

The Elements of Art

Definition: *The pieces or components that an artist puts together to build a work of art. These elements work together and may not be easy to separate from each other.*

Line: An identifiable path created by a point moving in space.

Color: Hues used in an artwork that range in intensity and value.
There are 3 properties: Hue (name of color), Value (light and dark), Intensity (bright or dull)

Shape: A two-dimensional, flat figure that can be organic or geometric.

Form: A three-dimensional, sculptural object or the representation of three-dimensional depth on a two-dimensional surface.

Value: The range of lightness to darkness of an object.

Texture: The surface quality of an object. 3D –Tactile, 2D- Representational

Space: The objects in an artwork (positive space) as well as the area around and through the objects (negative space).

The Principles of Design

Definition: *These principles help the artist organize the elements of art to produce a unified product.*

Balance: Equal distribution of visual weight to achieve a sense of equilibrium.
There are 3 types: Formal/symmetrical, Informal/asymmetrical and Radial

Proportion: The size relationship of art elements in a composition.

Rhythm: The repetition and placement of art elements to create visual movement.

Emphasis: Creating a focal point through the contrast of art elements.

Unity: The successful combination of art elements and design principles working together to create a sense of harmony.

Medium: *The material(s) that an artist uses in creating a work of art. (Media – plural)*