What is required on a scroll in Caid?

Always:

- Name of the recipient
- Name of the award
- Date the award was given
- King and queen who gave the award.
- Kingdom seal
- Royal attestation: "We [king and queen] hereby certify."
- 1" margains.

If this is the first award of a given level. Their first AoA level award, or their first Grant, or their first Peerage. Ex) If the person has received a Harp, and then later receives their Dolphin, the Dolphin does not need to bear the recipient's arms.

Arms/Heraldry

- The blazon (written description of given arms).
- Herald's attestation: "So also does Crescent Herald certify" If arms are depicted.
- Crescent Herald's Seal

What is NOT required on a scroll in Caid?

- The full heraldic achievement: mantling, helm, medallion of the order etc.
- Lengthy text
- Both of the texts below are legal:

Let all with eyes to see and ears to hear know the will of Athanric & Sigriðr, sovreign king and queen of Caid.

Whereas we are well pleased by his skill in Art of Rapier Combat. Furthermore, to give credit to and acknowledge that he has taught and shared his skill with others in defense of our august realm Caid. It pleases us to admit Lorenzo di Vita as a premier of the Right Honourable Order of the Argent Blade of Caid.

By this grant we do affirm his exclusive right to be bear the arms: Quarterly Or and sable, two wolves rampant Or. And as token of our esteem & his honor, We grant him the privilege of showing as achievement a medallion bearing the badge of the order. Per bend sinister azure and argent, a rapier bendwise and a bordure embattled counterchanged.

This we have done this X day of October, A.S. L, being MMXV by the Common Reckoning. In testimony of We here set Our hand & affix the Great Seal of Caid. So also does the Crescent Herald of Caid attest by seal & signature to the validity of the name and armoury herein. We, Athanric & Sigriðr, king and queen of Caid are pleased to admit Lorenzo di Vita as a member of the Right Honourable Order of the Argent Blade of Caid.

By this grant we do affirm his exclusive right to be bear the arms: Quarterly Or and sable, two wolves rampant Or.

This we have done this X day of October, A.S. L, being MMXV by the Common Reckoning. In testimony, We here set Our hand & affix the Great Seal of Caid. So also does the Crescent Herald of Caid attest by seal & signature to the validity of the name and armoury herein.

Heraldic Achievements in Caid

All heraldic achievements are optional. The arms are the only part that is required:

Award of Arms: Steel Gray/Black Helm, & Mantling

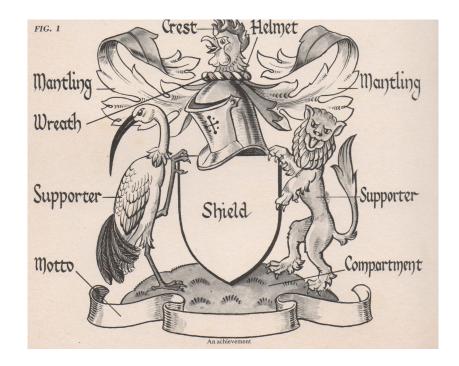
Grant of Arms:

Steel Gray/Black Helm, & Mantling. Crest.

Patent of Arms (Peerage)

Full achievement (see below) with a silver helmet.

- Laurel: Laurel Wreath.
- Master of Defense: White Livery Collar.
- Knight: White Belt.
- Pelican: Pelican



Period Ways to Add Arms

Class Discussion

Dimensions, Margains, & Seals

Dimensions

Period manuscripts were not always large. As a matter of fact, by modern standards, some period illuminated manuscripts were practically miniscule. While you are not barred from doing a larger piece, keep in mind that it will be more expensive for the recipient to frame. You're encouraged to choose a standard framing size. If you're not sure, just do a Google search and see if frames in that size are readily available under \$20.

Margains

Your piece should have 1" margains meaning that there should be a one inch strip around the outside edge of the piece that is not painted, designed, or calligraphed. Be careful to consider the margains when designing your scrolls. For example: If you're working on a 12x16" sheet of bristol board, your design will need to be 10x14."

Seal Sizes

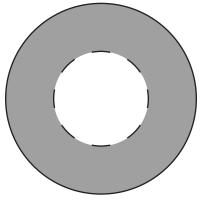
The actual dimensions of the current seals are 1.75" and 1.5" respectively. That being said, the seals are never that exact size when the wax is laid down. If you want the seals to be clear of the design, leave at least 2."

If you want the seals to be more integrated into the design, paint partially under the seals, leave the center bare still so the wax adheres easily to the paper. See diagram to the right:

• 2" inch circle laid dout.

• Paint the gray area up to the interior dotted line with nonessential design.

• Do not paint anything within the 2" seal space that is essential and cannot be covered over by wax.



Design Concepts

Horror Vacui

"Fear of open space" which played a huge part in many period artworks. Especially illuminated manuscripts.

Symmetry

A piece that's symmetrical is mirrored horizontally or vertically across a center axis like a butterfly's wings. Generally there has to be at least 30%-50% difference between two symmetrical sides before the a-symmetry looks intentional rather than like an error.

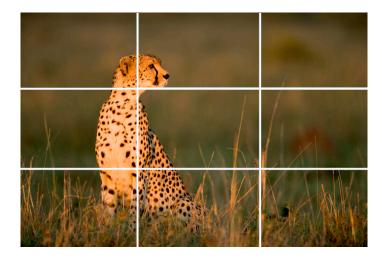
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Balance and visual weight. And where to place typographical emphasis.

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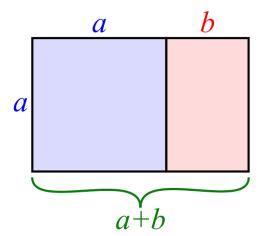
Rule of Thirds

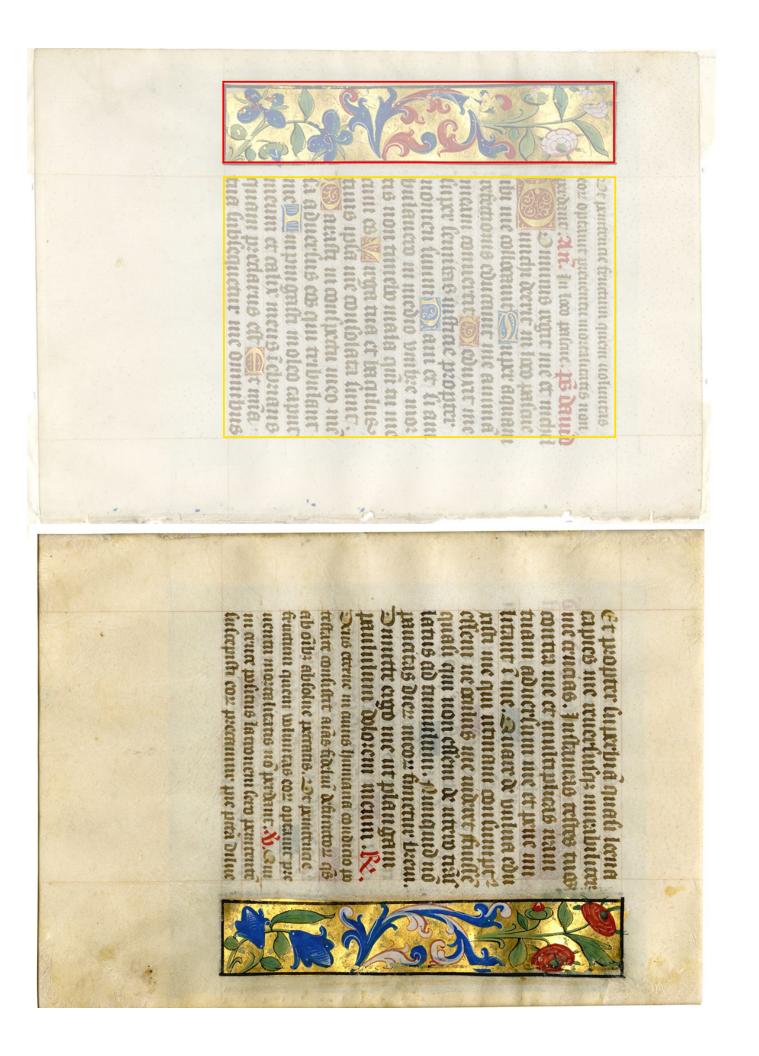
The rule of thirds is a "rule of thumb" or guideline which applies to the process of composing visual images such as designs, films, paintings, and photographs. The guideline proposes that an image should be imagined as divided into nine equal parts by two equally spaced horizontal lines and two equally spaced vertical lines, and that important compositional elements should be placed along these lines or their intersections.

