

Minimalism

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Minimalism Photography is a genre that is characterised by extreme austere simplicity.

It emphasises space, possibly focusing solely on a single object or a very small number of objects which will be small within the frame, or focusing on part of a much larger object which might fill the frame, but always emphasising that feeling of space and simplicity.

There is often an emphasis on complementary or contrasting colours.

Less is more

The goal of minimalist art, or photography, is to convey a concept – or an idea – provoke an emotional response, or provide a unique visual experience. Compositional elements must be kept to a minimum, and the ones that are left should be essential for conveying the overall idea, or symbolism, of the photo

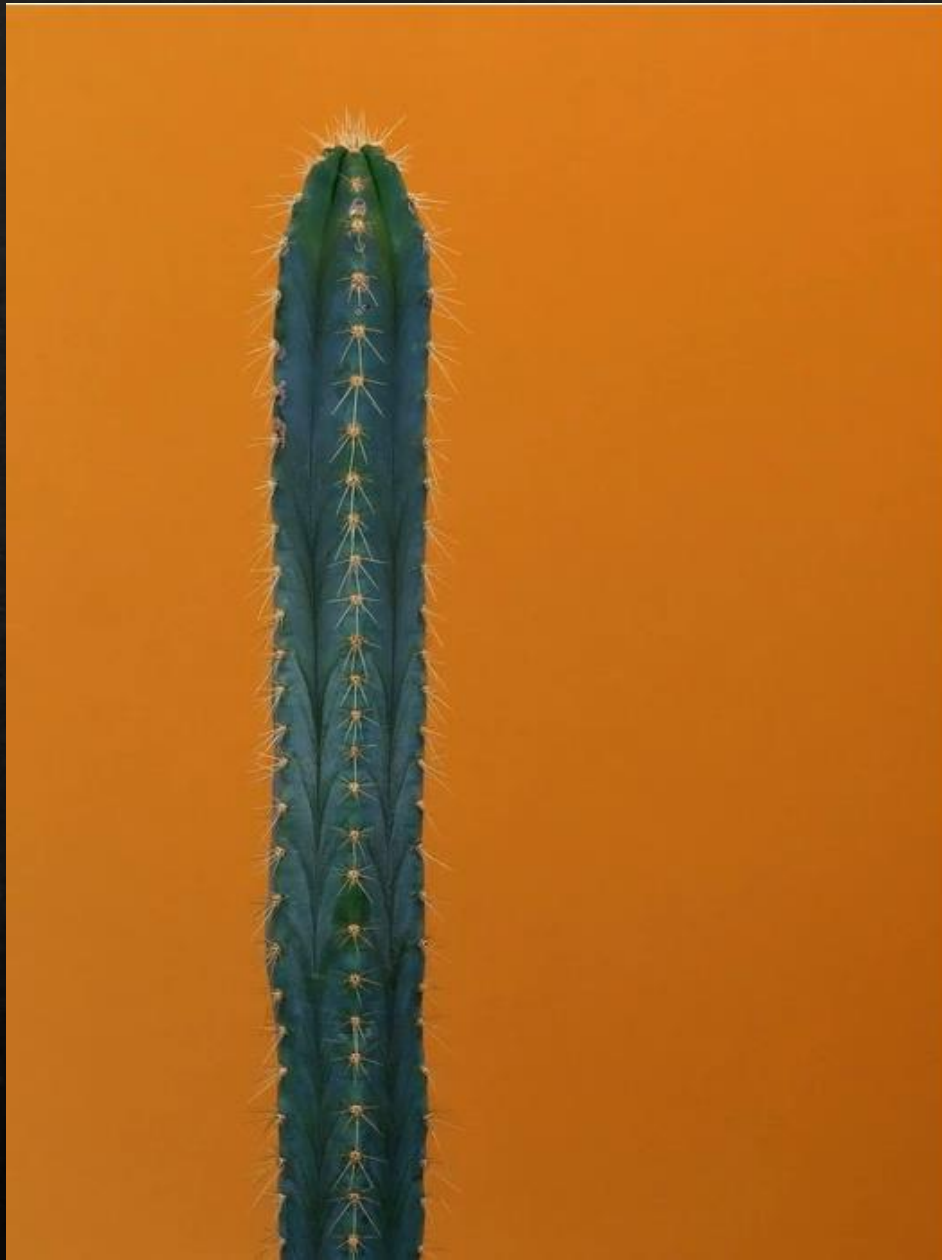
(Christina Harman – Contrastly.com)

A simple way to think about composition in terms of minimalist photography is to think about all of the elements in your shot, and decide what is actually necessary and what can be eliminated for the sake of the image as a whole.

