

## **THE 7 PRINCIPLES OF ART**

**VARIETY:** PRINCIPLE OF DESIGN CONCERNED WITH DIFFERENCES AND CONTRAST

**MOVEMENT:** PRINCIPLE OF DESIGN THAT DEALS WITH CREATING THE PHYSICAL CHANGE IN POSITION AND MOVES THE VIEWERS EYE THROUGHOUT

**UNITY:** PRINCIPLE OF DESIGN THAT ALLOWS THE VIEWER TO SEE THE COMBINATION OF ELEMENTS AND PRINCIPLES AS A WHOLE

Unity is created by simplicity, repetition, and proximity

**PROPORTION:** PRINCIPLE OF DESIGN CONCERNED WITH THE RELATIONSHIP OF SIZE TO ONE ANOTHER

**RHYTHM:** PRINCIPLE OF DESIGN THAT REPEATS ELEMENTS TO CREATE THE ILLUSION OF MOVEMENT.

There are three kinds I want you to know:

- Regular:** Repeating identical motifs using the same intervals of space between, same object repeated
- Random:** A motif is repeated in no apparent order, with no regular spaces, different objects throughout
- Alternating:** Repeating motifs but changing position or content of motifs or space between them, alternate one object then the next
- Flowing:** Created by repeating wavy lines
- Progressive:** Changes a motif each time it is repeated

**BALANCE:** PRINCIPLE OF DESIGN THAT DEALS WITH ARRANGING VISUAL ELEMENTS IN A WORK OF ART EQUALLY. THERE ARE THREE KINDS:

- Formal/Symmetrical:** Way of organizing parts of a design so that equal, or very similar, elements are placed on opposite sides of the axis, mirror image
- Informal/Asymmetrical:** Way of organizing parts of a design involving a balance of unlike objects, having equal visual weight
- Radial:** Forces the elements of art to come out from the center, moves away from the center

**EMPHASIS:** PRINCIPLE OF DESIGN THAT STRESSES ONE AREA OF THE WORK

- Convergence:** Technique for creating a focal point by arranging elements so that many lines or shapes point to one item or area
- Location:** The technique of placing elements in a work or art to create a focal Point
- Isolation:** Technique for creating a focal point by putting one object alone to emphasize it