

## Vocabulary: Elements of Art

**Organic line:** a mark with length and direction that forms an irregular shape, or one that might be found in nature, rather than a regular, mechanical shape

**Inorganic line:** a mark with length and direction that is straight and forms a geometric shape

**Shape:** a form that refers to the distance or area between, around, above, below, or within an element or part of an element

**Geometric shape:** any shape or form having a more mathematical than organic design. Geometric designs are typically made with straight lines or shapes from geometry, including circles, ovals, triangles, rectangles, squares, and other quadrilaterals

**Repetition:** a principle of design; refers to a way of combining elements of art so that the same elements are used over and over again

**Rhythm:** a principle of design; refers to a way of combining elements of art to produce the look and feel of movement, especially with a visual tempo or beat

**Pattern:** a form or model proposed for imitation

**Color:** an element of art with three properties:

**Hue or Tint:** the color name (e.g., red, yellow, blue, etc.)

**Intensity:** the purity and strength of a color (e.g., bright red or dull red)

**Value:** the lightness or darkness of a color