#### The Elements of Art & Design

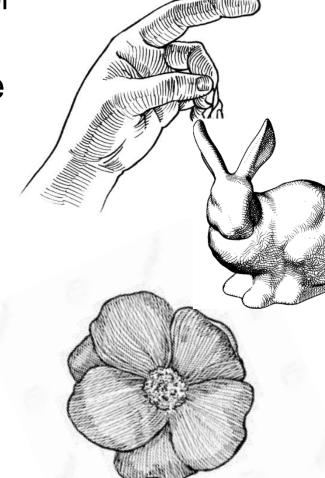
Art Elements are the building blocks or 'ingredients' of visual art and design. They are used and combined in a variety of ways to create different visual effects.

- Line
- Shape
  - Form
- Space
- Value
- Color
- Texture

#### Line - thick, thin, vertical, horizontal, organic or

geometric, broken or cor

Line is the path of a point moving through space.



Used to create pattern and movement

Used to describe forms through Contour, hatching, and Cross hatching

#### Shape — Connected and enclosed lines- 2-Dimensional

Geometric: circles, squares, triangles, straight lines, sharp edges

Organic: Fluid and curvy

#### Positive and Negative Shapes:

Negative shapes are
The shapes that make up
The space around the subject

Positive shapes make up the enclosed areas of the subject



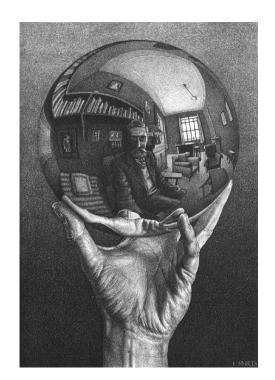
Pablo Picasso's Crying Woman



'The Turning Road at L'Estaque', 1906 (oil on canvas)

#### Form -has depth, length, and width and resides in

**space**. It is perceived as three-dimensional Perspective and realistic rendering are used to capture a sense of 3 dimensions on a flat picture plane



M.C Escher



Robert Arneson 'Wolf Head'





### Space —An objects' external/ internal areas.

Does the area represented seem deep? Shallow? How much is used? Positive and negative spaces

Placement on page and size can be used to create a sense of

depth



Pollock - Shallow Space



Wyeth - Christina's World - Deep Space

## Value - the Lightness or Darkness of a color or grayscale





#### Color - Hue, Saturation, Intensity

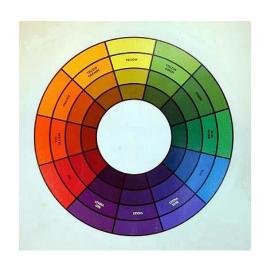
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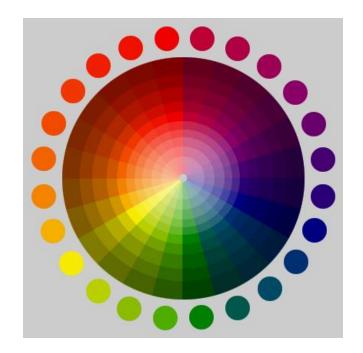
Secondary: G, O, V

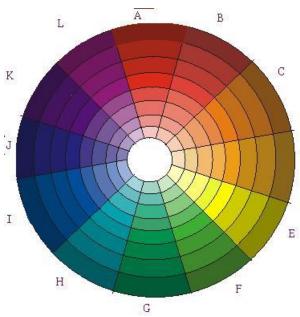
Intermediate: Y-G, R-O, B-V etc

Complimentary Color: Opposites

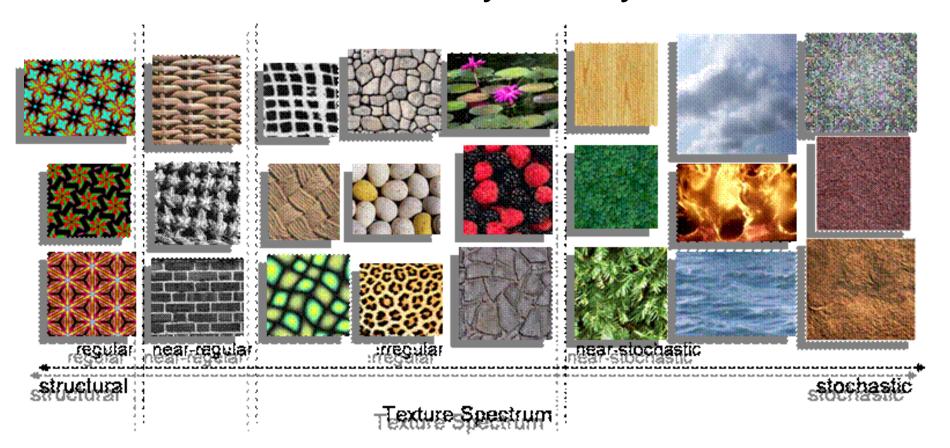
Monochromatic- one color plus tints and shades Analogous Colors- 3-5 colors right next to each other wheel







