

# VISUAL ARTS DIARY

## OVERVIEW: 7 BASIC ELEMENTS OF ART

Exploring the basic elements of art can help build a foundation of knowledge on which to develop your art. These 7 elements include:

1. LINE - Length, Width, Texture, Direction, Curve
2. COLOR - hue, primary, secondary, tertiary, shades, tints, intensity, complimentary
3. SHAPE - A 2-dimensional area that is defined in some way from the space around it. Geometric and organic.
4. FORM - a 3-D shape (or the illusion of 3 dimensions on a 2-dimensional surface)
5. VALUE - Lightness or darkness of an object or area
6. SPACE - the area between, above, below, around, or within objects (positive & negative)
7. TEXTURE - How something feels or looks like it feels

To explore these elements, you can use your visual arts diary (VAD) to create art that focuses on each element individually. You can also create an overall artwork that incorporates some or all of the elements. Using these elements can help you create art that achieves a sense of balance, texture, and overall interest.

**LINE**



**VALUE**



**COLOR**



**SPACE**



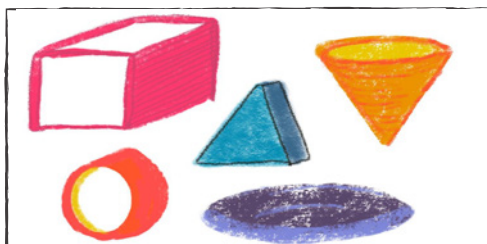
**SHAPE**



**TEXTURE**



**FORM**



Explore these 7 elements in your VAD. You can use color or keep your experiments to only black and white. You could also choose to include both color and black and white. It's your choice and your discovery!