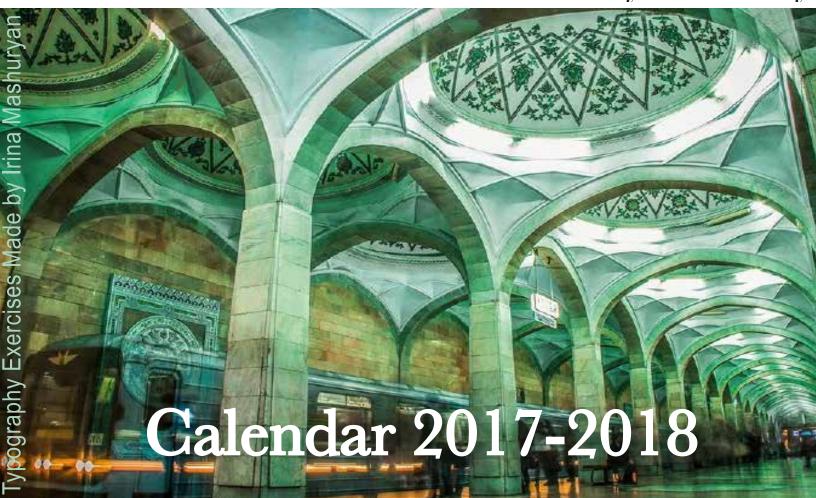
Urban Legends





UNDERGROUND TASHKENT METRO

by Luke Coffey



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Exercise 1
Set the title in a sans serif font, any size or style. The Body Copy must be in a serif font, and must not be larger than 11 pts. Divide the copy into 2 columns: 1st column MUST be FR/RL, the second column MUST FL/RR. A credit line (writer's names) may be serif or sans serif, but should be no larger than 8 pts.

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Upon entering a Tashkent Metro station, the warm, stale smell found in almost any underground system in the West quickly dissipates once you have purchased your light-blue plastic token and passed the guard barriers. Wide platforms and high ceilings give the impression, in many of the stations, of being in a light, airy, immaculately clean hall. The ubiquitous policemen patrol every platform, which reassures one's safety concerns (though foreigners should expect to be asked for identification). Relative to the city's size, the Tashkent Metro has the reach and accessibility of the London Underground, the efficiency of the New

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Exercise 2
Use the width of all your 4 columns for the single text block. The title should be Sans serif all caps. The text should be centered lines in a serif font. Your choice of point size and leading. Add a related dingbat, or small decorative element.

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Exercise 3
Use solid leading, justifed alignment, sans serif text. Use 2 columns in your grid for the single text block. The title should be a serif font. It's size, style, and position is up to you.

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Use exaggerated positive leading, justifed, sans serif text. Use 3 columns in your grid. Create a lead-in design element by treating a few of the words to distinguish them from the rest of the text.

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Exercise 5 The body copy will be used twice. One time must set with positive leading (FL/RR). Then repeated with exaggerated negative leading (FR/RL) (this text will be illegible) Use 2 text blocks in the entire width of your grid.

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Exercise 6

Use a serif font for the body copy and sans serif for title. Set the body text justifed in one block the width of the entire text area. Add an image with a text wrap (contour, not square). The text must runaround the image with a comfortable outset (approximately 0.25 inch.). Set a credit line (writer's names) in serif or sans serif, but should be no larger than 8 pts. Title size, style, and position is up to you.

