

Elements and Principles of Art

Line



Different tools make different kinds of **lines**.

Shape



Shapes come in many types and sizes.

Color



Every **color** can be bright, dull, dark, or light.

Value



Value refers to dark and light in painting or drawing.

Form



Form is three-dimensional, and takes up space.

Texture



Texture is how a surface of something feels or looks.

Space



We use **illusions** to make **space** in art.

Balance



Balance is the comfortable arrangement of things in art.

Contrast



Contrast is the difference between elements in an artwork.

Emphasis



Emphasis is the creation of a focal area in a work of art.

Movement



Movement is how we get around in a work of art.

Pattern



Pattern decorates surfaces with planned, repeated units.

Rhythm



Rhythm is the repetition of shapes, lines, and forms.

Unity



Unity means that all is in **harmony**. **Variety** adds interest.