

A Critical Vocabulary

Shape

Angular	harmonious	rough-hewn
Body	image	sculpt
Conical	knead	sharp
Figure	model	uniform
Form	mould	vague
Frame	precise	

Form & Space

Advance	motif	recede
Angled	natural	rounded
Carve	ornament	scale
Decorate	pointed	stacked
Human	proportion	woven

Line

Angular	flowing	scribble
Broken	fluent	sweeping
Confident	free	tight
Faint	hesitant	woolly

Composition

Background	distant	middle-group	scale	blurred	eye-line
Near	shape	perspective	sharp	confused	foreground
Plane	space	design	form	proportion	symmetry

Pattern

Diamonds	negative	Simple
Embellish	order	spiral
Flowing	ornamental	stamp
Geometric	plain	stencil
Irregular	positive	symmetric
Natural	repeat	uniform

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

Tone

Bleach	dark	harsh
Bright	fade	intense
Contrast	fair	smooth
Crisp	gradation	sombre