

WRITE/SPEAK ABOUT ART – USE THESE WORDS TO HELP WHEN DESCRIBING ARTWORK

LINE	SHAPE	VALUE	TEXTURE	COLOR	FORM	SPACE
Actual	Angular	Bold	Actual	Analogous	Abstract	Atmospheric
Angled	Asymmetrical	Consistent	Bas-relief	Bright	Bulbous	Background
Blurred	Chunky	Contrasting	Bristly	Calm	Cubist	Closed
Broken	Closed	Cross-hatching	Dented	Complementary	Cylindrical	Depth
Contour	Concave	Dark	Etched	Contrasting	Dimension	Dimension
Continuous	Congruent	Fading	Flat	Cool	Elongated	Distance
Controlled	Contorted	Faint	Feathery	Exciting	Free-form	Farther
Curved	Convolved	Gradation	Furry	Grayed	Geometric	Figure/ground
Dashed	Convex	Gray	Goey	Hue	Globular	Fill the frame
Diagonal	Distorted	Hatching	Gritty	Intensity	Interlocking	Flat
Dotted	Elliptical	Highlight	Hairy	Intermediate/Tertiary	Heavy	Foreground
Expressive	Flat	Intense	Illusion	Monochromatic	Height	Height
Faded	Freeform	Light	Implied	Multi-colored	Length	Horizon
Freehand	Geometric	Lowlight	Leathery	Muted	Mass	Illusion
Fuzzy	Heavy	Medium	Pitted	Neutral	Nebulous	Linear perspective
Hatched	Light	Opaque	Prickly	Pale	Open	Mass
Horizon	Linear	Parallel Hatching	Relief	Pastel	Organic	Middle ground
Horizontal	Massive	Range	Rough	Primary	Plump	Negative space
Implied	Oblong	Scale	Scaly	Pure	Proportionate	Open
Interrupted	Open	Shade	Scratchy	Saturated	Protruding	Overlapping
Long	Organic	Shading	Sleek	Secondary	Rounded	Parallel
Meandering	Proportioned	Shadow	Slimy	Shade	Sharp	Perspective
Overlapping	Rectangular	Stippling	Smooth	Subdued	Squashed	Picture plane
Parallel	Round	Soft	Soft	Tinted	Spherical	Position
Patterned	Silhouetted	Strong	Stamped	Vibrant	Solid	Positive space
Perpendicular	Simplified	Tint	Sticky	Warm	Three-dimensional	Realistic
Short	Symmetrical	Tone	Tacky		Volume	Receding
Spiral	Tapered	Translucent	Toothed		Width	Size
Swirling	Triangular	Transparent	Velvety			Vanishing point
Straight	Two-Dimensional	Varied	Woven			
Thick						
Thin						
Vertical						
Wavy						
Wide						
Zigzag						