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Education Series



This Series

- The goal of this series is to introduce beginners to the basic elements of art and encourage them to experiment with new processes
- Each lesson will outline one of the elements of art or principles of design
- Following the lesson there will be instructions for an activity designed to allow you to practice what you have learned
- This series has been designed to be a no pressure way to engage with creating art for beginners of all ages



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Elements of

Art:

Introduction



What are the seven elements of art?

- The seven elements of art are the essential components of any artwork
 - + Think of them as the visual tools an artist uses to make up an image
- The 7 elements are:
 - + Line
 - + Shape
 - + Form
 - + Space
 - + Value
 - + Colour
 - + Texture



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Elements

of Art:

Value



What is Value?

- Value refers to the lightness or darkness of a colour or object – it is directly related to light
- Much like shape, value is key to creating the illusion of three-dimensional objects in a two-dimensional composition
- A value scale is helpful to use to determine that you are using all values in a composition



Terms Related to Value

- **Light Source** - the area in a composition that the light is coming from (for example a desk lamp, window, or the sun in landscapes)
- **Tints** - On the value scale tints are the light values
- **Shades** - Shades are the dark values
- **Highlights** - areas on an object or subject where the light hits directly
- **Shadows** - areas on an object or in a composition where the light does not hit



Elements of Art: *Value Activity*

- Identifying value – convert a photograph or image to black and white – see if you can identify the full range of values in the composition
 - + Go one step further and create a black and white copy of the coloured image ensuring you render the full range of values
- Shading forms – render 3D shapes using one- or two-point perspective – ensure to include dark tones, midtones, and light tones
- Determine where your light source is and shade using these four techniques:
 - + Hatching
 - + Crosshatching
 - + Stippling
 - + Blending

