Non-objective Art

Drawing and Painting
“Non-objective”

Not an object

not representing an actual object, figure, or scene
...then what IS it?

- “It is only what it is”
- Many people have difficulty with this style of art because they expect it to have a secret or hidden meaning.
- “Pure aesthetic”
Aesthetic?

- “aesthetically pleasing” means that it looks nice (brings pleasure to the eye)
  - Beauty
- Made of up Elements of Design
  - Arranged according to Principles of Design in ways designed to “look good”

“Art is not what you see, but what you make others see...” –Georgia O’Keeffe
Elements of Design

Line
Shape
Color
Texture
Value
It is important to me to try to express unsuspected insights into the content of my work... using aggressive textures and unusual mediums. The ability to bring the various "raw" pieces and layers of materials into their final stages, within the whole of a painting... is 'accomplishment'... the exploration and experimentation of materials is like discovering a new world... transforming a mundane painting into work that is unique.
Experimental Art

- Result is not predetermined
- PROCESS is just as important as RESULT
- The most experimental part of your project will be painting the colors.
Non-representational vs. Abstract

- Uses lines, shapes, colors, textures, and values to **suggest a feeling**
  - Does not refer to an object at all

- Uses lines, shapes, colors, textures, and values to **express ideas**
  - May refer to an object but not realistically
Other non-objective artists

Jackson Pollock
"Guess I'll have to start over"

Jackson Pollock makes a mistake