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# Seven Elements of Art

The building blocks of every artwork

## Seven elements

1

### Line

A mark with length and direction. Can be straight, curved, thick, thin, broken.

*Example: The horizon in a landscape.*

2

### Shape

A flat, 2D area enclosed by lines. Geometric (circle, square) or organic (cloud, leaf).

*Example: Cut-out paper shapes.*

3

### Form

A 3D shape with width, length AND depth. You can walk around it.

*Example: A sculpture, a clay pot.*

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### Color

Made of three things: hue (the color name), value (how light/dark), saturation (how bright).

*Example: Red is a hue.*

5

### Value

How light or dark something is, regardless of color.

*Example: A pale blue sky vs a deep navy night.*

6

### Texture

How something feels (real texture) — or LOOKS like it would feel (implied texture).

*Example: Rough bark vs smooth glass.*



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**Space**

The area inside, around, between or behind objects in an artwork.

*Example: A foreground figure, a distant background.*

