

The Elements of Art

The Basic Building Blocks of Art

Elements of Art: LINE

- A basic element of art.
- Any mark connecting two points



Narrow
Horizontal



Narrow
Vertical



Narrow
Curving
Zig Zag



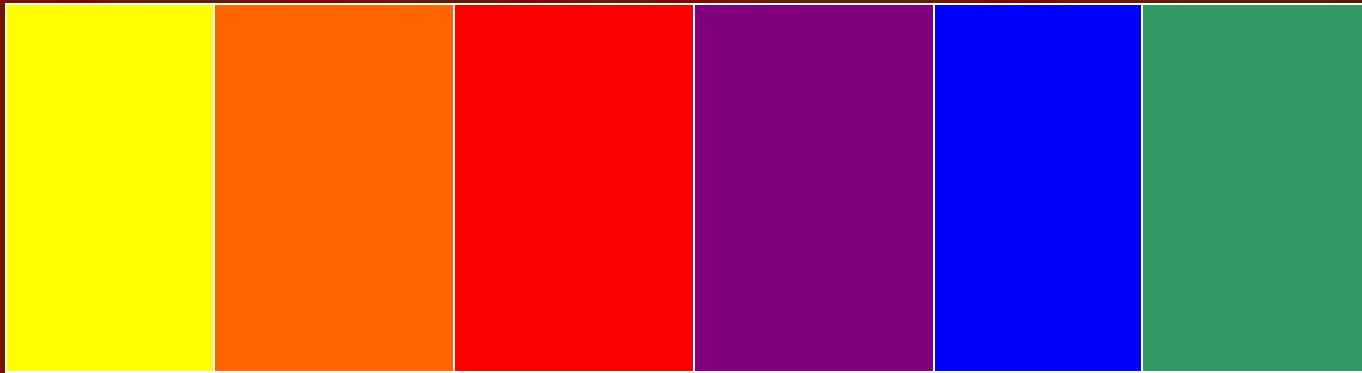
Narrow
Curving



Wide
Sharp
Zig Zag

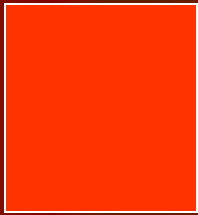
Elements of Art: COLOR

- A visual part of things that depends on the light they reflect which we see as blue, red, green etc.

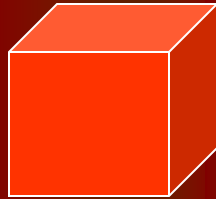


Elements of Art: SHAPE & FORM

- Shape: Areas contained by lines
- Form: 3D shapes



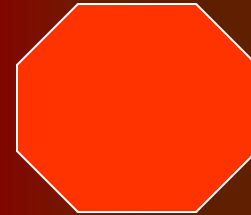
2D



3D



Organic

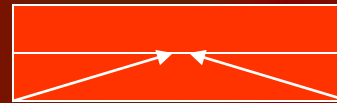
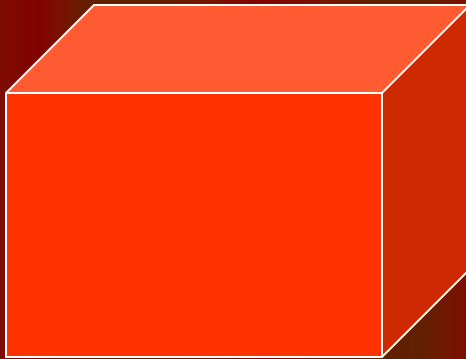


