

Formal elements of Art

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| Abstract | Art work made from colour, shape and pattern rather than objects which you recognise. |
| Composition | Where the shapes or objects are placed in a picture. |
| Shape | The form of an object. |
| Photorealism | A painting that is so detailed it looks like a photograph. |
| Primary colours | Colours which cannot be created by mixing other colours. |
| Secondary colours | Colours which are made by mixing two primary colours. |
| Optical illusions | An image that tricks your eyes and brain to see something different from the actual image. |
| Op art | Optical illusion art |
| Pop art | A simple style using bright colours and everyday objects. |
| Modern art | Artwork made between the 1860s and 1970s. |
| Contemporary | The art of today, made in the second half of the 20th century or in the 21st century. |

Key facts

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| Horizontal lines go from left to right, across the page, like a horizon line. |  |
| Vertical lines go up and down, the length of the page, from top to bottom. |  |
| Cross hatched lines are overlapping parallel lines which run alongside each other. |  |
| The primary colours are: Red, yellow and blue |  |
| The secondary colours are: Orange, green and purple. |  |
| Working collaboratively means, to work in a group on the same piece of work. |  |

Artists' work looked at:



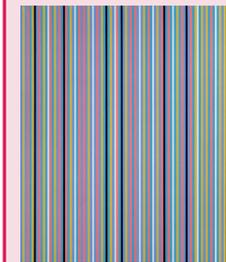
David Hockney
A modern artist from Britain who is known for his Pop art.

Homage to David Hockney No.1, 2008, Holly Frean
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Vija Celmins
She creates photorealistic paintings of the natural environment.



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Vija Celmins, Untitled (Ocean), 1968, Photo
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Bridget Riley
A modern artist from Britain. Famous for using shapes and patterns placed together to create optical illusions.

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Jasper Johns
A modern artist. He creates large and bold abstract pieces and Pop art.



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Jasper Johns, Numbers in Color, 1958-59,
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Beatriz Milhazes
A contemporary artist from Brazil in South America. She makes bold and colourful abstract paintings and patterns.

Rosa Nocturna, 2006-2007, Beatriz Milhazes
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