintritt nur für Smarte.» Oder: «Heute geschlossen.»

entrance

Meine Nachbarn im Nebentrakt Werk II werden mir den Streich nie vergessen, denn das Kunst-Werk bleibt ihnen nicht nur sichtbar in Erinnerung: Jeder zweite Besucher fragt dort nach, warum geschlossen sei ...

zürich

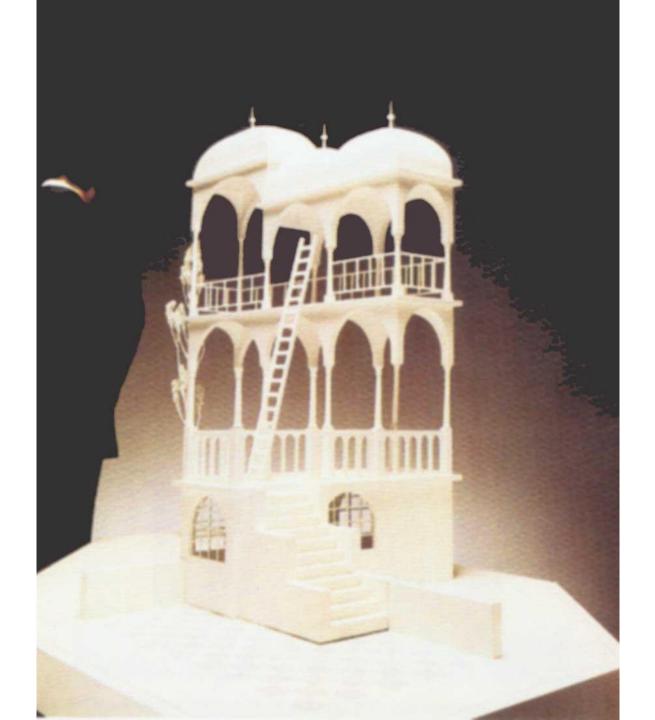
"No entry except for smart people." Or "Closed today."

My neighbours in the adjacent Works II will never forget my prank, because the artwork is not only visibly remembered. Every second visitor asks them why it is closed ...