(Format team – Format.com)

Keeping it simple

- ◆ One or very few objects
- ◆ Isolate the subject
- ◆ Negative space
- ◆ Uncluttered foreground and background – no distractions
- ◆ Strong composition (shape, colour/tone and line)
- ◆ Limited colour palette
- ◆ Contrasting colours and tones
- ◆ Monochrome

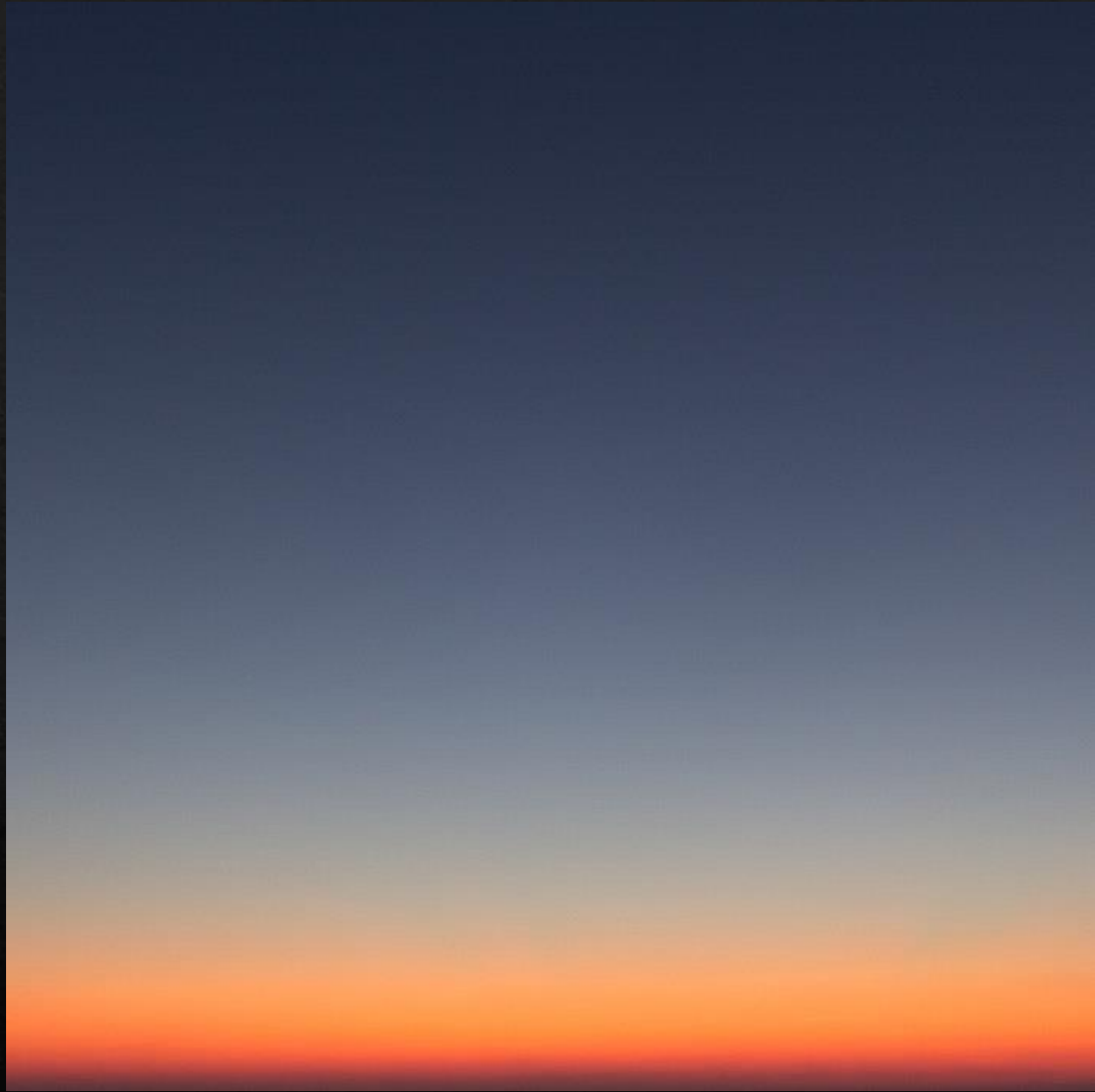


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Let's look at some images from the web.

