

Poster class example: long titles are really exciting and totally readable

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Introduction

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Figure 1: What a great poster!

It’s important to give your reader a reason to keep reading your poster—why should they care about your project? Tell them!

Materials and Methods

Some basic information about how you went about doing your research. You might want to have some images here that show some of your equipment, your lab setup, or some other relevant things. (For example, for a project on image processing, you might have a “before” and “after” image.)

- Use itemized lists rather than full paragraphs of text
- Remember, people are supposed to be intrigued by your poster
- The details should be in your full report or thesis
- Tell them how to get those (if they can) at the end of the poster

Results

Here we have the real meat of the poster. Talk about what you did, how it worked out, and how it could have gone better.
Diagrams and images—charts, graphs, photographs—are all good things to include here.

Figures in Small Multiples

Sometimes you need (or want) to include more than one image in a figure, such as when you have several close variations on a single image, as shown in Figure 2, which has subfigures a or (b). You could also refer to the subfigures as Figure 2c or Figure 2(d).

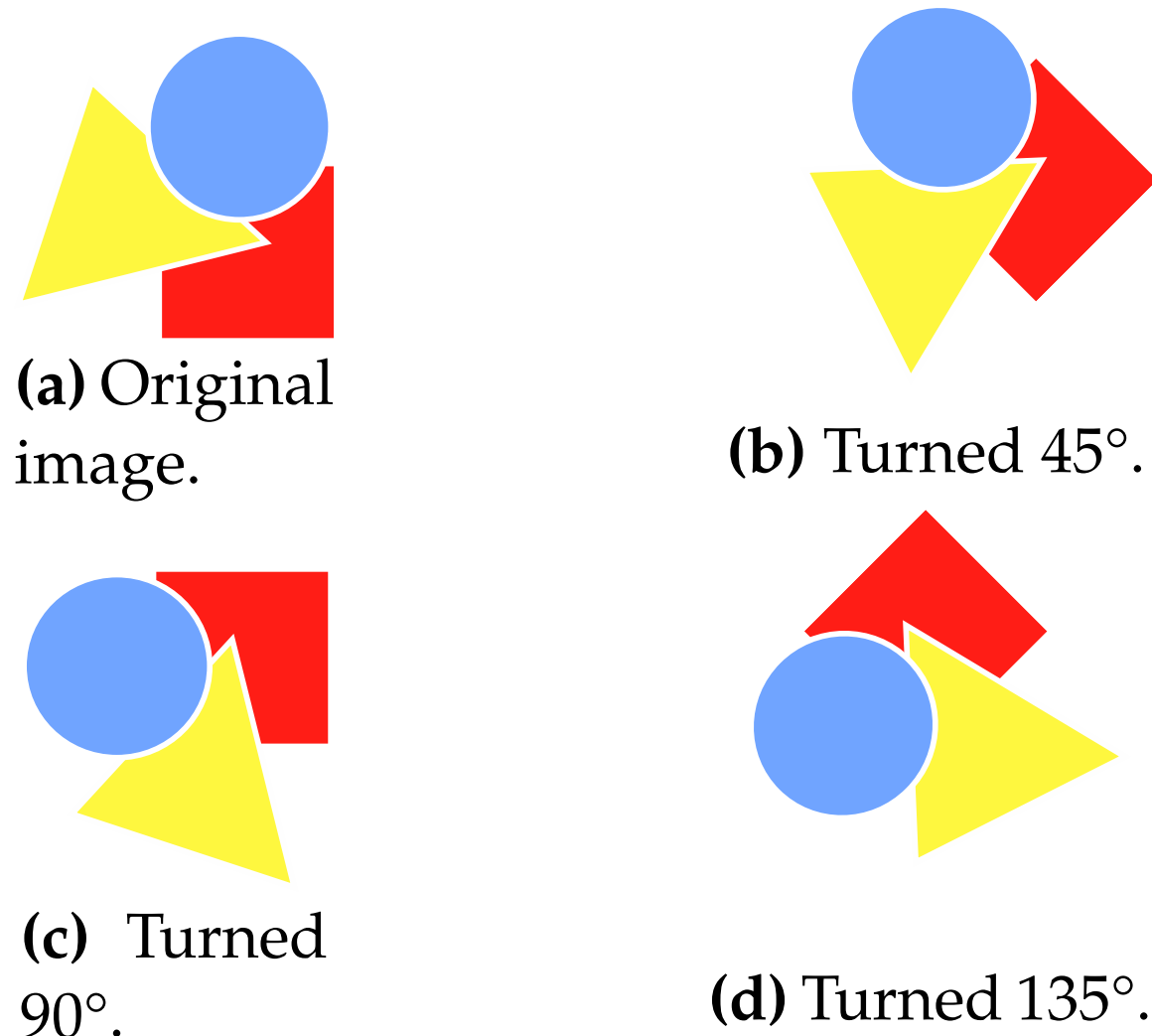


Figure 2: Small multiples.

Tables

You may also need to have some tables, in which case I strongly recommend that you stick with the booktabs package’s table formats, which are clean and crisp.
As an example of a table to strive toward, Table 1 is taken from *The Chicago Manual of Style*. Also, all of the tables (except for those in the section describing tables, alas) in George Grätzer’s *Math into L^AT_EX* were prepared with booktabs.

Party	1900		1906		1910	
	% of Vote	Seats Won	% of Vote	Seats Won	% of Vote	Seats Won
Provincial Assembly						
Conservative	35.6	47	26.0	37	30.9	52
Socialist	12.4	18	27.1	44	24.8	39
Christian Democrat	49.2	85	41.2	68	39.2	59
Other	2.8	0	5.7	1	5.1	0
Total	100.0	150	100.0	150	100.0	150
National Assembly						
Conservative	32.6	4	23.8	3	28.3	3
Socialist	13.5	1	27.3	3	24.1	2
Christian Democrat	52.0	7	42.8	6	46.4	8
Other	1.8	0	6.1	0	1.2	0
Total	100.0	12	100.0	12	100.0	13

Table 1: A sample table: Elections in Götefrith province, 1900–1910. (Taken from Chicago Manual of Style, pg. 414.)

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Conclusions

Rather than just a summary of your findings (which you presented in the previous section), write your *conclusions* based on those results—what have you learned, and what does what you’ve learned mean for your reader, the world at large, and your future research?
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References

- As usual, you want to cite anything that you’ve taken from other sources, and provide the details here. If you don’t want to use bibtex, you can just put an itemized list here.
- A reference
 - Another reference

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For Further Information

- Possibly the most important section of your poster, here you want to tell people how they can find out more about your research. Be sure to include
- Your e-mail address. Mine’s cmc@math.hmc.edu.
 - A URL for a website with more information. <http://www.math.hmc.edu/computing/support/printing/posters/>.
 - If possible, a URL where they can download and read your full report. The same as the last.
 - A URL where they can download your *poster*. And, again, the same URL will do you.