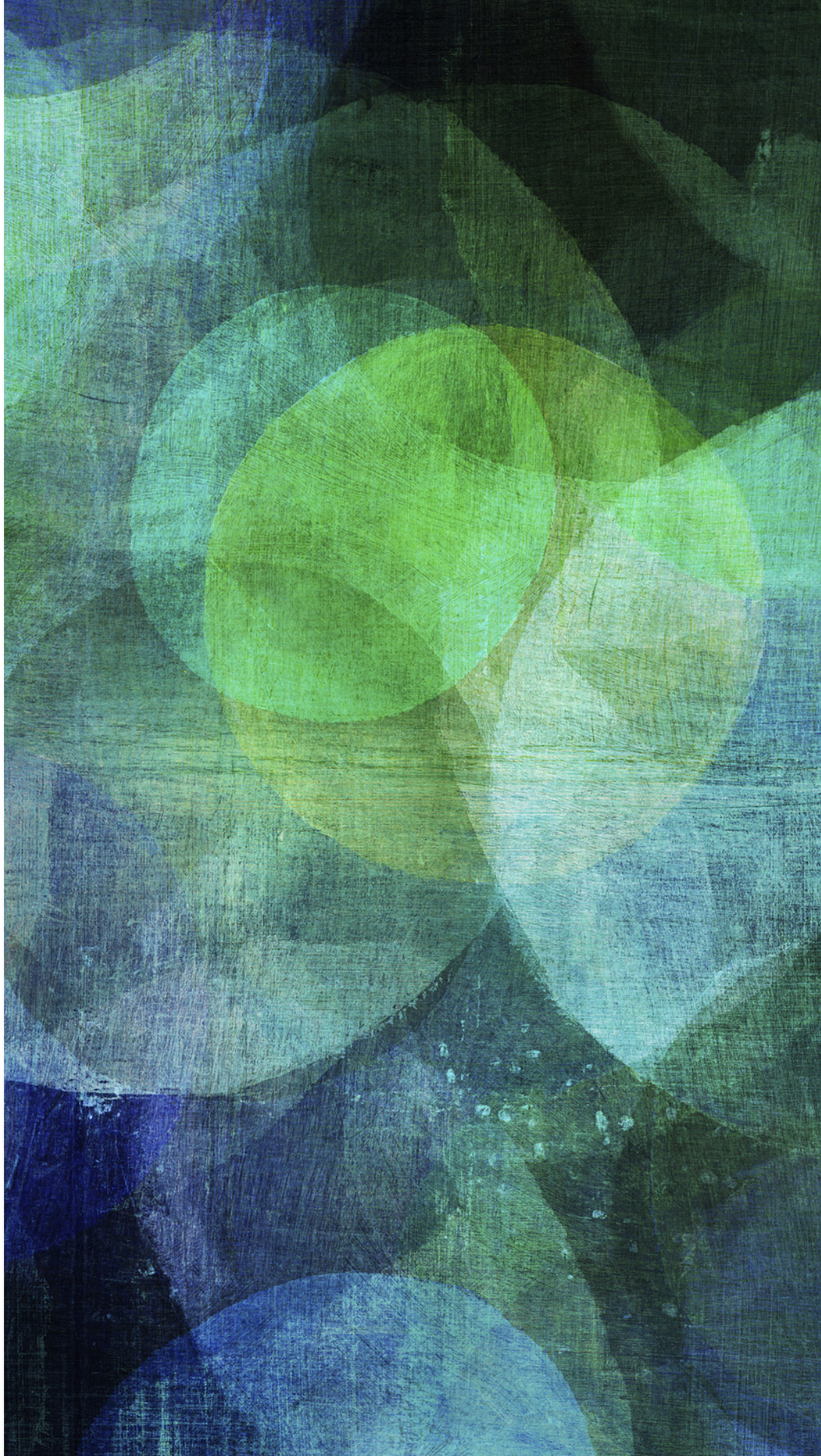
ART ASSIGNMENT #1: MEANINGFUL ABSTRACTION

Intro to Elements and Principles of Art



ELEMENTS OF ART



Elements of Art are considered the "building blocks" of an artwork. Every single artwork (be it abstract or representational) is composed out of at least two of these elements. In other words, art cannot be created without them.

7 Elements of Art:

- Line
- Shape
- Color
- Texture
- Form
- Value
- Space

PRINCIPLES OF ART



Principles of Art are the means an artist uses to arrange or organize elements in order to create an artwork. In other words, it is how the artist manipulates the elements in order to create a visually pleasing composition and transmit the message/idea that is meant to be transmitted.

8 Principles of Art:

- Balance
- Contrast
- Emphasis
- Movement
- Pattern
- Rhythm
- Unity
- Variety

WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?



- **Together with topics like perspective, anatomy, color theory, composition, etc. Elements and Principles of Art are considered *Fundamentals of Art.***

- **They are the backbone for any artwork and what artists should know like the back of their hand. It becomes intuitive later on.**

- **Knowing about Elements and Principles of Art enables us not only to create more effective artwork, but it also helps us talk about other people's artwork with more advanced language/vocabulary, effectively critique artwork and communicate ideas more clearly.**

ASSIGNMENT #1: CREATE A FULLY ABSTRACT PIECE INSPIRED BY AN EMOTION



- **By working with full abstraction, we'll be able to focus solely on using Elements and Principles of Art to create a harmonious, visually pleasing composition.**

- **With the next assignments we'll be exploring Elements and Principles of Art more in-depth, but for now, use them intuitively, with what you already know.**

- **Think of a human emotion (relief, joy, anxiety, anger, etc.) and select specific colors, type of lines, shapes, etc. that will help you transmit said emotion.**

- **You don't need to use all Elements of Art. Focus on 2-3.**

ART ASSIGNMENT #1:

- Create a *completely* abstract piece inspired by a human emotion (joy, calm, excitement, sadness, etc.) using the different Elements of Art in their purest, simplest form, as well as the Principles of Art that you feel you may know about.

- Use what you know of color, shape, line, texture, etc. to transmit this emotion to the best of your abilities. **Focus on two or three Elements of Art.*