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Shape Choices: Geometric vs. Organic

When creating a work of art, artists make choices about the types of shapes they use in their work. The type of shapes they choose can change the whole look or feeling of their artwork. There are two general types of shapes artists can choose from:

Geometric Shapes

Geometric shapes are shapes that have names, and are often talked about in Math class. Some examples of geometric shapes are circles, squares, trapezoids, triangles, etc. Works of art with **geometric shapes** often feel energetic and electric.

Cut out and glue down at least two **geometric shapes** in the space below:

Organic Shapes

Organic shapes are shapes that cannot be defined by a name, and are often blobby and wiggly, curving in and out. This does not mean that they are messy and random, however! They are still carefully made with attention to detail. Works of art made with **organic shapes** often feel relaxed, fun, and funky.

Cut out and glue down at least two **organic shapes** in the space below:

Color Choices: Harmony vs. Contrast

When creating a work of art, artists also make choices about the colors they use in their work. The way colors interact with each other can change the look or feeling of a work of art. Artists can choose between colors with **contrast**, or colors with **harmony**:

Contrast

Colors that are very different from each other are said to have **contrast**. They may be opposite each other on the color wheel (the vocabulary word for this is *complementary colors*), or they may be very dark versions and very light versions of a single color. Works of art with **contrast** are usually eye-catching and attention-getting.

Cut out and glue down two shapes whose colors show strong **contrast** in the space below:

Harmony

Colors that are very similar to each other are said to have **harmony**. They may be slightly different shades of a single color, or they may be right next to each other on the color wheel. Works of art with **harmony** are usually peaceful to look at, and everything seems to belong together.

Cut out and glue down two shapes whose colors show **harmony** in the space below: