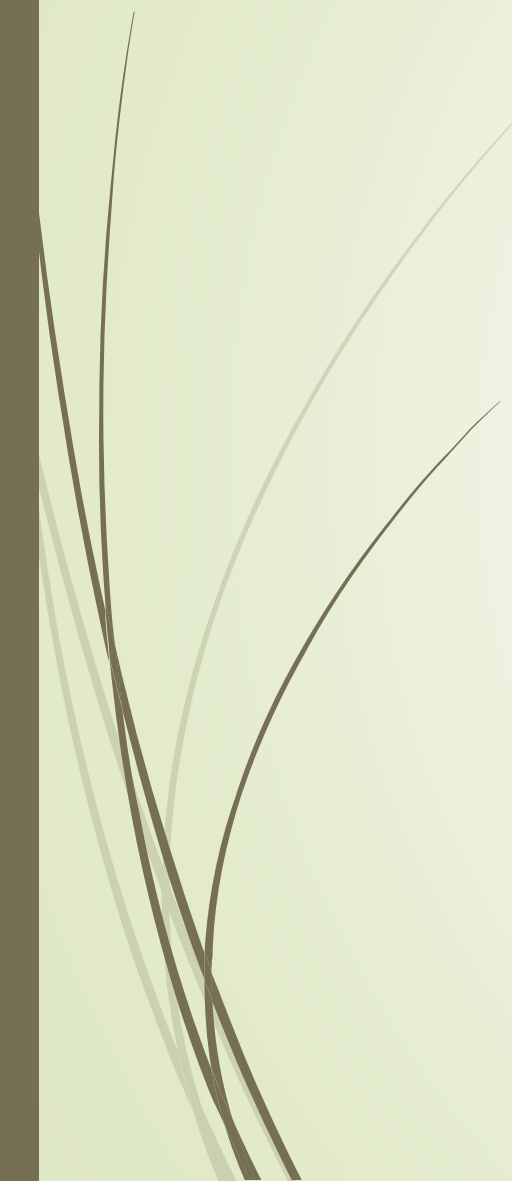




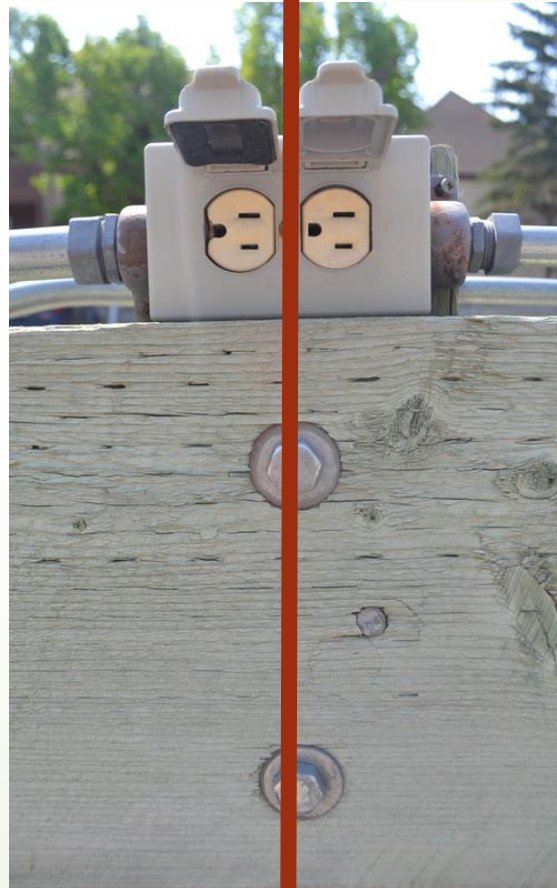
# SYMMETRY



# What is symmetry?

- **SYMMETRY** refers to a line that **splits an object in half** and, if both sides of the object are an exact **mirror image** of each other, then this object is said to be symmetrical.
  - Depending on how you are holding the camera and how much of a scene you choose to show, you can strengthen or weaken the symmetric properties of an object or scene.
  - Symmetry lets you automatically create harmony and a sense of aesthetically pleasing balance and proportion in a photograph.
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- ➔ **Vertical Line of Symmetry:** If an object's line of symmetry is perpendicular to the horizon line, it has a vertical line of symmetry.




- ▶ **Horizontal Line of Symmetry:** If an object's line of symmetry is parallel to the horizon line, it has a horizontal line of symmetry.

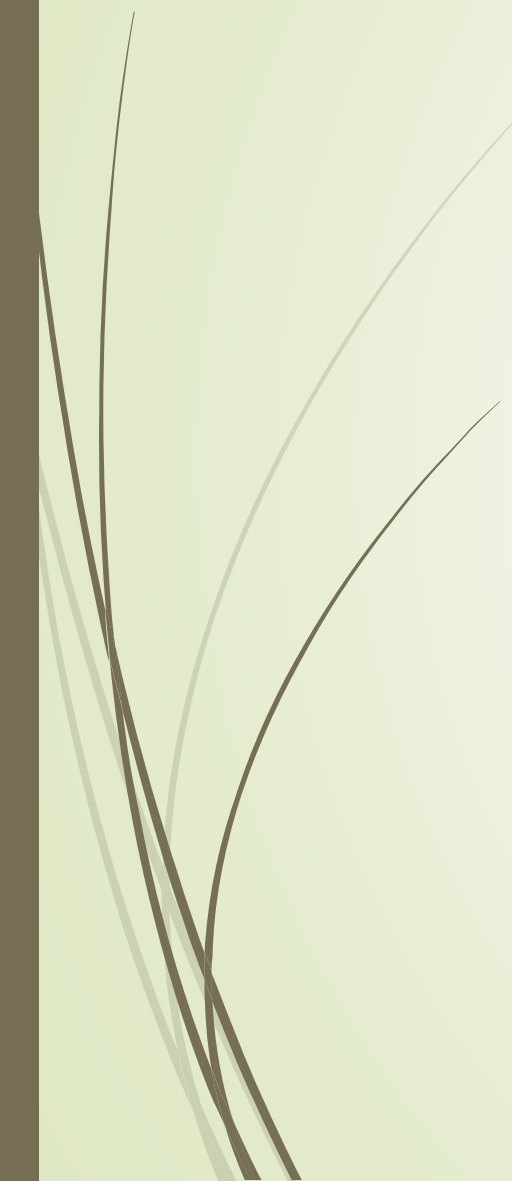


- **Vertical and Horizontal Lines of Symmetry:** can replicate the image both horizontally and vertically.





Where is the dividing line, or “axis,” in these examples?