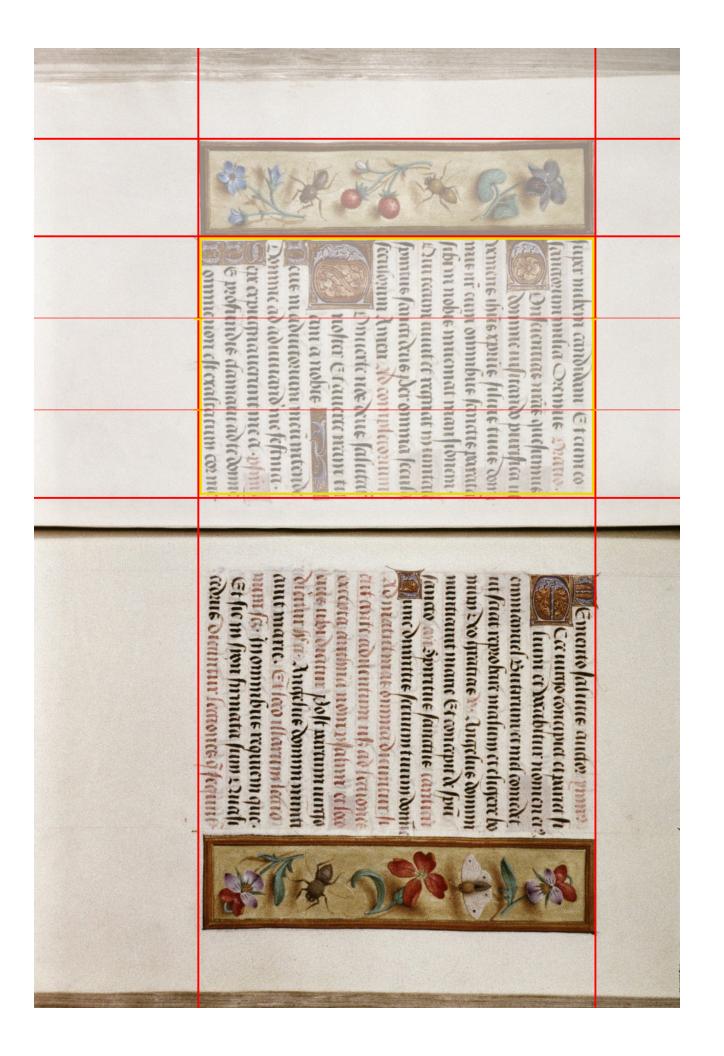


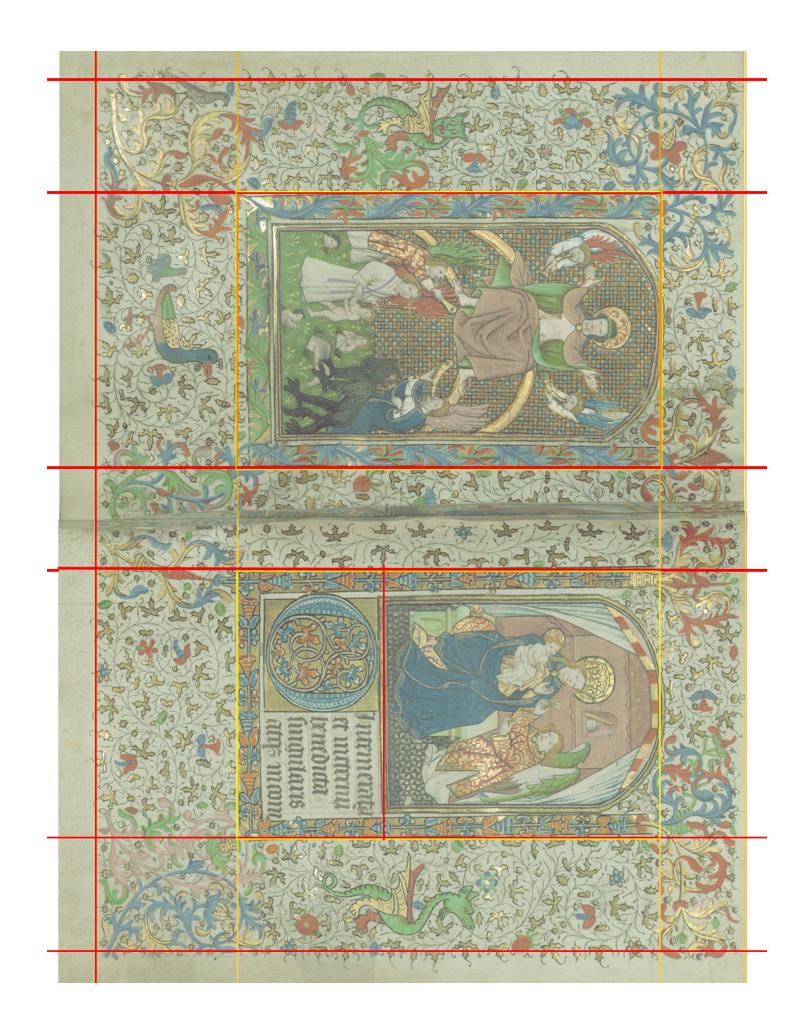
Golden Ratio

Mathmeticians since Euclid (300 BCE) have studied the properties of the golden ratio. The golden ratio is 2:3. A golden rectangle may be cut into a square and a smaller rectangle, and the rectangle will have the same aspect ratio of the original. It appears throughout period works.