All purport to be minimalist but are they,
and could they be improved?

You decide!



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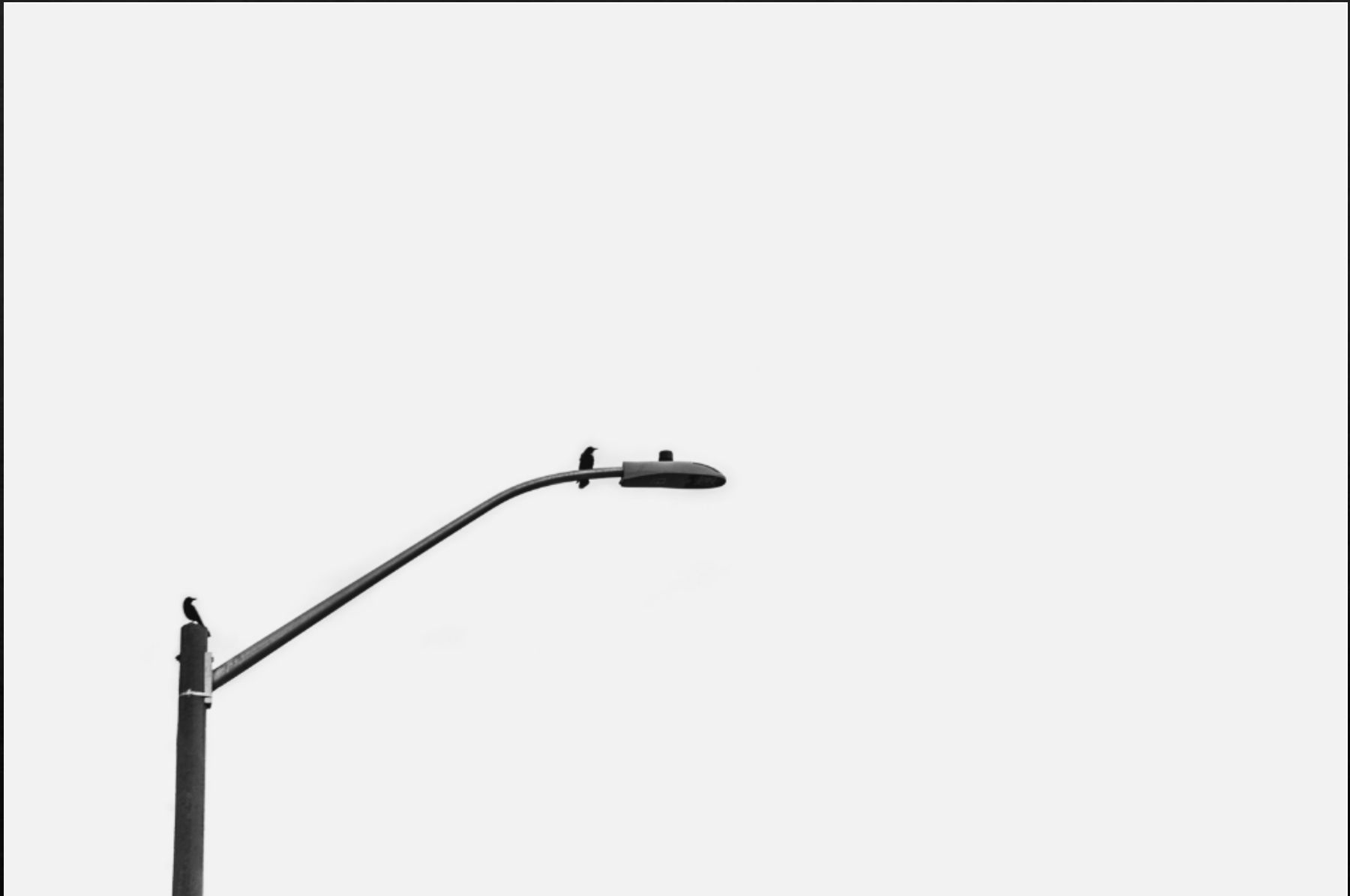
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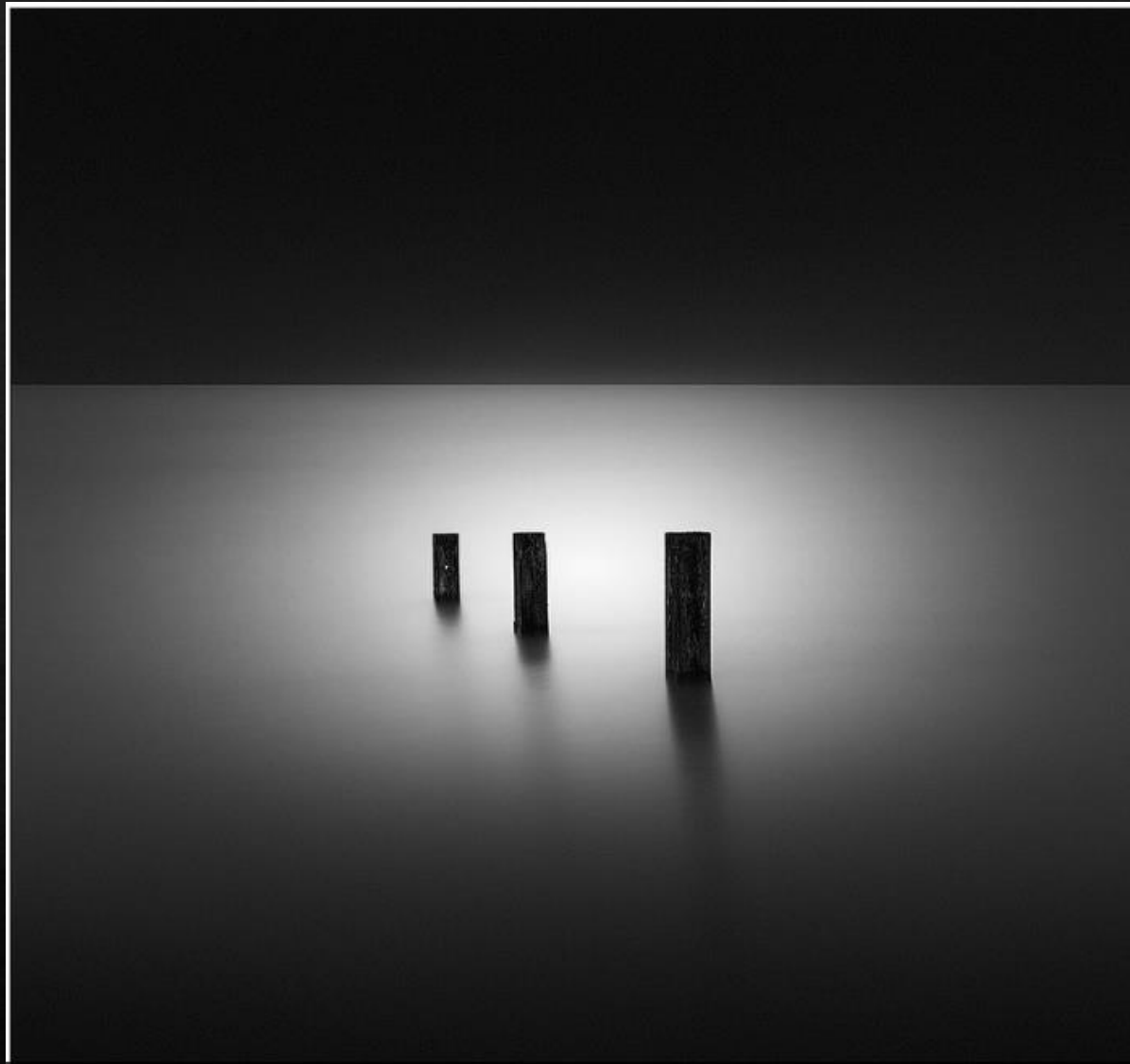


