

Introducing Line

Learning about the elements of art? Begin by discovering lines in works of art.

Look closely at the types of lines in the drawing below. How many different lines do you see here?

Notice length, direction, width, distance from each other, etc.



Vincent van Gogh

Dutch, 1853–1890

Arles: View from the Wheatfields

1888

Reed and quill pens and brown ink, 12% x 9% in.

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Build a vocabulary of lines. Use the table below to experiment with drawing different types of lines.

thin lines	thick lines	squiggly lines	straight lines	curved lines
vertical lines	horizontal lines	diagonal lines	long lines	short lines
crosshatched lines	parallel lines	spirals	dotted lines	zigzags