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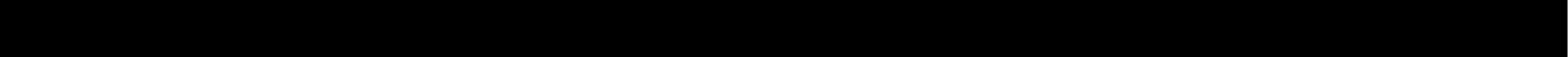
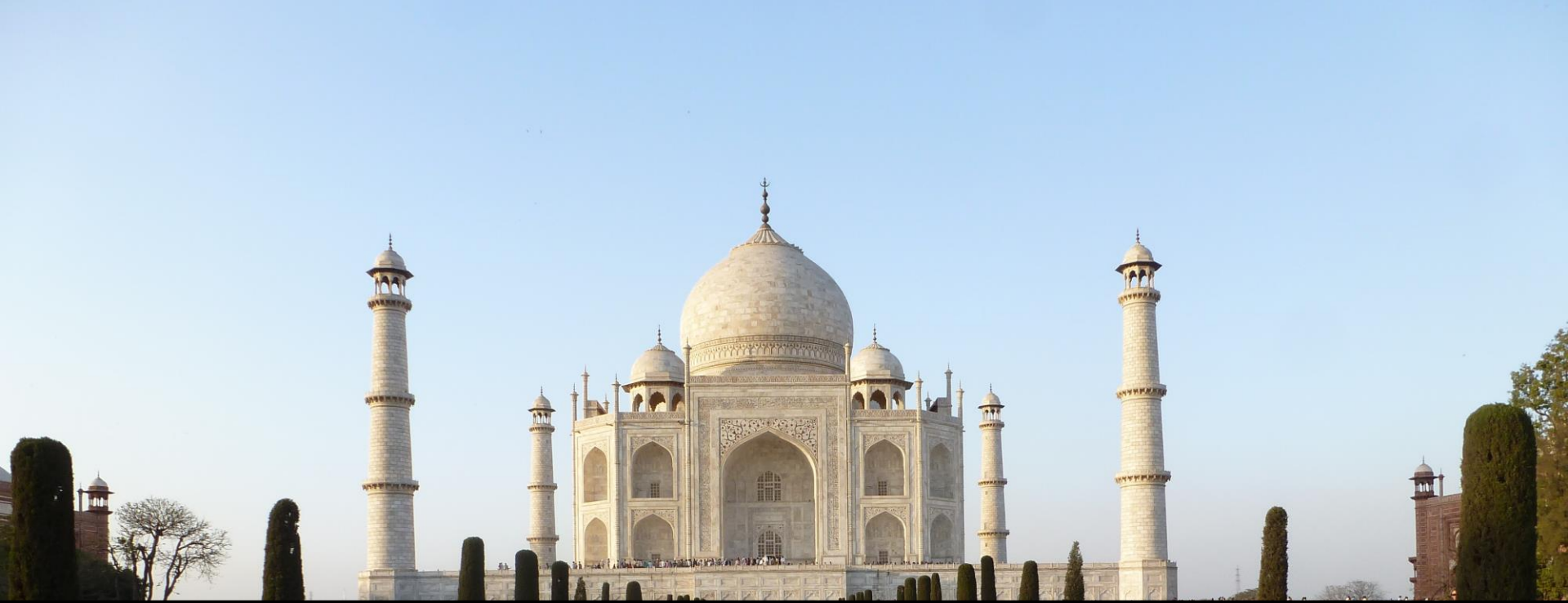
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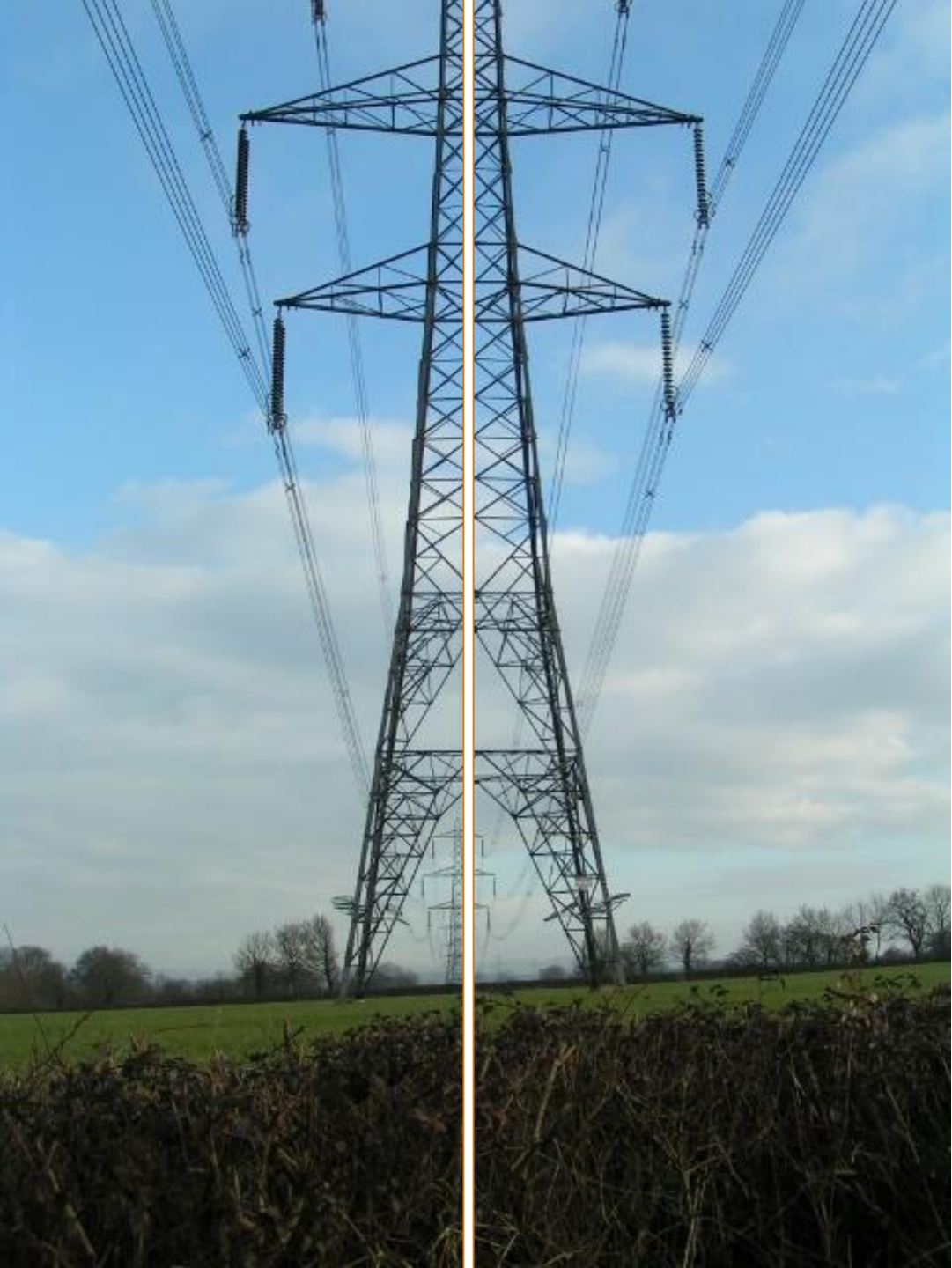
