
ELEMENTS OF PHOTOGRAPHY

The seven basic Elements of Photography all refer to the way you set up your photo. These are: line, shape, form, texture, pattern, color, and space. Compositions helps you represent any of these elements in the way you choose.

Line

Line can be vertical, horizontal, curved or jagged. More often than not, this elements is implied by the images in the photograph. Examples would be trails & roads, horizon, bridges, buildings, trees, etc.

Shape

Strictly two-dimensional, Shape is represented by objects such as a silhouette of an object

Form

Whereas Shape is two-dimensional, Form is three-dimensional. This can be most evident when comparing a square to a cube. Essentially the element of Form is most evident through the use of light, shade, and shadows

Texture

This is the surface quality of an object, and is usually brought out through the effective use of lighting

Repetition

Broken up into various versions, Repetition is basically the repeated units of Elements. When it comes to Repetition, there's 'regular', 'alternating', and 'progressive'. This could be flowers in a garden, building in a skyline, ships in a harbor, etc.

Color

This elements can transform any composition. It can evoke emotions, make vintage photos look like they happened yesterday

Space

Using the Rule of 2/3, Space can make a power statement. Space can either be 'positive' or 'negative'. Positive Space is the actual object(s) you're looking at. Negative Space is the surrounding space around the objects