# Texture – The tactile quality of a surface. Actual or Implied- Rough, Smooth, Shiny, Fuzzy, etc.

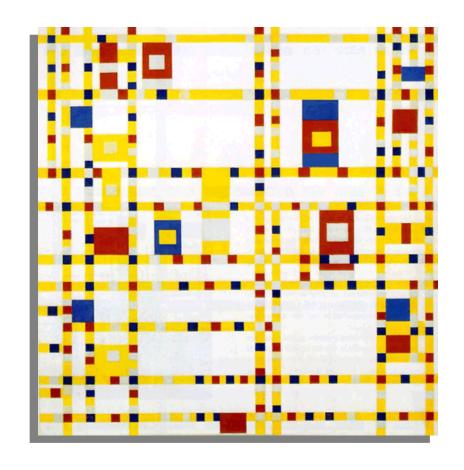


#### Principles of Design - How the

Elements of Design are USED

- Rhythm
- Movement
  - Balance
  - Pattern
  - Contrast-
- Emphasis
  - Unity
  - Variety

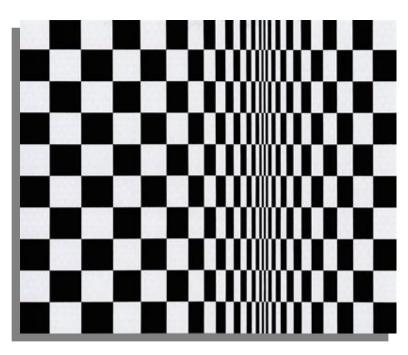
## Rhythm - as in music, establishing a pattern using one of the elements



Mondrian - Broadway Boogie Woogie

## Movement - Controlling the eye of the viewer through the use of the elements of art



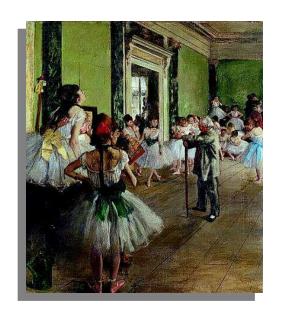


Op Art – Movement through repetition and careful placement

## Balance — Distribution of visual weight. Formal, Informal, Symmetrical, Asymmetrical, Radial



Symmetrical Balance



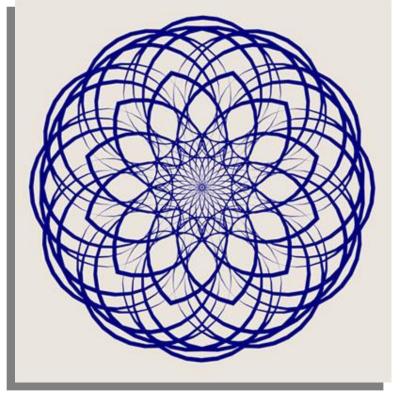
Edgar Degas - Asymmetrical Balance



Radial Balance

## Pattern — An orderly repetition of an object.



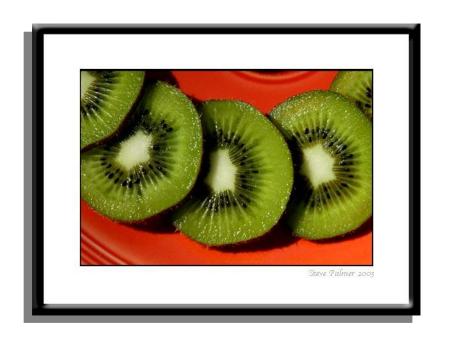


Fractals are patterns from nature

#### Contrast - Differences in elements of design:

small vs. big, Light vs. dark, intense color vs. neutral color, jagged vs. smooth, warm vs. cool, complimentary color pairs





Complementary Colors produce
Contrast

## Emphasis - Focal Point, area of interest to which the eyes are drawn.

Usually created by contrast and intentional placement in composition





# Unity — Visual Harmony. The finished piece should hold together visually, seem complete, and not too busy.

Unity is created by Repeated elements of Design.





#### Variety- Visual interest

Variety is created by using a range of **contrasting** and different elements of Design

