

A Critical Vocabulary

Feeling

Alive	disturbing	imposing
Atmosphere	exciting	nostalgic
Delicate	expressive	sad
Depressing	fresh	dignified
Humorous		

Texture

Coarse	glaze	matt
Smooth	thin	cross-hatching
Hatching	rough	splatter
Flat	jagged	shiny
Thick		

Kind of art

Abstract	fake	mundane
Representational		copied
Fantasy	noble	seascape
Derivative	figurative	sentimental
Non-representational		distorted
Impressionistic		pastiche
Still life	emotional	impressive
Pattern	surreal	exaggerated
Interior	portrait	symbolic
Exterior	landscape	religious

Light

Artificial	gentle	natural
Dapple	harsh	night
Dark	haze	shading
Ethereal	highlight	shadow
Evening	intense	soft
Fall of light	midday	tone

Colour

Blend	intense	saturated
Bright	luminous	secondary
Clash	mixed	soft
Cold	opaque	tint
Deep	pale	transparent
Dull	pastel	translucent
Glowing	primary	vibrant
Harmonious	pure	warm

What is it?

Aquatint	ceramic	etching
Model	screen print	assemblage
Collage	fresco	mural
Sculpture	bas-relief	design
Gouache	painting	sketch
Caricature	diptych	lithograph
Photography	stencil	cartoon
Drawing	logo	print
Tempera	carving	easel painting
Miniature	relief	triptych