

# **REPOUSSE**

Vocabulary & Scripture

PROJECT SCRIPTURE

# Matthew 10:9

Acquire no gold nor silver  
nor copper for your belts...

## PROJECT VOCABULARY

**REPOUSSAGE:** A French word that refers to the craft of embossing metal from the back to create a **low relief**, 3-D sculpture.

**COUNTER REPOUSSE:** After first using repousse to indent and emboss a metal surface, counter repousse is the technique of flipping the metal over and working on defining the texture further.

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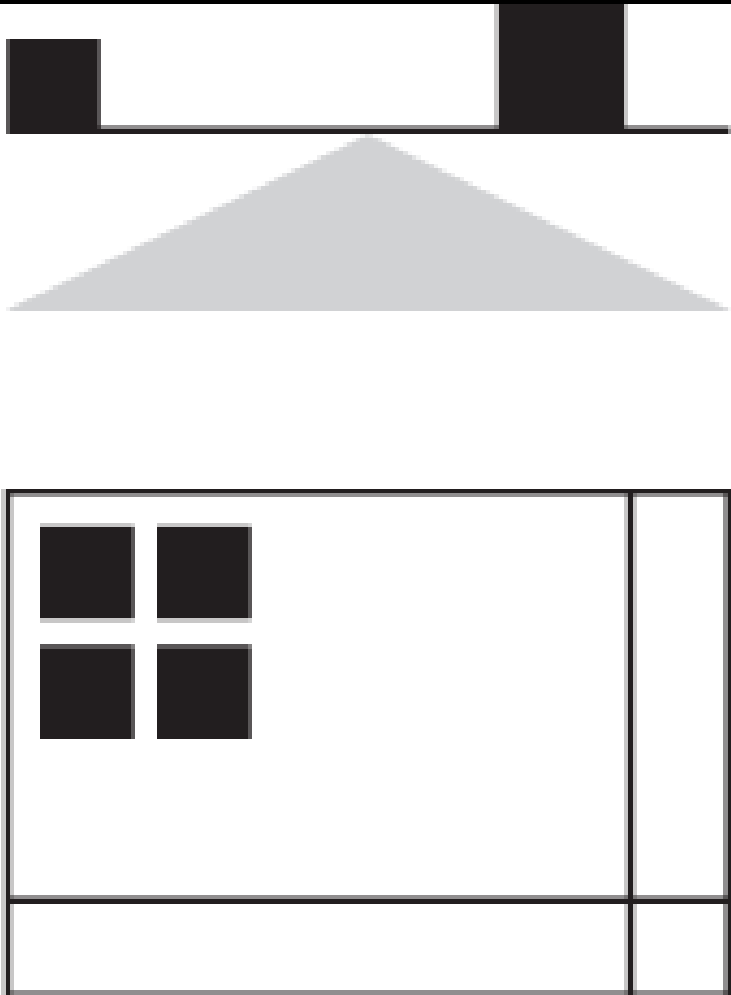
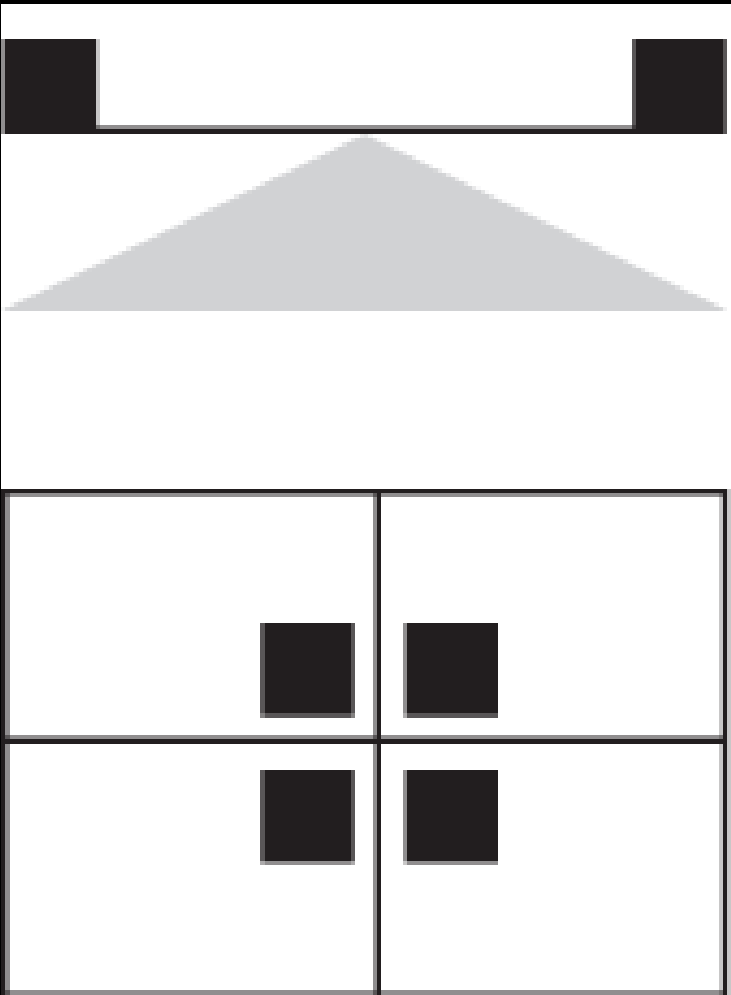
**SYMMETRY:** A design that is the same on both sides (has a mirror image)

