

# Art Words

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## Motif

A part of a repeated pattern or design.

## Medium / Media

The tools and materials used by an artist.

## Rhythm

A regular measured beat. In art this can be shown as repeat shapes, patterns or colours.

## Symmetry

When two sides or halves are nearly the same.

## Symbol

A simple sign which stands for something bigger or more complex.

## 2 Dimensional

Having length and width only.  
Something which is flat.

## 3 Dimensional

Having length, width and depth.  
Something which is solid and looks real.

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## Collage

An image created by means of sticking material, (usually torn or cut paper) to the picture surface.

## Still Life

A painting or drawing of inanimate (still) objects.

## Landscape

A picture of a town or countryside, also a composition that is sideways.

## Portrait

A picture of a person, also a composition that is upright.

## Chiaroscuro

(An Italian word meaning 'light and dark'.)  
The technique of suggesting 3 dimensional form by varying tones of light and dark paint.

## Impasto

Thick paint applied by brush or palette knife.

## Batik

A way of decorating fabric in which waxes, resins and flour pastes are used as resists before dyeing.