Illusions Happen











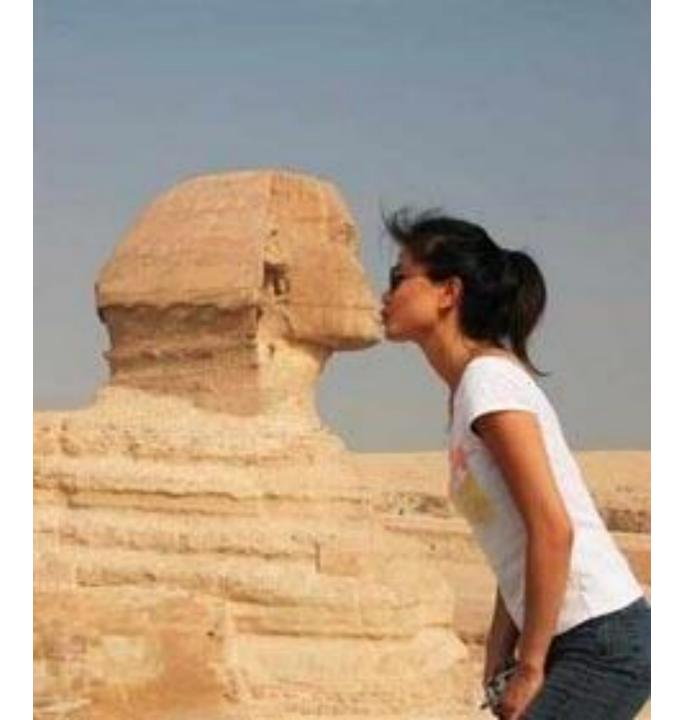










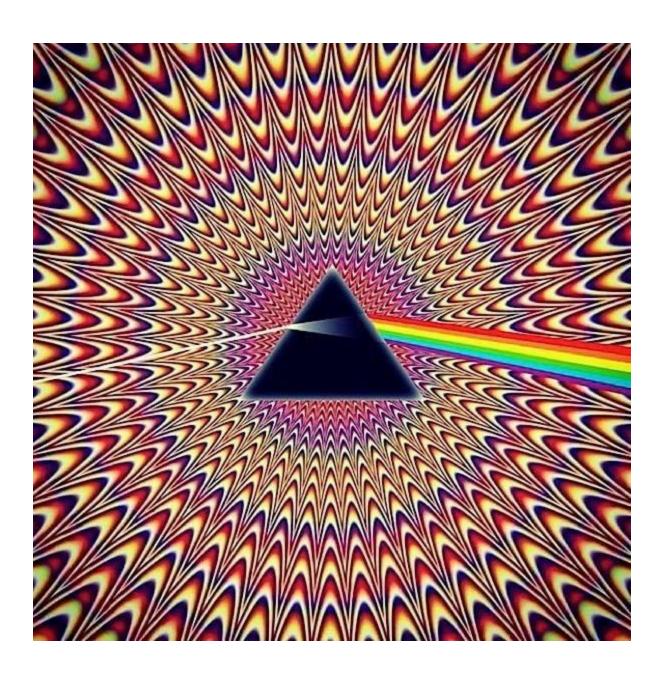






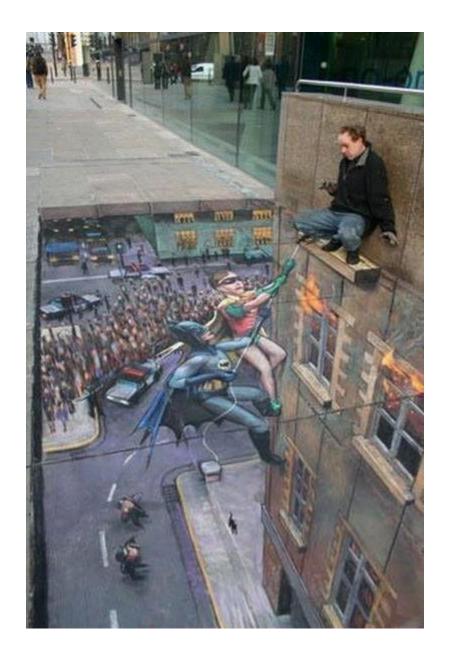






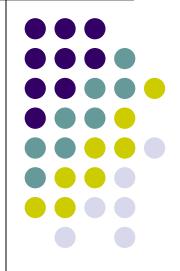








Types of Optical Illusions

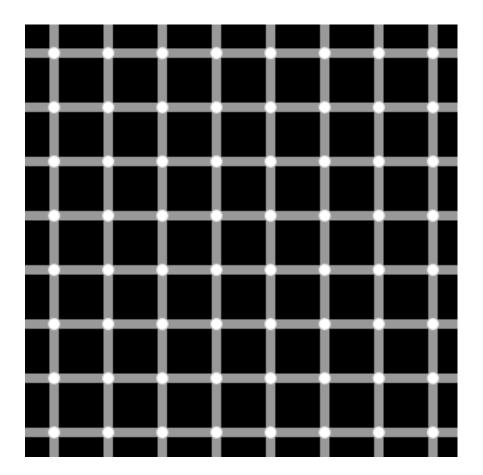


Physiological Illusions



- Result of excessive stimulation of the brain of a specific kind of optical input
- I.e. brightness, tilt, color, movement
- Once the brain has activated certain neural pathways for a period of time, the pathways can cause a physiological imbalance

Grid Illusion



Dark dots seem to appear and disappear at intersections

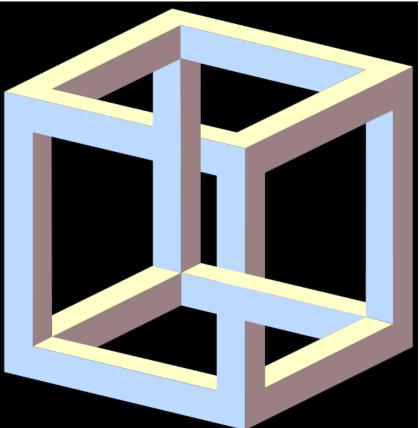


Cognitive Illusion



- Come from brain making assumptions based on color, space, brightness, perceptual, and shape
- Divided into ambiguous illusions, distorting illusions, paradox illusions, and fictional illusions

Impossible Cube



The impossible cube seen from an angle which produces an illusion of impossibility.

