

Rhythm

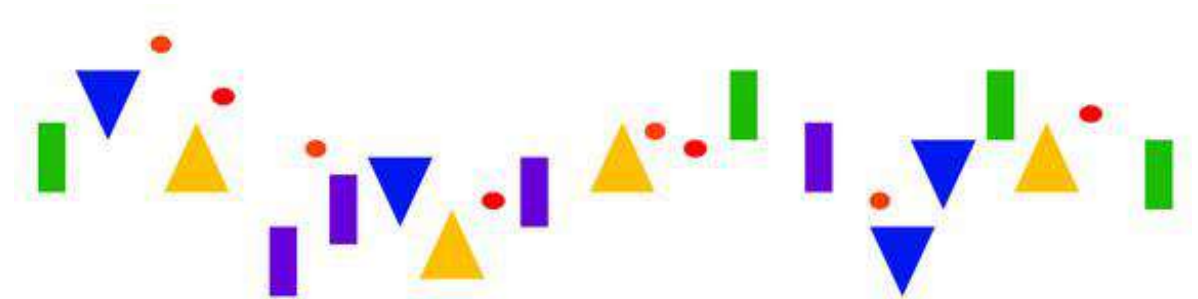
Repetition vs. Pattern vs. Rhythm



REPETITION



PATTERN



RHYTHM



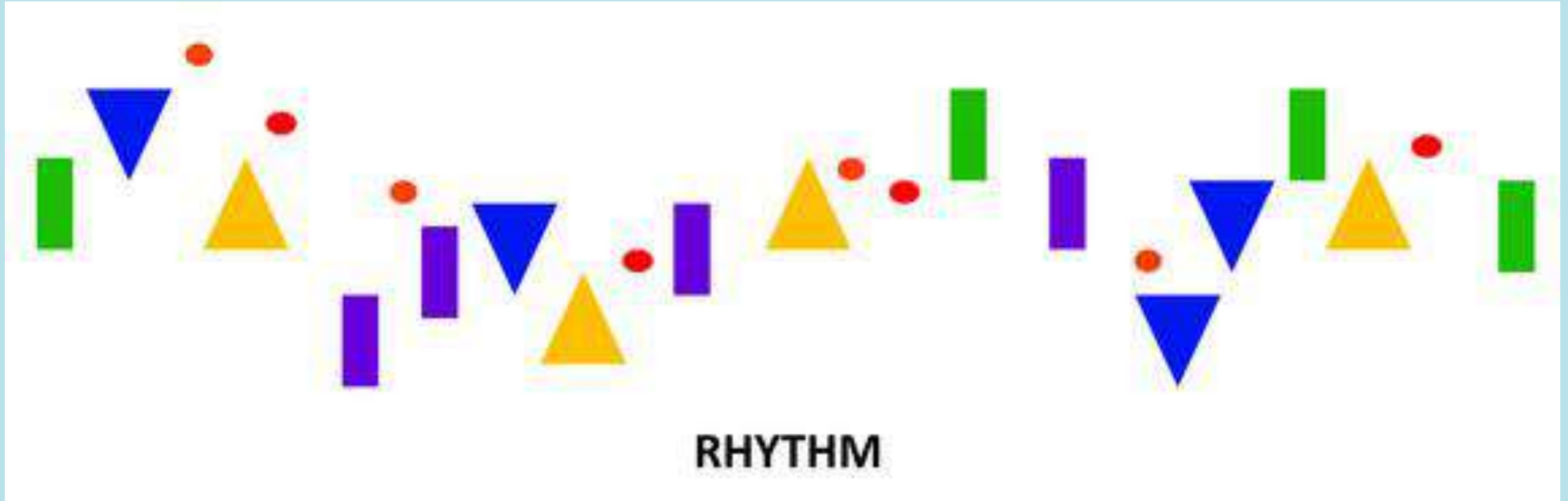
REPETITION

Repetition

One object or shape that is repeated



A combination of elements or shapes repeated in a recurring and regular arrangement



Rhythm
A combination of elements repeated, but with variations

What is rhythm in Art?

