

# RADIAL BALANCE & SYMMETRY

## in Art & Design

Radial balance is symmetry in several directions.

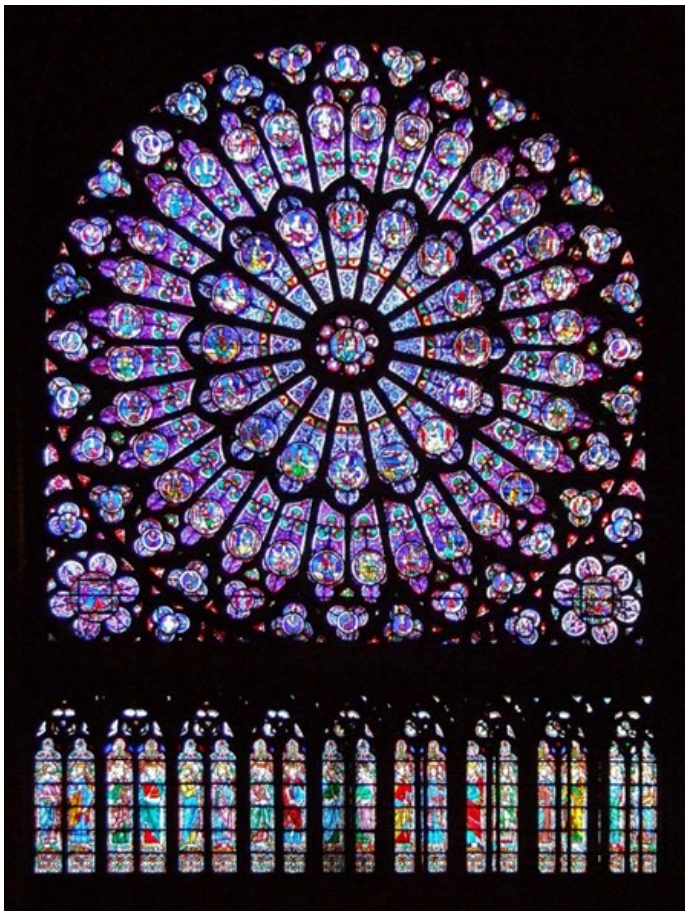
Visual elements are arranged around a central point in the composition, like the spokes on a bicycle wheel. Often, radially balanced designs are circular. Other shapes lend themselves to radial balance as well – squares, hexagons, octagons, stars, etc. Radial balance is prevalent in human designs such as car wheels, architectural domes or windows, clocks, and compasses.



^ Mandala of Amitayus, artist unknown, 19th century Tibetan school

Another recognizable human design using radial balance are mandalas. Mandalas originated in Asian cultures, but have been adopted and are appreciated globally as a calming and meditative practice.

One of the most common places to find radial balance is in nature! Spider webs, flowers, snail shells, and snowflakes are just some examples.



^ South Rose Window, Notre Dame, Paris

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in Nature

Draw what you see.

