

Elements of Art

The 7 components (parts) that can make up a work of art

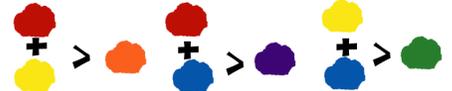
Line: 1 dimensional point moving in space. It has width and length. Lines can be horizontal, vertical, diagonal, straight/curved, thick/thin, squiggly, zig zag



Shape: A shape is a closed line that is 2 dimensional (2D) having height and width. Shapes are Geometric like triangles, squares, circles or Organic - free form, natural shapes.



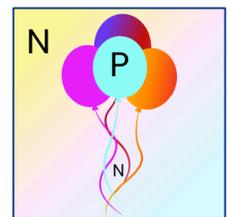
Color: Light reflected off an object. Artists use a Color Wheel to reference/organize color. The Color Wheel is in the same order as the light spectrum. The Primary Colors are true colors that mix to make the Secondary colors.



Texture: How something feels or looks like it feels. Every surface has texture. Texture can be smooth, rough, prickly, bumpy, hard, soft, sharp, hairy and more.



Space: The area between and around objects. The area around the object is "negative space". The object or subject is known as "positive space". Space can be used to create the illusion of depth.



Value: The lightness or darkness of a color. Refers to the tints, tones and shades of a color. These are made by adding white, gray or black.



Form: Objects that are 3 dimensional (3D). They have width, height, and depth.



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A few notes:



The Elements of Art are the foundational building blocks for creating works of art. Every work of art has at least one of the Elements.



Use the Elements of Art to talk about a work of art. How did the artist use these Elements? How many Elements did they use in their work?



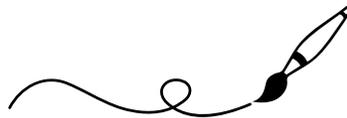
How the artist uses the Elements of Art is called the Principles of Design. This will be a separate Handout! For ex: In “*The Starry Night*” Vincent van Gogh used curvy, swirling lines to create a sense of movement.



Start familiarizing yourself with the 7 Elements of Art. Hone your powers of observation - start noticing them in your world! Pay attention to how you use the Elements as you create your own works of art!



An entire art curriculum can be built around the Elements of Art just be sure and throw in some Master Artists, techniques and mediums!



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