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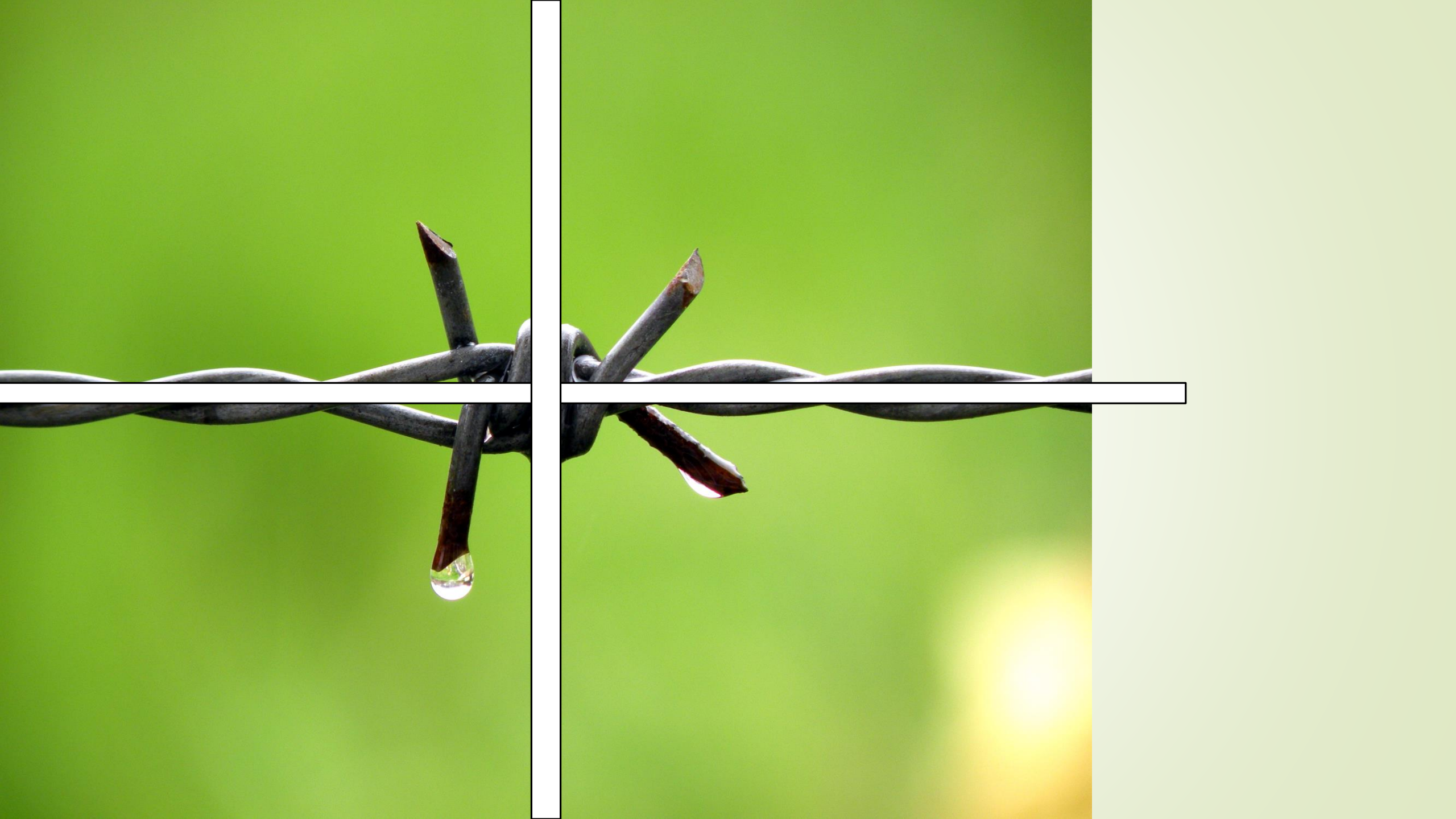
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Take a look at these photos for more great examples of symmetry:

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