

Foundations of Studio Art: 2D

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Project: Recipe for a Shape Assemblage

Materials

Paint Chip Cards (found in the painting section at Home Depot, Lowes, Ace, etc. They are free, pick colors you want and get as many as you can.) Pencil, ruler, glue stick, scissors. Construction paper or colored poster board may also be used, but paint chip cards are preferred, and they are also free.

“The most interesting characteristic of the cube is that it is relatively uninteresting. Compared to any other three dimensional form, the cube lacks any aggressive force, implies no motion, and is least emotive. Therefore it is the best form to use as a basic unit for any more elaborate function, the grammatical device from which the work may proceed. Because it is standard and universally recognized, no intention is required of the viewer. It is immediately understood that the cube represents the cube, a geometric figure that is uncontestably itself. The use of the cube obviates the necessity of inventing another form and reserves its use for invention.” ~Sol Lewitt, 1966

WATCH THIS: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4cgB4vJ2XY&t=313s>

“THE IDEA BECOMES A MACHINE THAT MAKES THE ART”

Objective:

Like Sol Lewitt, create a composition based on a “recipe” or simple set of rules that are used to decide each action during the art making process.

Example: “Make 8 stencils: 3 triangles, 4 squares, 1 circle. Every shape glued down MUST be made from the stencil. Any color may be used, and no white space within the margin shall be seen. This is only an example.

Specifics:

1. Write up a “recipe” or simple list of rules to follow. Limit yourself to 3 rules. **These rules must be printed and submitted with your project. You will lose 5 points if your rules are not posted next to your work.**
2. **Email me your rules before you proceed. I need to give you the green light first.** kuvach@oakland.edu
3. Measure out a 2” margin on your big paper.
4. Cut out and glue your shapes (cut from paint chip cards) according to your rules.

Cut only primary shapes (square, triangle, circle). All shapes should be cut from your paint chip cards. Do not glue shapes into the margin.

This is a very open project. You have lots of creative freedom in terms of design, but you MUST stay true to your rules. Do not begin production without a printed recipe first.

Examples:



1. Cut only rectangles
2. Use 3 colors
3. No tone of any color shall overlap a tone of any other color.

Another example on following page



Rules:

1. Cut only triangles.
2. Glue down triangles ONLY in the order of the rainbow (ROYGBIV), starting with only Red, and ending in only Violet.