



Art and Design Key Concepts

Concept	Explanation
line	Short or continuous marks made using a variety of tools. Line can define the edge of a contour or shape and can be straight, curved, broken or continuous, thick or thin. Lines can be used to represent texture and form by hatching and cross hatching.
shape	Shape is created by enclosing a space using an outline. The shape of an object or geometric pattern and the shape between objects.
form	Description of 3D shape, form has volume and occupies space, it can be regular e.g. a cube or sphere or irregular e.g. a stone, shell or a fir cone.
space	The unlimited 3-dimensional expanse in which all objects are located. The distance between two points. The illusion of space can be created through the use of colour, tone, linear perspective and scale.
colour	We are surrounded by colour – take a look! There are three primary colours red, blue and yellow. They can be used to mix secondary colours: green, purple and orange.
tone	Differences in light and dark, tint or shade of colour to show effect of light on colour and form. Lighter tones or tints can be made by adding black to a colour.
texture	Describes how something feels, the surface quality of an object. Rough, smooth, hard, soft, prickly, spikey, furry.
pattern	The arrangement of shapes, natural and man-made, decorative designs on a surface. Examples of patterns: zebra, tiger, daisy, petals, brickwork, wallpaper, wrapping paper, fabric designs, patterns from other cultures.
expression	Can be shown through facial, body language, and colour. It shows emotion of a subject.