

Describe two artworks

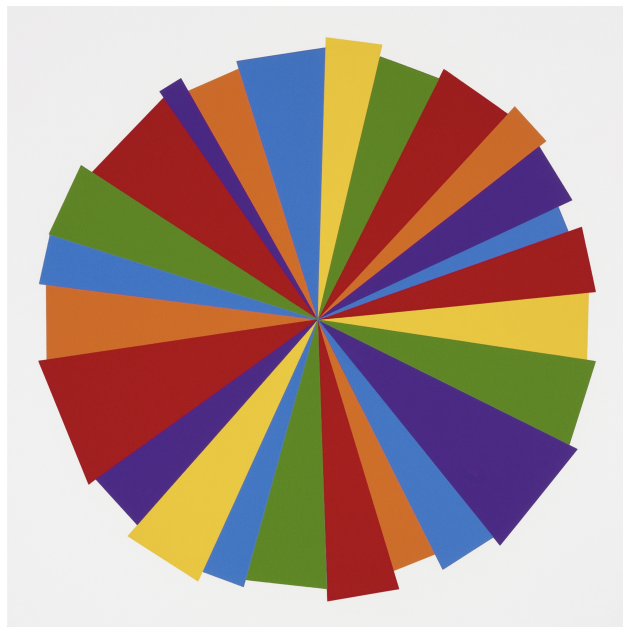
Choose two artworks. Your reasons for choosing them are your own, and are not a part of this exercise. Interpreting art is also not a part of this exercise. Instead, we will limit ourselves to a “mechanical description” of each artwork. For each artwork, spend 15 minutes doing the following:

1. Snap a photo with your smartphone.
2. Choose a small set of words to describe the artwork. Words should come in two flavors:
 - (a) nouns/adjectives, and
 - (b) verbs

Try to choose words whose meanings would be simple to explain were you asked to explain them.

3. Describe the artwork as completely as you can within 15 minutes. If you find that your set of words is missing something, or if another word could be used to better describe the artwork, go back to step 2 and modify your set of words.

Here might be my first try at describing the image below.



{ place, subsequent, triangle, vertex, center, radiating, length, base width, adjacent, red, purple, orange, blue, yellow, green, random } and *number*.

and a description

“starting with the first triangle, and then each subsequent triangle, place an adjacent triangle of different color from { red, purple, orange, blue, yellow, green } and random base width and length sharing the same vertex at center, until no more triangles can be drawn.”

This is a good first try, but you can see that my set of words is incomplete (I used words not in my set). It’s also not quite “mechanical,” because if you were to give this to another person (or a computer) and ask them to draw it, they might come up with something that looks different. For example, although the triangles have random dimensions, their lengths and widths are within some epsilon of each other. Your description does not need to be perfect. Aim for a good approximation within 15 minutes.