

Art and Design Vocabulary

Useful Art Vocabulary

Line	Tone	Colour	Composition	Shape	Texture	Pattern
straight	contrast	primary	background	angular	rough	natural
curved	bright	secondary	middle-ground	organic	smooth	simple
broken	dark	complimentary	foreground	sharp	hard	plain
scribble	light	dull	perspective	pointed	soft	complicated
faint	faded	pale	symmetry	frame	furry	busy
strong	smooth	deep	design	square	scaly	intricate
light	soft	bright	complex	body	cracked	repeat
dark	harsh	vibrant	simple	figure	grainy	random
free	gradient	warm	centred	rounded	dry	symmetrical
confident angular	graduated	cool	asymmetric	circular	spiky	stamped
curvaceous	shadow	tinted	focus	geometric	glossy	spiral
fine	mid-tone	soft	space	spherical	mat	irregular
bold	shading	contrast	proportion	cylindrical	shiny	structured
thin	range	harmonious	size	proportion	bumpy	overlapped
think	highlight	pastel	portrait	size	silky	continuous
sharp	reflected	flat	landscape	multi-faceted	course	tessellation
soft	blended	hue	realistic	mass	uneven	cross hatch
jagged	diffused	pure	unrealistic	bulky	scumble	stripes
broad	tinted	mixed		solid	stipple	zig-zag
loose	solid	subtle		fluid	hatch	abstract
short	density			dense	layer	delicate
flowing	shade			3-D		bold
swirling				2-D		
uneven				form		