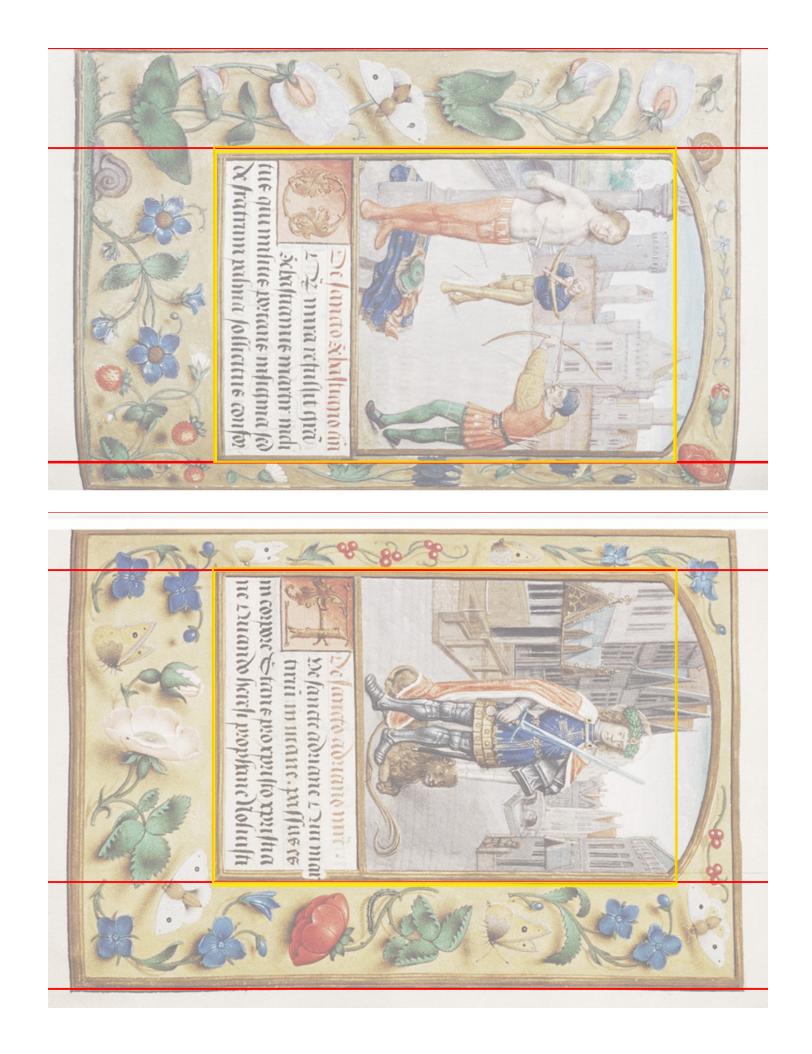


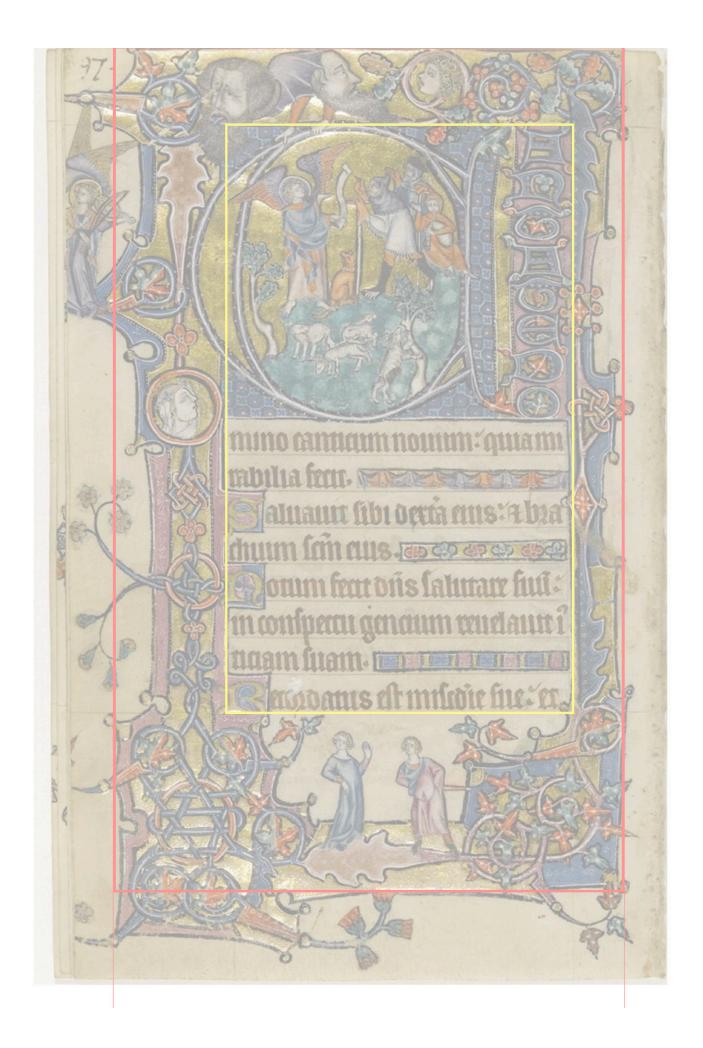




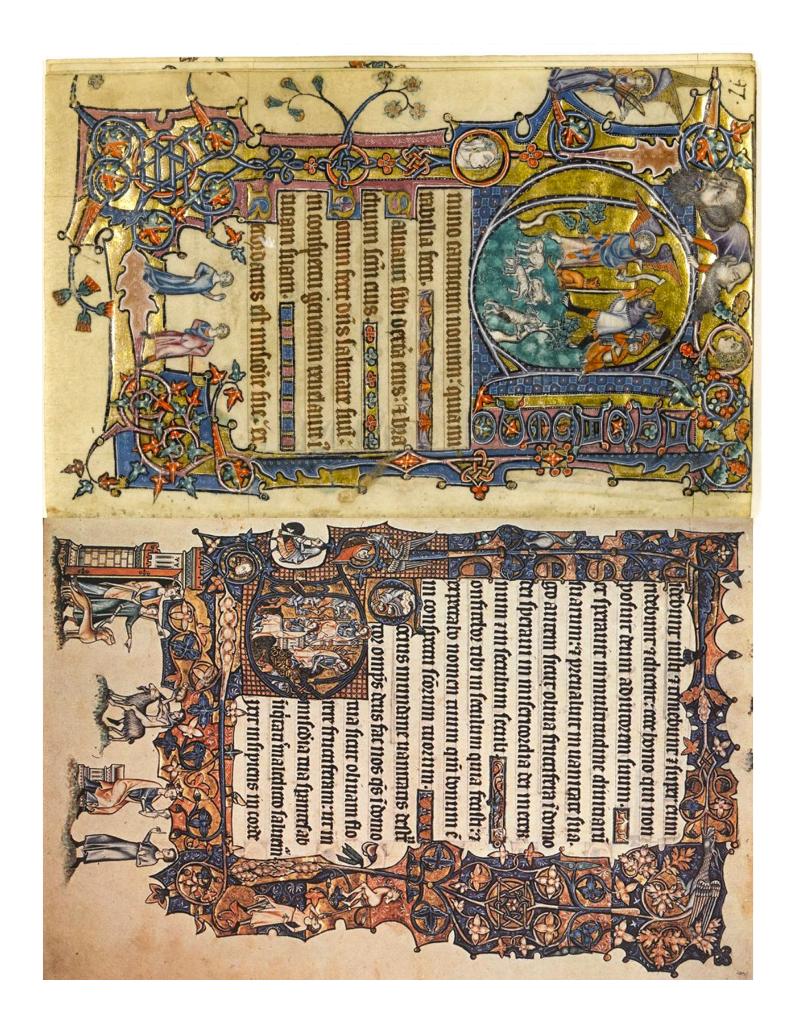














It being period, doesn't make it good.

