Elements of Art

These are the basic elements that are used by Artists in creating Art; they are what you use to create an aesthetically pleasing work. When we make Art, we need to understand and apply these seven Elements of Art.



Line

A mark made by a pointed tool such as a brush, pen or stick; a moving point.



Shape

A flat, enclosed area that has two dimensions, length and width. Artists use both geometric and organic shapes.



Color

Is one of the most dominant elements. It is created by light. There are three properties of color; Hue (name,) Value (shades and tints,) and Intensity (brightness.)



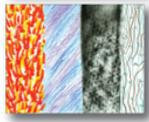
Value

Degrees of lightness or darkness. The difference between values is called value contrast.



Form

Objects that are three-dimensional having length, width and height. They can be viewed from many sides. Forms take up space and volume.



Texture

Describes the feel of an actual surface. The surface quality of an object; can be real or implied.



Space

Is used to create the illusion of depth. Space can be two-dimensional, three-dimensional, negative and/or positive.