



Art Elements



Colour, Shape, Line, Form and Space, Texture, Tone, Pattern, Mood, Composition

Element	Vocabulary			
Colour	saturated bright pure vivid strong dramatic vibrant brilliant intense powerful primary secondary tertiary	intermediate muted subtle dull sepia subdued delicate gloomy faded bleed limited spectrum	gentle blend clash cold warm deep neutral harmonious luminous mixed tint translucent	tone opaque pale pastel tint complementary analogous transparent hue saturation shade value monochromatic
Shape	geometric organic angular body figure conical	form frame harmonious image model sharp	mound precise rough hewn sculpt	uniform vague open closed free
Line	angular broken confident faint flowing	fluent free hesitant scribble sweeping	woolly rhythm contour	
Form and Space	jagged sharp mechanical man-made organic rounded curved natural angled pointed	irregular regular heavy solid volume overlapping floating insubstantial advance mass	atmospheric perspective human grid enlarge motif aerial view ornament 3D	2D scale stacked woven negative space positive space symmetrical asymmetrical illusion
Texture	uneven bumpy rough jagged serrated coarse splatter	thick thin wash gritty grainy glossy silky	gestural complex smooth plain soft featureless shiny	cross-hatching fine flat brushstroke glaze matt
Tone	dramatic dark deep intense heavy rich	strong pale bleached light faded pallid	ashen bright contrast crisp fair graduation	harsh smooth value gradient
Pattern	diamonds embellish flowing fluid geometric irregular	natural negative order ornamental overlap plain	repeat simple spiral stamp stencil structure	uniform rhythm motif symmetric positive
Mood	happy cheerful optimistic joyful vibrant lively positive sad depressed moody	gloomy miserable negative soothing calming restful peaceful gentle sinister	delicate dignified disturbing exciting expressive fresh humorous imposing nostalgic	mysterious foreboding oppressive menacing ominous threatening alive atmospheric
Composition	symmetrical asymmetrical calm still complex poised peaceful precise classical irregular off-centre	energetic balance active geometric blurred confused design eye-line unity harmony lively	shape sharp space accent viewfinder angle dominant emphasize repetition variation proportion	rule of thirds focus form distant near perspective plane foreground middle ground background scale