Geometric

There can be 2D & 3D, organic & geometric shapes

Elements of Art: SPACE

- Shows a feeling of depth

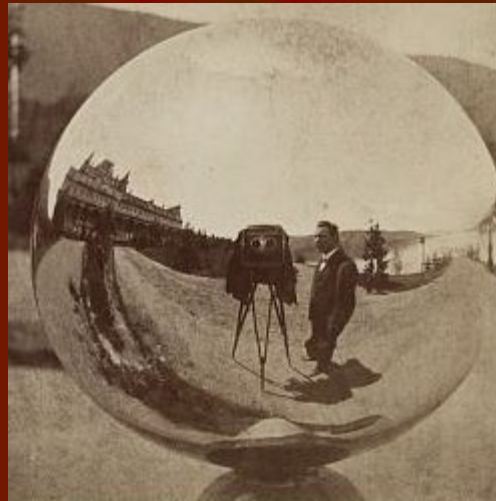


Elements of Art: TEXTURE

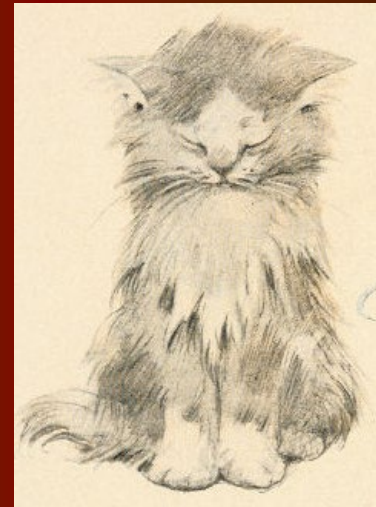
- How something feels (tactile/touch)
- or
- looks like it feels (visual)



Furry



Smooth



Looks furry
(cat) but is
actually smooth
(paper)

Elements of Art: VALUE

- Shows lightness and darkness through shading



Elements of Art Summary

Basic Building Blocks of Art

- Used to create a composition.
- Composition is how art is organized.

❖ Line



❖ Color



❖ Shape (2D)



❖ Form (3D)



❖ Space



❖ Texture



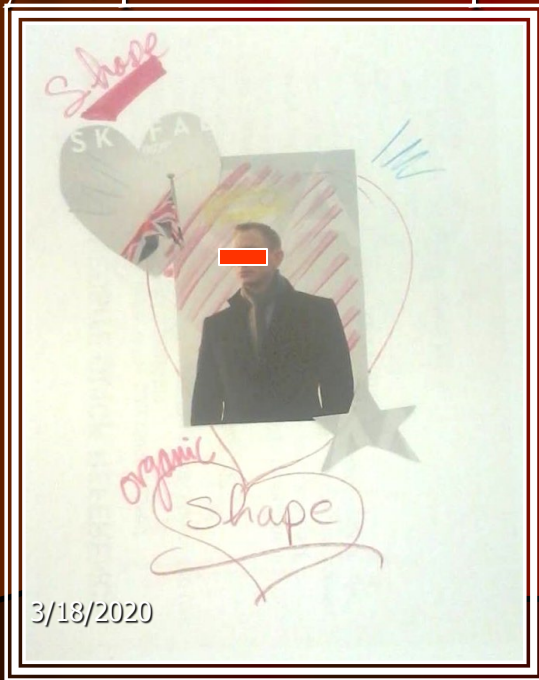
❖ Value



Assignment: Elements of Art Mixed Media Book

Mixed Media (singular) or more than 1 medium (plural)=type of material used

1. Attach 4 pages of 8 ½" x 11" pieces of paper together to make a book
2. 1 Element of Art per side of page. Label the element being used on the page.
3. From a magazine, find 1 image for each Element of Art
4. Glue each image on to a separate side of each paper.
5. Draw or paint the Element of Art on the magazine picture and whole page.
6. Use at least 3 mediums in addition to the magazine (Common media are: crayon, pastel, colored pencil, marker, water colors, tempera paint etc.)



Examples: Mixed Media

A variety of materials are used: insects torn food wrappers, plants, paper scraps, photographs, illustrations, text, water color, colored pencil, ink pens etc. To create unity repeatedly use some of the same Elements.

(Notes: slides 1-8 = c. 45 min., Activity = 45+ min to 5 hour)



Thomas Lanigan-Schmidt, Engine Company 54 lost 15 Men, 2001



Elena Ray, Grunge Mixed Media image of third eye meditation, 2014



Elena Ray, Abstract Collage of a Bowl, 2014



Kuco, Mixed Media – Falling in Love, 2014

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