

Art Elements with Craft Stems

Bend, shape and create with this tactile lesson teaching the *Elements of Art* using craft stems.



Supplies

- Craft stems (Chenille stems)

Caution: Some brands of craft stems have sharp wire ends. Use needle nose or jewelry pliers to turn down and crimp ends before use.

Elements of Art

The *Elements of Art* are the features an artist uses to communicate a concept. Let's take a look at the 7 elements.

1. Color

Color is a hue, like all the hues of the rainbow. Can you name all the colors in the rainbow?

Select a craft stem in your favorite color.



2. Value

Value is the difference between light and dark found within an artwork. For example, art has highlights and shadows. Do you see illuminated areas of light in your home? Do you see any shadows?



Find items in your home that are the same color as the stem you selected. Hold the stem up to the item and say if the stem is lighter or darker than the object. You may notice many different shades of value for the same color.



3. Texture

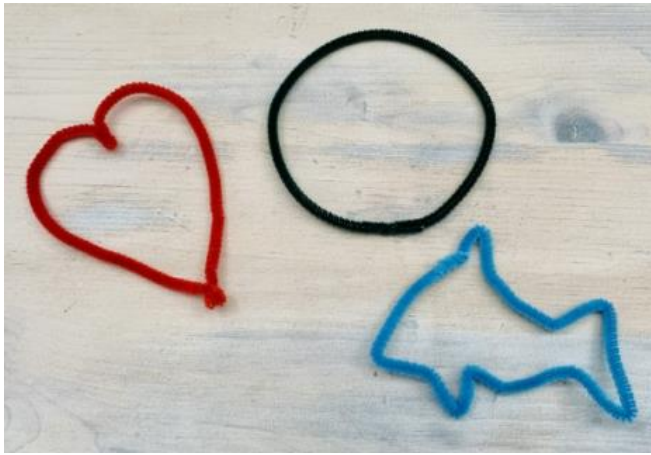
Texture is how something feels when you touch it. What words would you use to describe the texture of the craft stem? What other items in your home feel like the craft stem?

4. Line

An actual line in art can be straight, zigzag, curved, or twisted. Do you see other examples of lines around your home?

Show an example of a line using your craft stem.





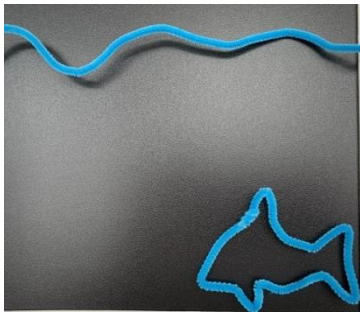
5. Shape

A shape is an outline of an object on a flat, 2-dimensional plane. What other shapes can you identify around your home?

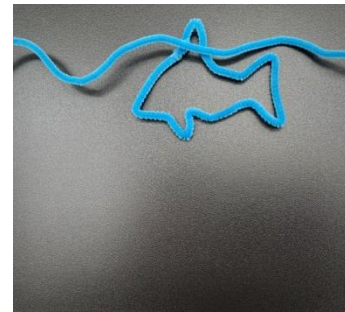
Using your craft stem, make a shape.

6. Space

Space is the orientation or distance between objects.



Which shark is closer to the surface of the water?



Use the craft stems to demonstrate the concept of space in art.



7. Form

A form is a 3-dimensional object. It has height, width, and depth.

Bend, twist, and build a form with the craft stems. Give your sculpture a name and share your creation with a friend or family member.

We want to see your creations!
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