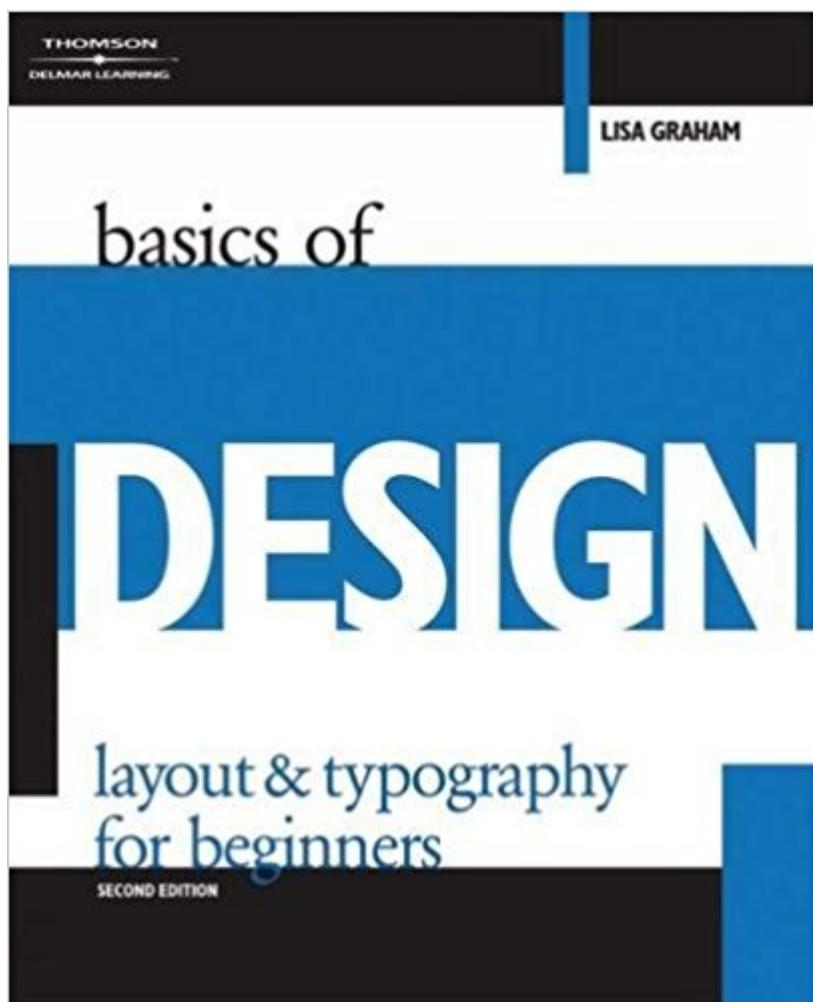


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# Basics Of Design: Layout & Typography For Beginners (Design Concepts)



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This classic introduction to high-impact page design is now fully updated for a new generation of designers. *Basics of Design: Layout and Typography for Beginners* demystifies the design process with straightforward and complete explanations of the fundamental principles that create first-rate visual design. Readers learn essential design terminology and develop their knowledge and skills through visual examples and hands-on activities that reinforce page layout and typography concepts. Side-by-side critiques of before-and-after page layouts help readers understand how to apply design principles to their own efforts and point the way to excellence in design.

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This is a really simple book which offers BEGINNING graphic design students a source of simplified information about layouts and type. This book is directed towards purely beginner designers and students who are in the intro classes. I wouldn't suggest this book if you have ANY prior knowledge of graphic design, but I whole heartedly suggest this book to any student who is just starting out. With that being said, there are other books out there that offer more valueable information, but this book is a good simplified source of information that is easy to take in and understand. This book is a good starting point.

The book is "designed" for beginners. It is great for brainstorming about - say - crafting a corporate identity using logos, newsletters, business cards, etc. However it is dated. Few pages are in color. The author doesn't assume the reader has access to industry-standard design software like the Adobe Creative Suite, or even to a computer for that matter. The author sometimes suggests the reader use crayons to "recreate" various design techniques involving color. But the basics are there, the principles are well explained and the price is right. Skip over the dated stuff and use the book to get a good foundational intro to the world of layout and design.

I bought this book for my DIGM class at the University of Houston, and it is a great guide to layouts, presentation in writing, posters, ect. In all printed materials, it is always best to make sure the print is legible, makes a good statement and can capture the audiences attention.

Purchased this textbook for a fundamentals of design course. It is a decent text, and worth the used book price I paid of about \$25. Nothing I would keep in my library for future use, unless one is completely unfamiliar with design principles.

I like how it's easy to read and provides illustrations. I have been doing the exercises at the end of the chapters in class. Layout is an interesting concept and I like how the author breaks it down. I would recommend this book for beginners doing layout and design.

Lots of basic tips and rules for design! Used this book for a college class. Mostly black and white but

like I said lots of good tips and basic rules. Colors, layout, contrast, etc.

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