Visual Rhythm

Visual Rhythm is rhythm you receive through our eyes rather than your ears

It is created by repeated positive shapes separated by negative spaces

It is all around us

Motif

A recurring fragment, theme, or pattern that appears in a work of art

Positive Space / Positive Shape

The space occupied by the
object



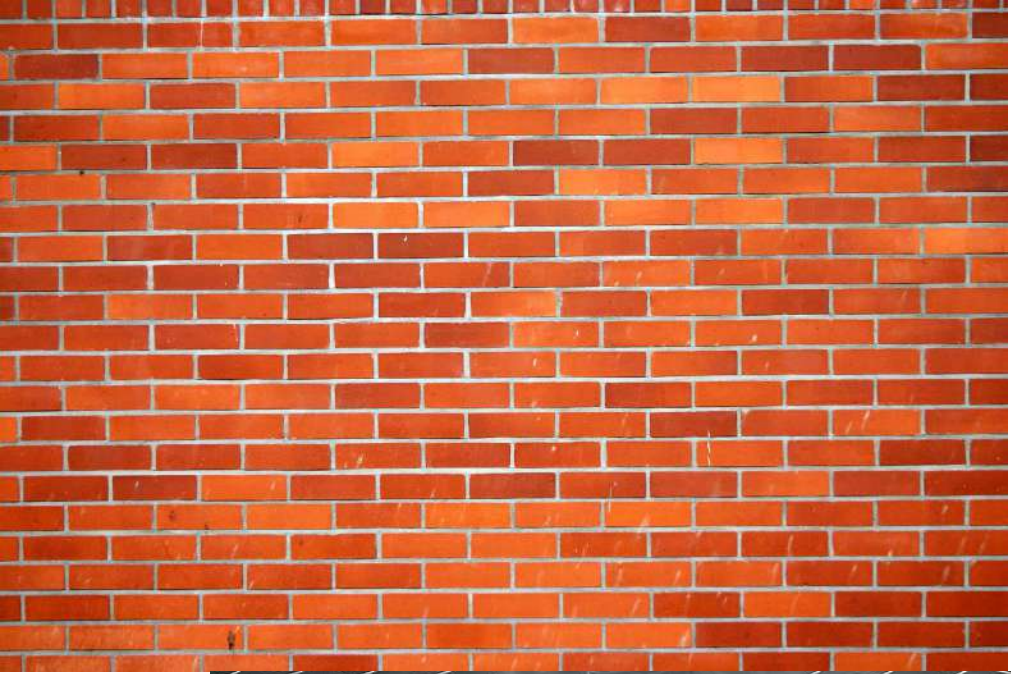
