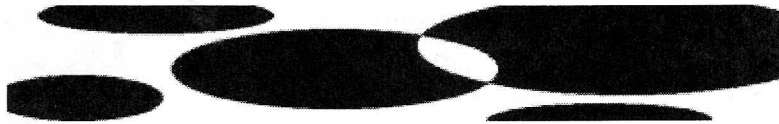


ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

SHAPE

SHAPE: When a line crosses itself or intersects with other lines to enclose a space it creates a **shape**. Shape is two-dimensional it has heights and width but no depth.



Categories of Shapes:

- **Geometric Shapes-** Circles, Squares, rectangles and triangles. We see them in architecture and manufactured items.
- **Organic Shapes-** Leaf, seashells, flowers. We see them in nature and with characteristics that are free flowing, informal and irregular.
- **Positive Shapes-** In a drawing or painting positive shapes are the solid forms in a design such as a bowl of fruit. In a sculpture it is the solid form of the sculpture.
- **Negative Shapes-** In a drawing it is the space around the positive shape or the shape around the bowl of fruit. In sculpture it is the empty shape around and between the sculptures.
- **Static Shape-** Shapes that appears stable and resting.
- **Dynamic Shape-** Shapes that appears moving and active.

