

TEXTURE

Texture describe how materials feel when we touch them. Some textures are tactile, meaning we can actually feel the variation in the surface. Some textures are visual, meaning the texture has been applied to the surface using line and color.

The experiences we have had involving the feelings of different textures greatly enhance our visual ability to help us think what a texture would feel like.

Textures affect us in many ways.

1. Everything we touch evokes a physical response: hard, soft, smooth, rough, etc.
2. Texture influences the amount of light an object reflects, thus affecting its color.
3. Texture affects sound qualities.
4. Texture affects the care and upkeep of an object.
5. Texture is a source of beauty and character.

Textures add visual interest to a room design.

Smooth textures make colors appear lighter and brighter and are generally more formal.

Shinny textures have a more intense color.

Rough textures make colors look darker and less intense and are generally more informal.

Muted textures have a dull color.

Heavily textured walls will make a room appear smaller and walls with little or no texture will make a room appear larger.

One of the most basic human desires is to beautify and add character to our environment. Texture provides many possibilities to help us meet this desire.