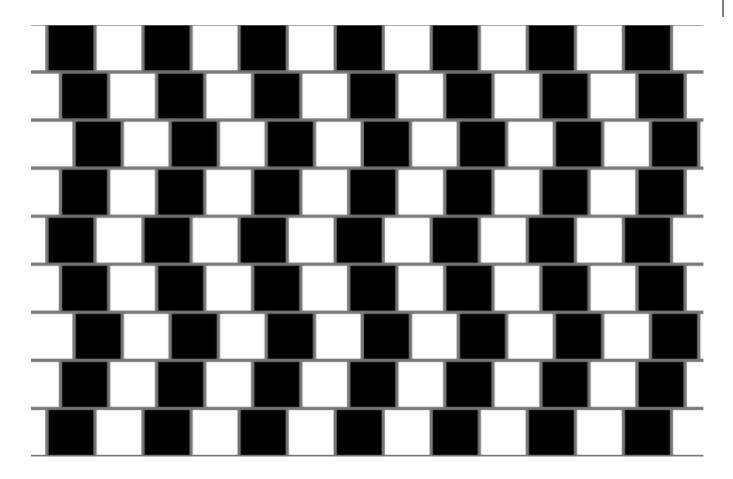


Rubin Vase





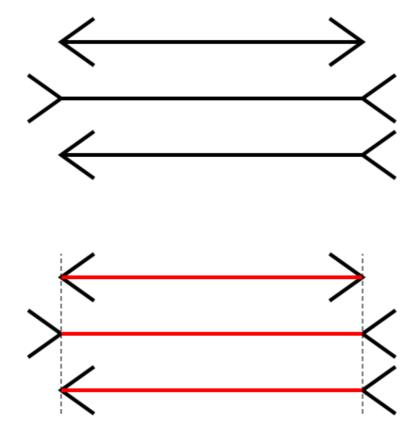
Café Wall Illusion



The horizontal lines are parallel, even if they seem otherwise.



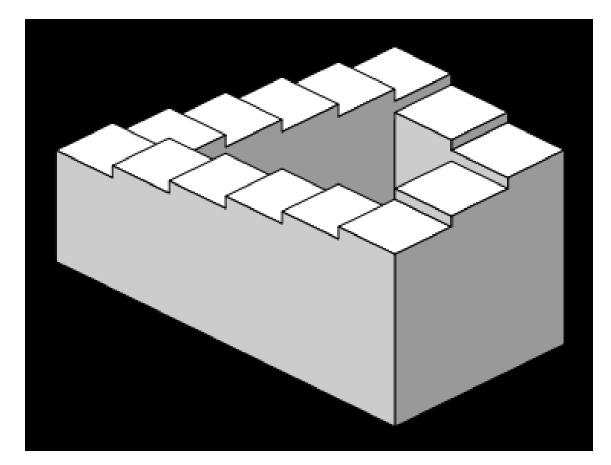
Müller-Lyer Illusion



The three horizontal lines have the same length.



