Elements of Art(building blocks of visual art)



Line:

Line is the path of a point moving through space. There are varying types of line: Organic, geometric, continuous, broken, thick, thin, and directional (vertical, horizontal, diagonal,)



Shape / Form:

Shape implies spatial form and is usually perceived as two-dimensional. Form has depth, length, and width and resides in space. It is perceived as three-dimensional.

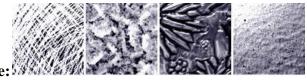


Color:

Colors all come from the three primaries and black and white. They have three properties – hue, value, and intensity. Color schemes: Primary, secondary, tertiary, complementary, analogous, monochromatic.



Value refers to relative lightness and darkness and is perceived in terms of varying levels of contrast.



Texture refers to the tactile qualities of a surface (actual) or to the visual representation of such surface qualities (implied).



Space / Perspective:

Space refers to the area in which art is organized. Perspective is representing a volume of space or a 3-dimensional object on a flat surface.

<u>Principles of art</u>(use or arrangement of the building blocks of visual art)



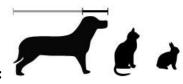
Pattern:

Pattern refers to the repetition or reoccurrence of a design element, exact or varied, which establishes a visual beat.



Rhythm / Movement:

Rhythm or movement refers to the suggestion of motion through the use of various elements.



Proportion / Scale:

Proportion is the size relationship of parts to a whole and to one another. Scale refers to relating size to a constant, such as a human body.



Balance:

Balance is the impression of equilibrium in a pictorial or sculptural composition. Balance is often referred to as symmetrical, asymmetrical, or radial.



Unity is achieved when the components of a work of art are perceived as harmonious, giving the work a sense of completion.



Emphasis:

Emphasis refers to the created center of interest, the place in an artwork where your eye first lands. It is created by use of contrasting elements.