Vocabulary for Visual Arts 11

Analogous colours groups of colours that are next to each other on the colour wheel

Colour composition the arrangement of colours in an artwork

Colour scheme the balanced choice of colours in an artwork

Colour wheel a circle of coloured sections that shows the relationships between colours

Complementary colours colours that are opposites on the colour wheel

Composition the arrangement of things in an artwork

Cool colours colours that are calm and soothing, such as blues and greens

Creativity ideas that are useful, unique, and insightful

Cross-hatching drawing using close parallel lines that cross each other at an angle

Cyan a greenish-blue colour that is one of the colour primaries

Dry brush painting creating scratchy brushstrokes using a brush that is mostly dry

Dull colours colours that are weak, and not very vivid

Hatching drawing using close parallel lines

Idea development a process that is used to create useful, insightful, and unique ideas

Intense colours colours that are strong and very vivid

Magenta a reddish purple (hot pink) that is one of the colour primaries

Negative space the shape of the space between the things you would normally look at (the positive

space)

Pointillism drawing or painting with small dots or dashes

Positive space the contour of the things you would normally look at

Primary colour a colour that cannot be mixed using other colours, for example: cyan, yellow, and

magenta

Reference images photographs you look at carefully so you can make a better artwork

Secondary colour a colour that is created by mixing two primary colours, for example: red, green, and

blue

Split complementary colour scheme a colour scheme using one base colour, and two colours on either side of the

complementary

Square colour scheme a colour scheme in which colours are balanced around the colour wheel in the shape

of a square

Stippling drawing using small dots

Texture drawing that looks the same as what it feels like

Thumbnail drawings small drawings that are used to develop the composition of an artwork

Triangle colour scheme a colour scheme in which colours are balanced around the colour wheel in the shape

of a triangle

Warm colours colours that are suggestive of heat or passion: yellows, oranges, and reds

Wet-on-wet painting adding a different colour of wet paint to a painting that is already wet