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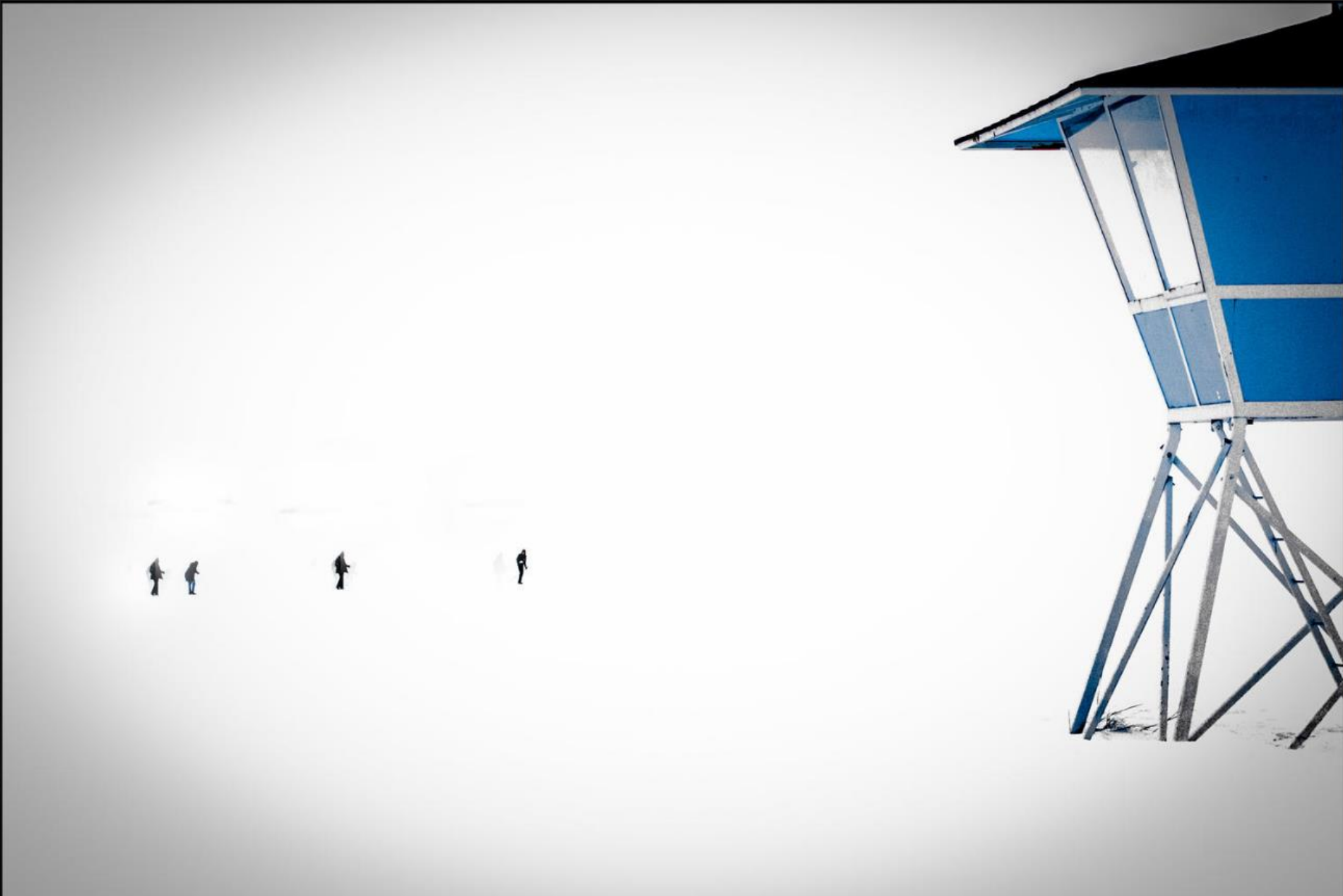


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Vince Lavender - Photocrowd





'Flamingos' by Ramkumar - Photocrowd photo contests





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Competition Brief

Minimalist photography is a **form of photography that is distinguished by extreme, austere simplicity**. It emphasises spareness and focuses solely on the smallest number of objects in the composition process.

Keep your composition simple by using the minimum number of subjects and place your subject such that you emphasize the space around it, make use of negative space. Use texture and colour to add emotion and atmosphere to your image, it helps to use as few colours as possible and complimentary colours will have greater impact.

You can apply the minimalist technique to any genre you like such as Landscapes, Still life, Street photography, portraiture etc. even abstracts.

There's lots of research material and examples on line, Pinterest, Wikipedia etc. Just remember to keep it simple

