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In our exploration of the world of design, let's delve deeper into the "[Principles and Elements of Interior Design](#)" in this article by [Anjali Nandkumar](#). This part focuses on the sixth crucial principle following **Balance, Rhythm, Harmony, Emphasis, Proportion, and Scale**.

## Form: Combining Art and Function

Continuing from the last article, where we emphasised how function should guide form, let's pose a question: Should the form, or the visual aspect, be less important in interior design?

When making design choices, it's crucial to determine if you are acquiring something that's more like a piece of art or something that's functional. Functional pieces have a purpose, but they can also look good, blurring the lines between being useful and aesthetically pleasing. Art pieces, on the other hand, exist solely to look good and bring joy.

For example, consider a painting on a wall in a room. It's there to enhance the visual appeal and make the room more enjoyable.



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## Function: The Foundation of Practical Interior Design

When function takes precedence, consider these essential factors:

**Purpose:** Understand why you are acquiring something. For instance, a balcony planter stand is not only aesthetically pleasing but also efficiently utilizes wall space to cater to the purpose of housing plants



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**Quality:** Don't compromise functionality for aesthetics. For example, a table might look nice, but it's not great if it lacks high-quality components like adjustable screws. In the pursuit of visually appealing furniture, it is crucial not to sacrifice functionality for aesthetics. The showcased multifunctional table, serving as both a laptop and writing desk with adjustable height and foldable features, falls short due to low-quality height-adjusting screws, as depicted in the image. Despite its beauty, the table fails to fulfill its purpose, underscoring the importance of prioritizing quality components. Let this be a lesson to not compromise on quality, ensuring every detail contributes to both the visual appeal and functionality of furniture pieces.



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**Budget:** Set a budget before starting the design process for a realistic and focused approach to procurement.

**People:** Consider who will be using the designed items, including the number of people in your household, their ages, the presence of pets, or the needs of older individuals.

**Design Theme:** Ensure your design aligns with the overall look of your home, whether it follows a modern, contemporary, or minimalistic aesthetic.

When these criteria are carefully considered, the distinction between a functional piece, an art piece, or a harmonious blend of both becomes clearer.

## Summing Up

As we conclude this segment on design principles, take a look at the provided image. Can you distinguish between items that focus more on looking good and those that prioritize functionality? Are there items that successfully achieve both aspects?





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