

Discovering Your Artistic Style

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Your style is a combination of your voice, techniques, color choices, compositions, subject matter, media, and more all wrapped up. Your style is what binds each of your pieces together into a unique and cohesive collection. The best part is that it continues to evolve over time. Even when you've found it, it starts to change.

The purpose of this worksheet is to help you brainstorm ways to find and cultivate your artistic style.

Read the article [How to Find Your Style: A Guide for Artists](#) before proceeding.

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ABOUT YOUR ART:

- Are there elements of design that tie your pieces together?
- What themes show up in your art most often?
- What kind of subjects are you drawn to?
- What kind of art do you enjoy creating at the moment?
- How does your art stand out against the work of other artists?

ANSWERS:

ARTISTS AND MOVEMENTS THAT INSPIRE YOU:

- Name 3 to 5 artists that inspire you.
- Pick one element of design from each artist that you can practice.
- Name 3 to 5 art genres that inspire you (Ex. abstract, expressionism, surrealism, etc.)
- Describe the design elements from each genre that inspire you and practice them.

ANSWERS:

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WORLD INSPIRATION:

- What inspires you in your daily life? Ex. Nature, flowers, people, color.
- How often do you draw the things around you?
- Brainstorm new sources of inspiration:

ANSWERS:

PUSH YOUR SKILLS

- Brainstorm more new techniques to try: If it takes more effort than usual, then do it.
- Ex. Draw with your non-dominant hand, try a photorealist grid, try a new medium. Try anything you are not used to.

IDEAS:

PRACTICE

- Create a schedule and stick to it! Whether it's 10 minutes a day or 4 hours every Sunday, make art a habit.

HOW MUCH TIME CAN YOU DEVOTE TO YOUR ART EACH WEEK?

WHICH DAYS OF THE WEEK WILL BE YOUR 'ART DAYS'?

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MAKE TIME TO PLAY AND BE PATIENT

Remember to have fun and release expectations every now and then. Your style won't develop overnight, so it's more important to focus on enjoying the process and not just reaching the destination.

OTHER QUESTIONS TO THINK ABOUT

As artists, our styles are often intertwined with our personalities and identities. Knowing who you are can help you discover your style.

- Describe your identity. Who are you?
- How does your personality show through in your art?
- What does your art mean to you?
- What drives you to create?