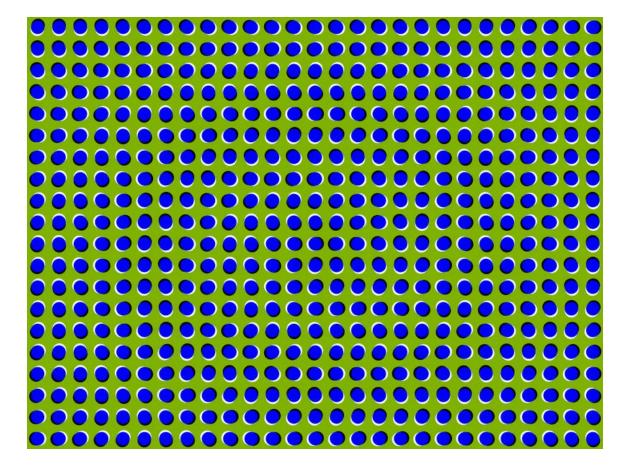
Penrose Staircase





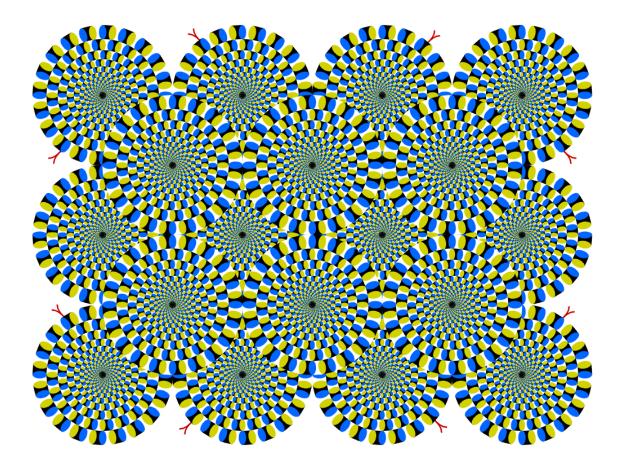
Motion Illusion



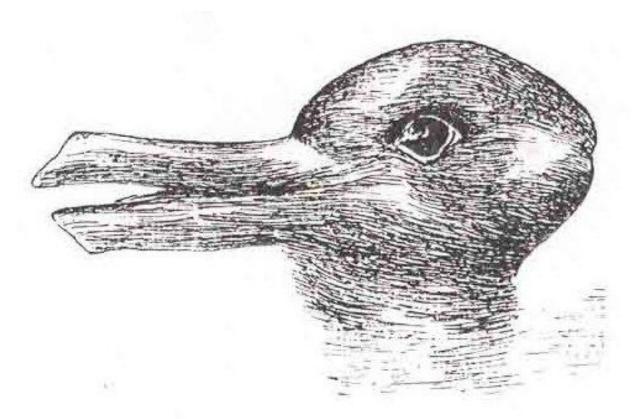




Peripheral Drift Illusion



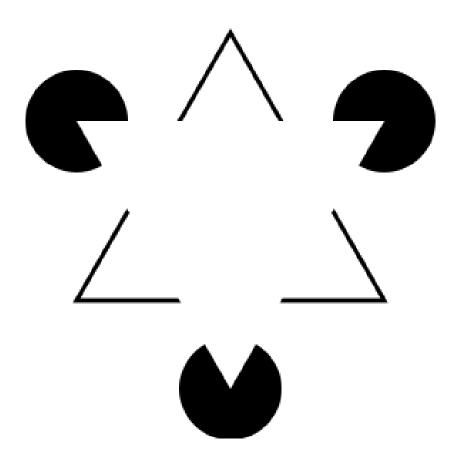
Duck-Rabbit Illusion





Kanizsa Triangle





Simultaneous Contrast Illusion

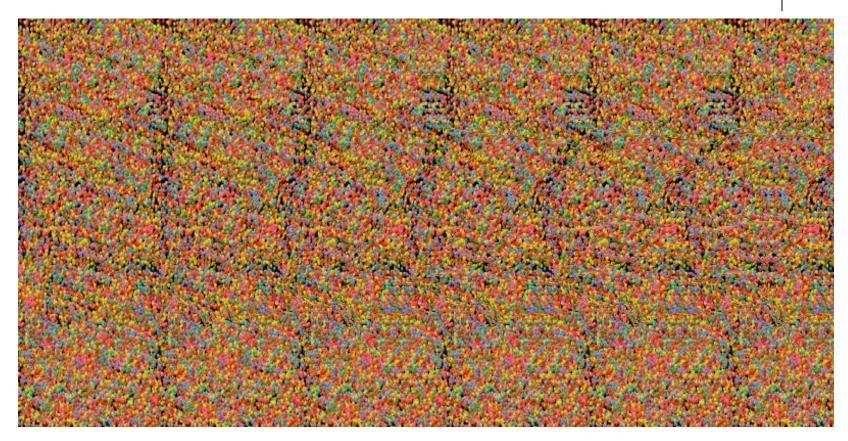




The horizontal grey bar is the same shade throughout.

