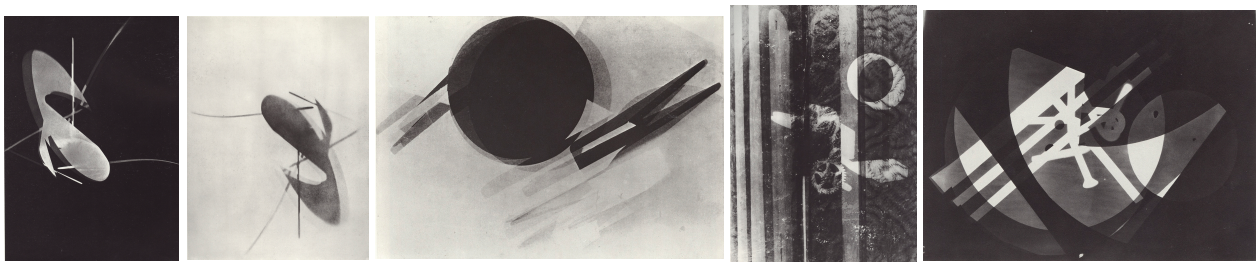
Photogram Assignment



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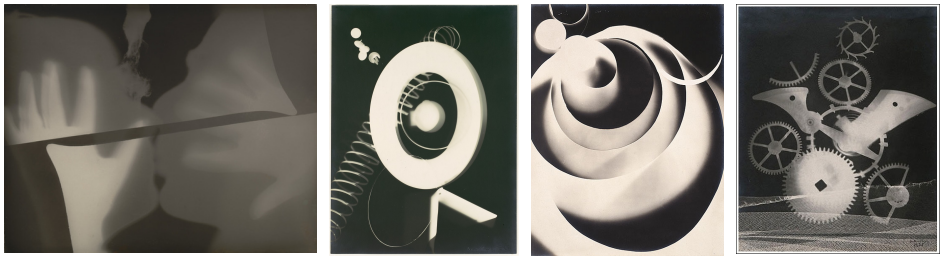

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Man Ray quotes:

> *"A camera alone does not make a picture. To make a picture, you need a camera, a photographer, and above all a subject. It is the subject alone that determines the interest of the photograph."*
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> *"Of course, there will always be those who look only at technique, who ask 'how', while others of a more curious nature will ask 'why'. Personally, I have always preferred inspiration to information."*

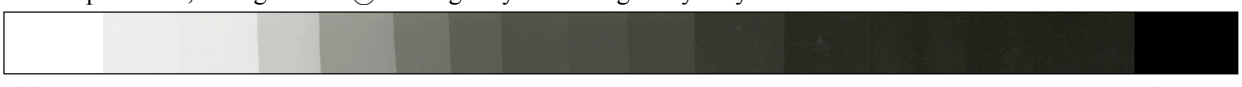
Requirements:

- 2 5x7 abstract photograms using design principles – line shape balance contrast pattern movement emphasis etc.
- **Each photogram must have a range of values, from solid black through grays to bright white**
- Nothing easily identifiable or cliché – hearts stars pencils coins film keys sunglasses phones earbuds ETC.

Tips for award-winning art!

- Overlap elements; place elements so they're almost touching; create interesting spaces between elements
- Use multiple exposures to create layers and windows of different values
- Have elements go off the edges
- Connect things with lines; point things to direct the eye to look from one element to another
- Create patterns
- Create/use texture
- Use variety, but also make things related enough that they add up to a whole
- Balance interest throughout the image so your eye doesn't just stick in one place
- Make your own interesting shapes using cut, bent, twisted, folded paper, foil, etc.
- Use water, oil, ink, mud, sand etc. on glass to paint. Try a laser pointer or other tiny controlled light source
- Tilt or curve the photo paper, float things above it, move it slightly during an exposure
- Be creative! Do your own mad darkroom science.

Test strip for f/16, enlarger head @ 32" high – your mileage may vary



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