

RAD CHARACTER DESIGN

Art Style

Art style is something a lot of beginners try to figure out and the key to knowing your art style is basically asking yourself 'What is my interest?', 'What are my technical skills?', and 'What is my visual library?'

We artists start everything from what we feel, think, and see. Therefore, if we start really thinking, talking, and analyzing ourselves, we are a step closer to getting to know our own art style.

TIP Art Style is NOT just how one person draws a particular kind of character such as how Glen Keane draws most of the Disney princesses. Using colors, unique storytelling, and an interesting perspective can also be an art style.



Glen Keane



Vanessa Morales

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Interest

What is my interest?

(Questions below are examples. You don't need to answer all of these questions, if you don't find it interesting)

- What TV shows, movies, books, etc do I like the most?
- What is my favorite holiday?
- What is my favorite season?
- What is my favorite food?
- What is my favorite animal?
- What do I like to see, read, and hear?
- What is my favorite color?
- What gives me inspiration?
- Do I like bookstores?
- Do I like book cover designs?
- What do I like to draw?
- etc: _____

ex) Ge's interest: comedy, funny comics, halloween, Christmas, Winter, Fall, corgis, cute fluffy animals, mental health, Indian food, podcast, color of nature, Peter de Seve, Gemma Correll, Maus, Lewis Trondheim, beautiful book covers by Karl James Mountford, old vintage bookstores, nature, mountains, day-to-day regular life stories, my mom's crazy attitude of life, drawing about my feelings, relating with others.

Technical Skills?

What are my technical skills?

(Questions below are examples. You don't need to answer all of these questions, if you don't find it interesting)

- Am I a strong painter?
- Am I a strong drawer?
- Am I strong at understanding shapes?
- Am I a good storyteller?
- Am I good at understanding emotions?
- Am I good at drawing things in a particular style for an art studio?
- Am I good at digital media?
- Am I good at traditional media? Is it pen, pencil, marker, etc?
- Am I good at researching art?
- Am I good at understanding what I need to accomplish within my art?
- Am I good at understanding colors?
- Am I good at simplifying my ideas?
- Am I good at drawing from my imagination?

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- What am I not good at?
- What can I improve in what I am not good at?

ex) Ge's technical skills: I am good at understanding emotions and drawing my emotions into something funny that I can laugh about and give encouragement to others. I am good at drawing line art by understanding the thickness and thinness of my lines. Lastly, I am good at organizing my thoughts into lists and accomplishing it. However, I am still struggling to understand colors, color values, painting, and perspective.

Visual library?

What is my visual language?

(Questions below are examples. You don't need to answer all of these questions, if you don't find it interesting)

- Where do I gain my visual library? Is it Pinterest, Instagram, Twitter, Behance, Facebook, Google, Museum, etc?
- What did I wear when I was little?
- What do I remember from my recent trip?
- What was the fondest memory that I had with my grandmother?
- What does the air smell like in Spring? Did it smell like flowers?
- What were the toys that I played with when I was young?
- What was the food that my mother made me when I felt sad?
- What was I like as a child? Was I a shy child who never spoke to anyone?
- Do my friends help me expand my visual library?
- Which artists did I find the most inspiration within my art?
- How do I utilize my visual library into my art?
- etc: _____

ex) Ge's visual language: I find my visual library from Pinterest, Instagram, Behance, museum, bookstore, hanging with my friends, antique stores, countless days of looking at my favorite artists illustrations, and just by living life. I save so many illustrations in my Instagram and Pinterest that catch my attention such as how they draw their eyes, hands, and hairs. I also use my visual library that I have gained within my past such as my childhood, my crazy family stories, and my childhood in Canada to my advantage to my art. For example, these days, I have been drawing a lot of stories based on my conversation with my friends, my mom's crazy adventures, and my personal struggles in life. These all came from my visual library and I have gained it from life experiences, memories, and my keen observations.

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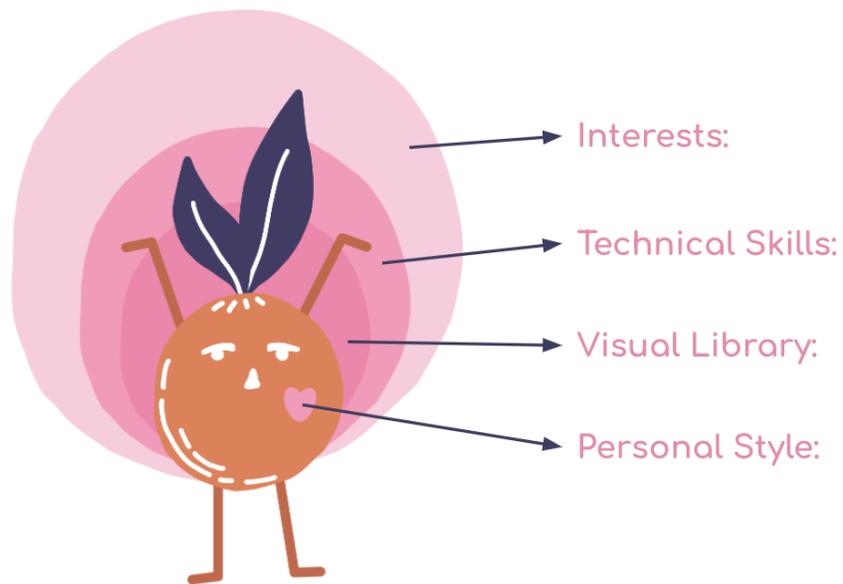


Ge's art style:

I love listening to podcasts that deal with mental health and stand up comedies that make me laugh. With my interest, I use my strongest technical skills such as line art and talking about my emotions into my art. Then, I use all of my visual libraries to my advantage to build up a story and express it into my art.

_____ 's Art Style:

- Interest
- Technical Skills
- Visual Library



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