Autostereogram

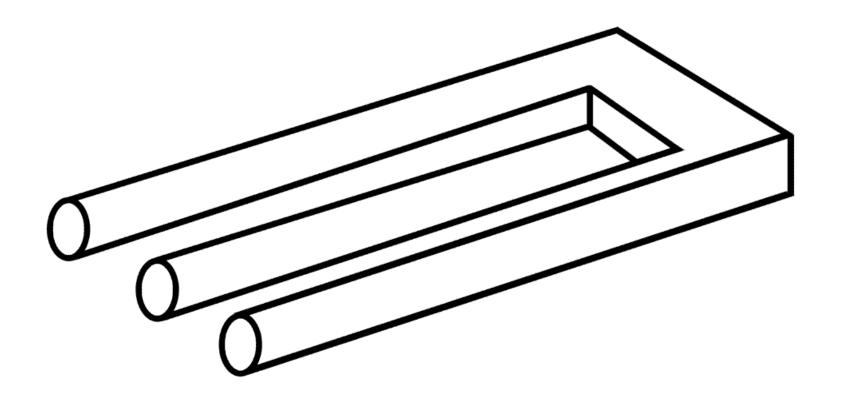




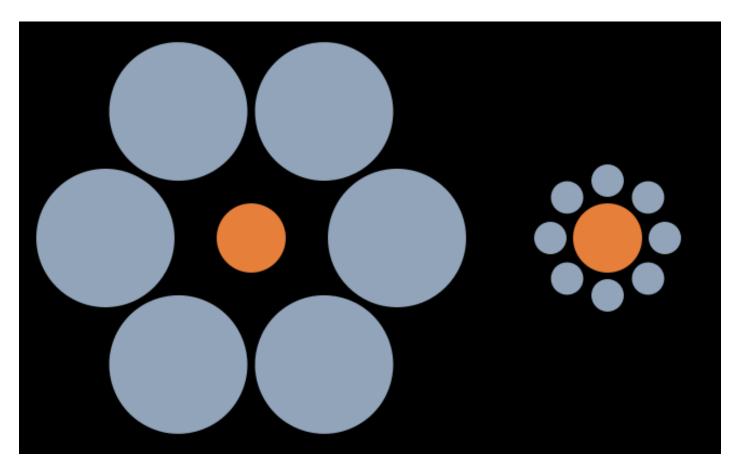
A 3D scene of a (colorfully dotted) shark swimming before a (colorfully dotted) background.

Blivet





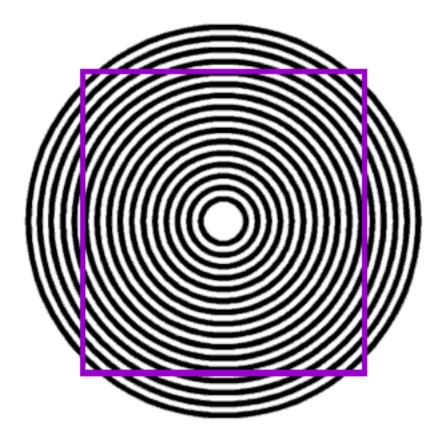
Ebbinghaus Illusion



The two orange circles are exactly the same size.



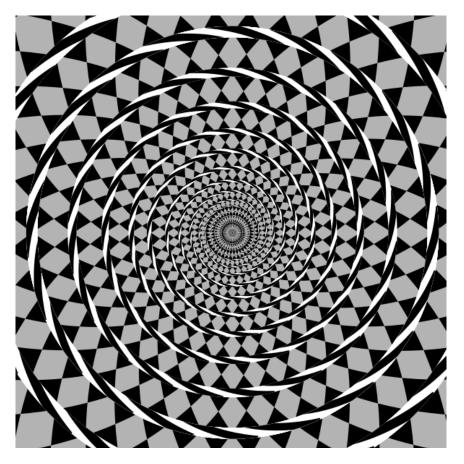
Ehrenstein Illusion



Sides of a square placed inside a pattern of concentric circles take an apparent curved shape.



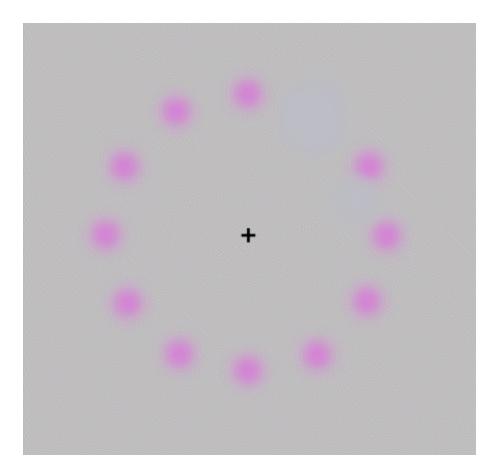
Fraser Spiral

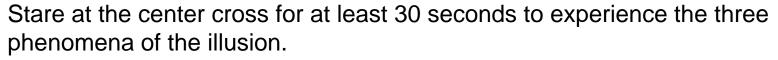


The arcs are a series of concentric circles.



Lilac Chaser









The Spinning Dancer



• If the foot touching the ground is perceived to be the left foot, the dancer appears to be spinning clockwise (if seen from above); if it is taken to be the right foot, then she appears to be spinning counterclockwise.

Interactive Illusions

- Can be seen here:
- <u>http://www.michaelbach.de/ot/</u>