Negative Space / Negative Shape

The space that is not your
subject – helps to define
the subject



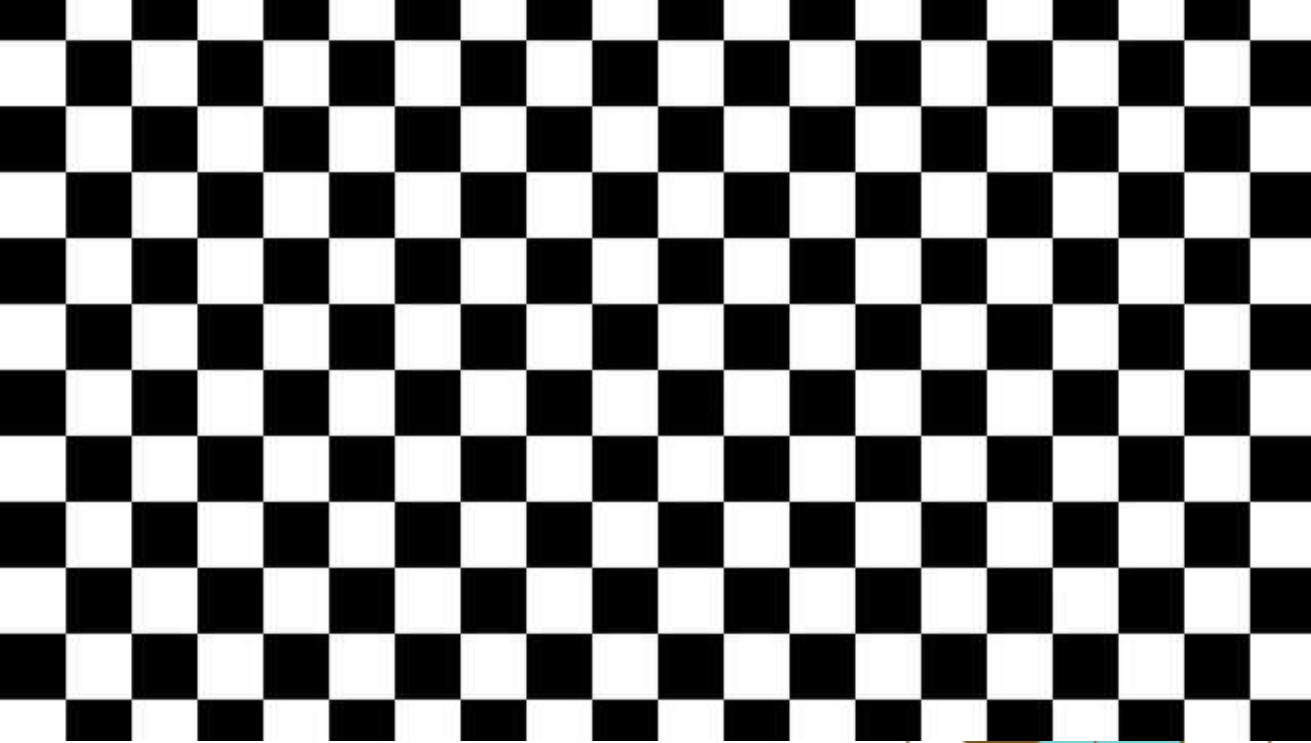
5 Types of Rhythm

- Regular
- Alternating
- Random
- Flowing
- Progressive



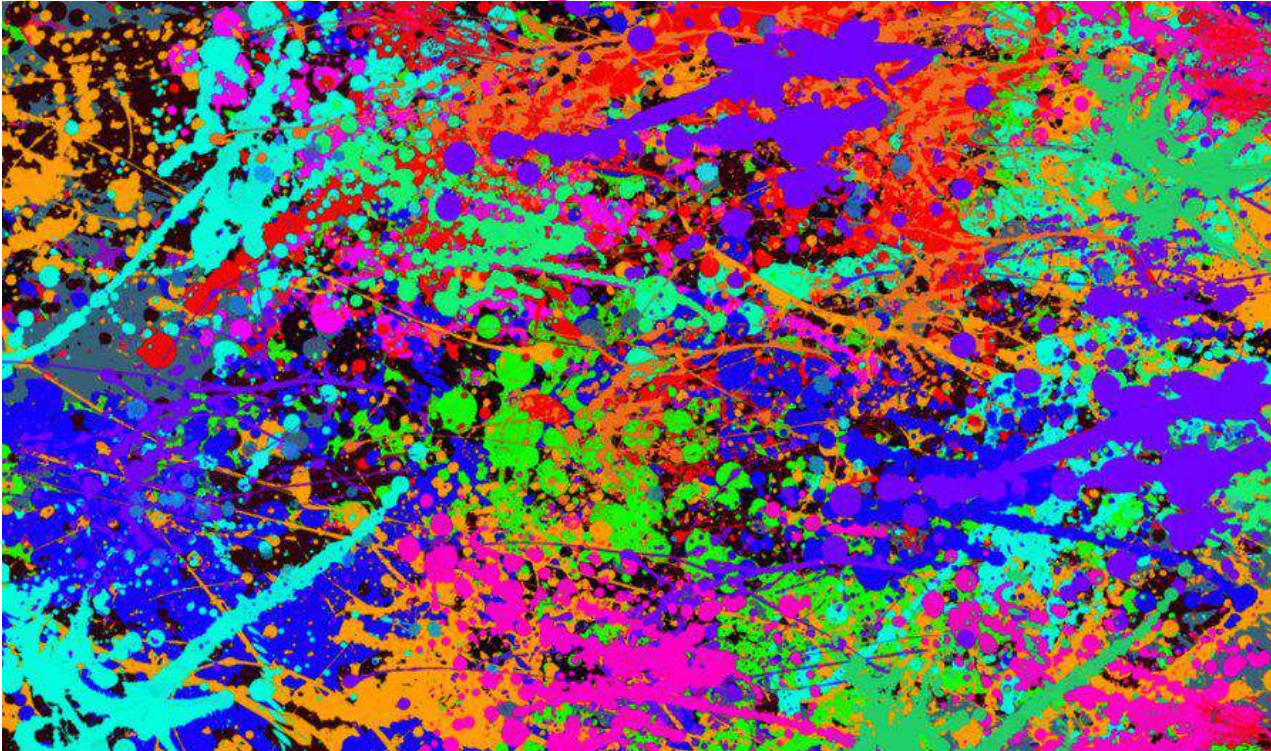
Regular Rhythm

Use of identical motifs (element of a pattern) or visual beats that have an equal amount of space between the motifs.



