

Elements of Art - The building blocks of art

Art characteristic vocabulary	Definition	How is this used in the art you chose?
Line	- A point moving through space	
Space	- The element of art dealing with depth perception.	
Positive Space	- Where an object is located.	
Negative Space	- Where an object isn't.	
Geometric	- Can be created easily through mathematical formulas.	
Organic	- Not easy to create using basic mathematical formulas	
Form	- The element of art dealing with three dimensions	
Value	- Adding white or black to a color	
Color		
Primary Color	- Cannot be created by mixing colors. Red, Yellow, & Blue are primary colors.	
Secondary Color	- An equal mix of two primary colors. Green, Violet, & Orange	
Foreground	- The space closest to the viewer.	
Middle-ground	- Space where the subject is.	
Background	- Area behind the subject.	
Rhythm	- The Principle of Design dealing with repetition of an Element of art to make it seem active.	
Balance	- Principle of Design dealing with making an artwork have equal visual weight on both sides.	

Texture	- An element of art dealing with how something feels or looks like it would feel.	
Emphasis	- The Principle of Design dealing with creating a focal point in an artwork	
Contrast	- The Principle of Design dealing with using opposites to create a focal point	
Unity	- The Principle of Design dealing with the arrangement of the Elements of Art to create a feeling of completeness.	
Horizontal	- Line moving from left to right	
Vertical	- Line moving up and down	
Color	- light reflected off objects	
Warm Colors	- The color wheel starting at Red and ending at Yellow-Green (used to represent warm things)	
Cool Colors	- The color wheel starting at Green and ending at Red-Violet (used to represent cool things)	
Neutral Colors	beige, ivory, taupe, black, gray, white, and others that appear to be without color	
Shapes	- Have 2 dimensions-height and width	
Forms	- Have 3 dimensions-height, width and depth	