**ASYMMETRY:** Informal balance/without symmetry. Details and weight of objects in composition are evenly distributed.

**PATTERN:** A repeated shape or design.

**TEXTURE:** How something feels (roughness/smoothness)

ASYMMETRICAL OR  
SYMMETRICAL?



## PROJECT VOCABULARY: TOOLS



**TOOLING:** Creating a 3-Dimensional art form out of a flat sheet of metal.

**STYLUS:** A tool used to “draw” designs and patterns on metal. The stylus allows you to emboss, or indent, the metal.

ETYMOLOGY: REPOUSSE

The word *repoussé* is French and means "pushed up", ultimately from Latin *pulsare*, which means "to push".

## FAMOUS WORKS

Mask of Tutankhamun's mummy, the popular icon for ancient Egypt at The Egyptian Museum.

Pharaoh of Egypt  
Reign ca. 1332–1323 BC





## FAMOUS WORKS



### Gundestrup Cauldron

Dates between 200  
BC and 300 AD

The cauldron is the  
largest known  
example of European  
Iron Age silver work.

## EXAMPLES





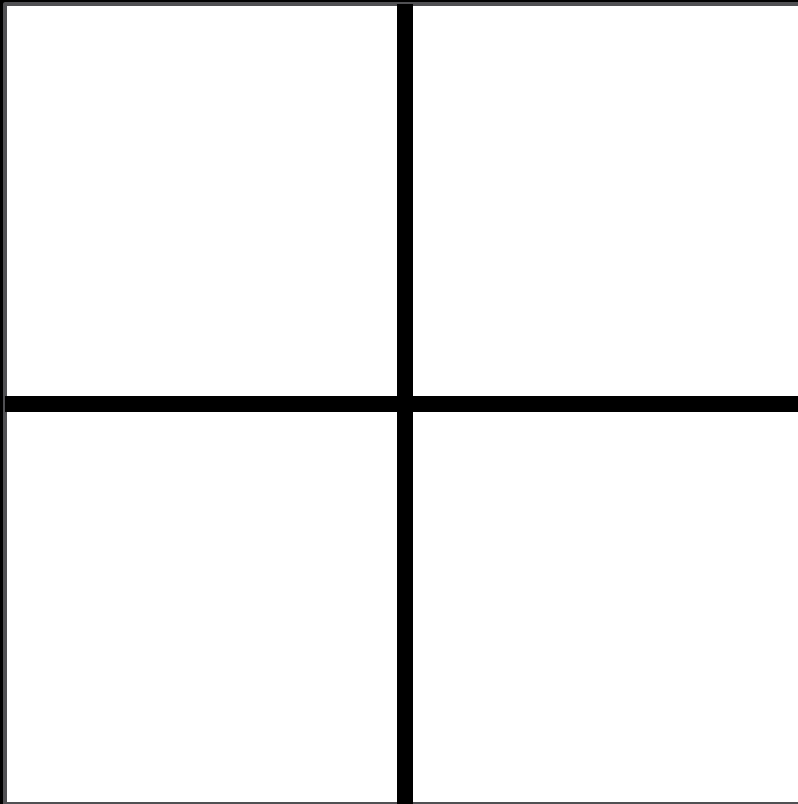
## RADIAL REPOUSSE EXAMPLES



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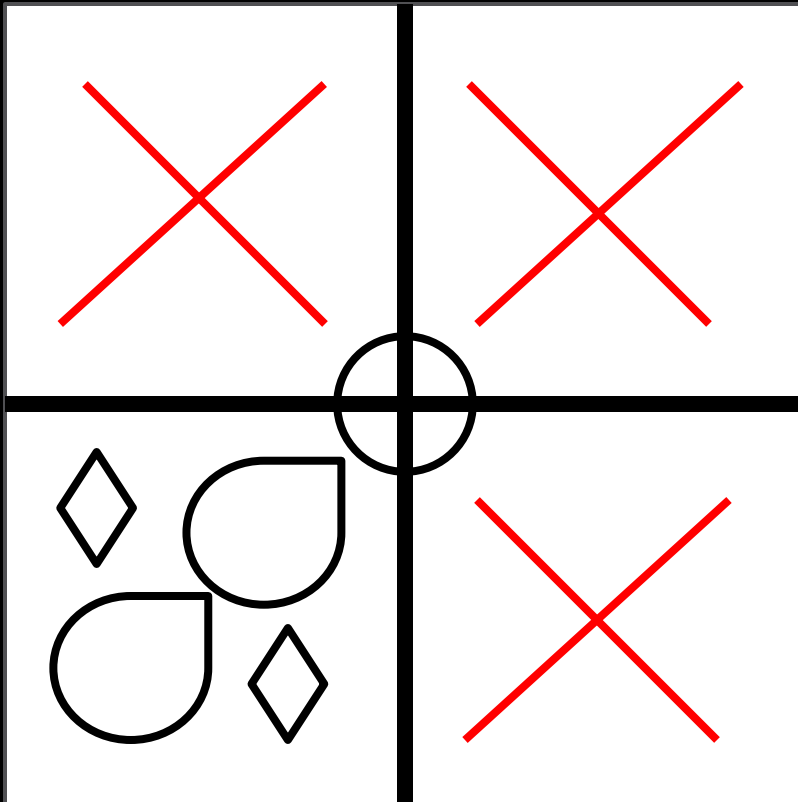
## CREATE A DESIGN



Use your ruler to create a 4" by 4" box in your sketchbook.

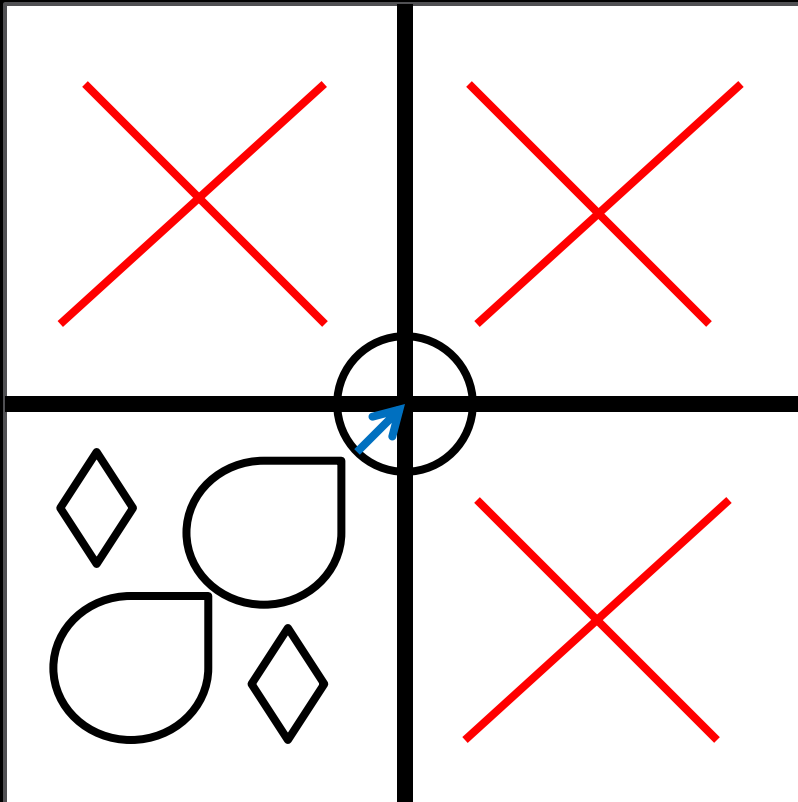
Then divide your box into 2" by 2" squares.

## CREATE A DESIGN



Only use one box to create your design.

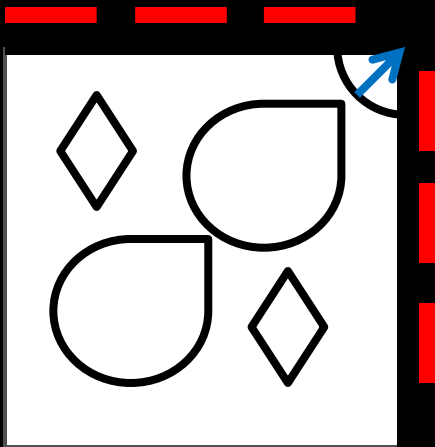
## CREATE A DESIGN



Draw an arrow pointing to the **CENTER** of your box. This will help you with your radial design.



## CREATE A DESIGN



Cut out your  
design to trace it  
onto the metal.



## WEBSITES

<http://morsearts.wordpress.com/2009/05/>

<http://www.triangleparkcreative.com/tips/design/principles>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Repouss%C3%A9\\_and\\_chasing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Repouss%C3%A9_and_chasing)