Alternating Rhythm

Achieved by changing
motifs at regular
intervals

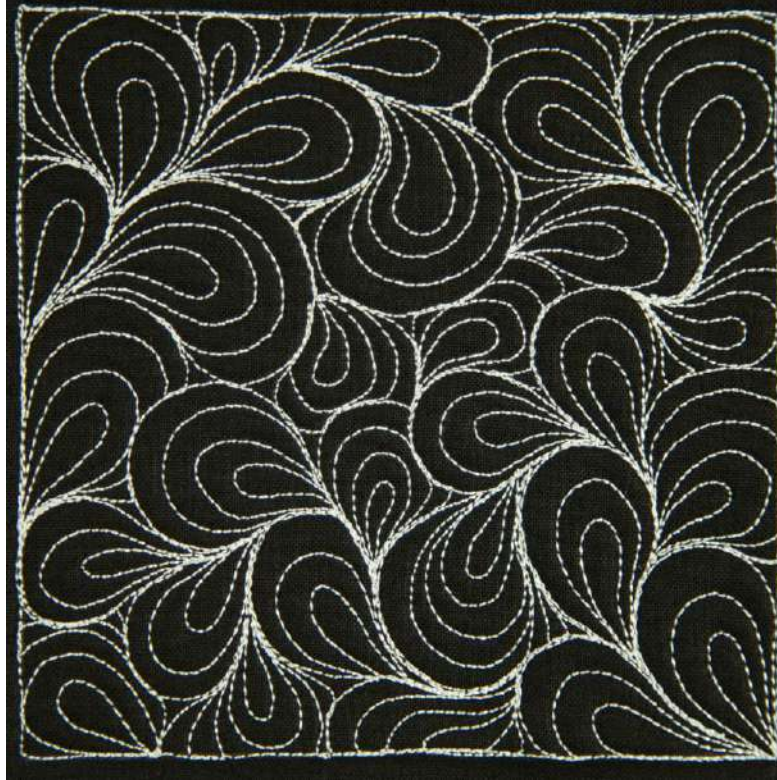


Random Rhythm

Motif is repeated in no
apparent order

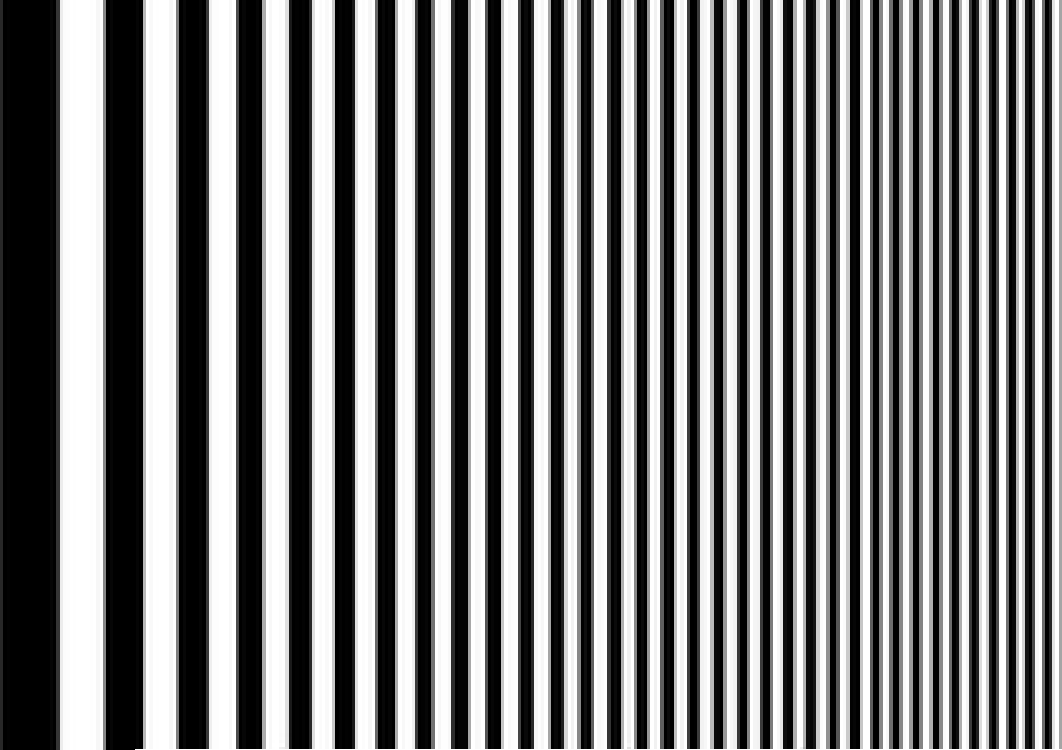
Cannot predict exactly
where the next motif will
be

Which of these rhythms is
more random?



Flowing Rhythm

Created by repeating wavy lines and curved shapes



Progressive Rhythm

A change in motif or visual beat each time it is repeated



What types of rhythm
do you see in the
classroom?