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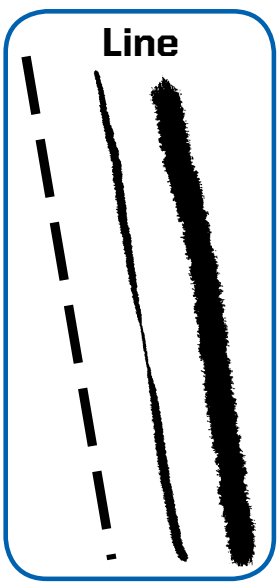
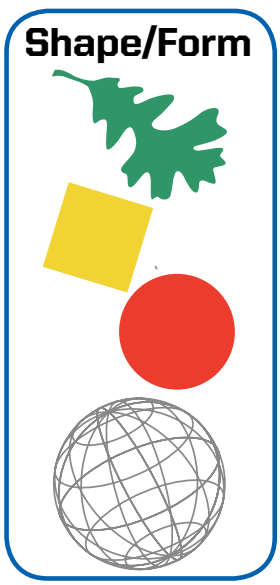
THE ELEMENTS OF ART

Line



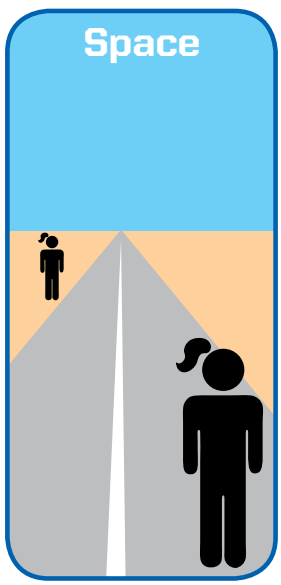
Artists use line to determine the edges of the images they're depicting. Lines can have different qualities.

Shape/Form



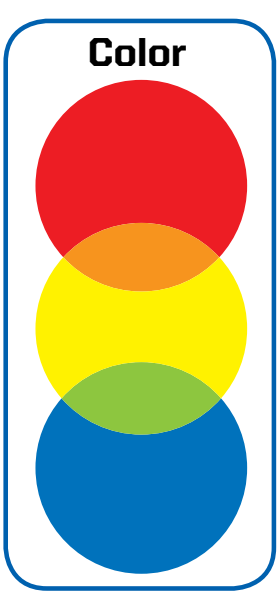
Shapes are two-dimensional. Forms are three-dimensional—in appearance or in actuality (as in a sculpture).

Space



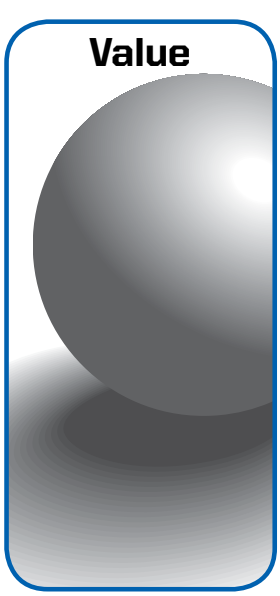
Artists who paint or draw create the illusion of space on a flat surface. Sculptors create work using physical space.

Color



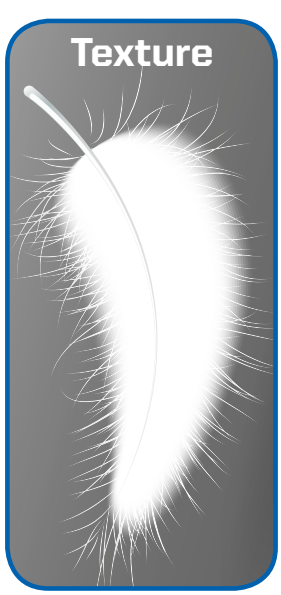
The three primary colors—red, yellow, and blue—are used to make all other colors. Artists use color to create mood.

Value



Value is the lightness or darkness of a color. Artists use value to shade images and add light and shadows.

Texture



Texture means surface quality. It can be the way a painting or sculpture actually feels or an illusion like this feather.

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