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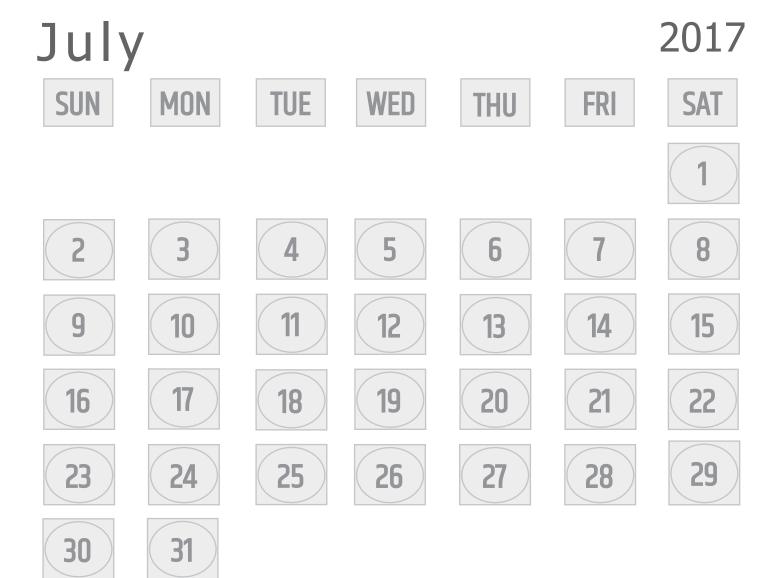
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Set your text in sans serif in 2 justifed blocks. Use any number of grid columns. Add one image that will be placed between the 2 columns of text. The text must runaround/wrap the image box with a comfortable outset. The title size, style, and position is up to you.

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Exercise 9
Begin the text with a drop cap set in a sans serif or decorative display font. Then follow it with a text transition in serif small caps, then regular serif text for the rest of the copy. Justify your text. Set the text in one block the entire width of the text area. Make the title sans serif in the same style as the drop cap. The size and position is up to you.

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Exercise 10
Use a raised cap with text transition in italics, then regular serif text justifed. Use 3 columns of your grid. Size, style, and position of the title is up to you.

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Use a sans serif font for both, title and text. Set the title in caps and small caps. Kern carefully and size it to 2 grid columns wide. Justify the text across 3 grid columns. You choose the size and leading. Use rules and bars creatively as design elements.

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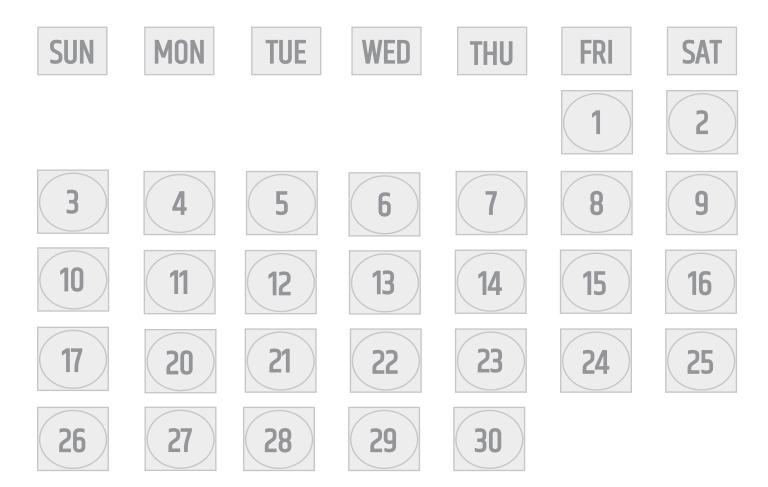
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Exercise 12

The serif text must be set in 3 individual blocks using 3 grid columns. Column height (top to bottom) can vary for copy blocks, but must not exceed 15 picas. They can be shorter. Align the text to the baseline grid. Title must be sans serif, upper and lower case, sized to the width of 3 columns.

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Use The width of all four columns of the grid for a singe text block. The second paragraph must indent on the left and on the right (you choose measurement). Add space before and after that paragraph. Title and credit specs up to you.

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Exercise 16
Use sans serif all caps for the title. Make the title vertical. Use a serif font for the text in one block Flush left/ragged right. Pull a quote and drop it out of a black box. Creatively position it within the layout. Use all 4 columns of your grid.

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Select a short quote or phrase from the text and place it on a curved path. Make it larger than the text. Text and headline specs are up to you.

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