



Practical AI Literacy Checklist for Artists

A studio-ready guide for conscious creative practice

Use this checklist as a **self-audit**, not a rulebook. The goal is awareness, agency, and integrity.

I. Foundational Understanding

- ☐ I understand the difference between **Artificial Intelligence** and **Synthetic Intelligence**
 - ☐ I know that current AI tools **do not possess intent, awareness, or authorship**
 - ☐ I recognize AI as a **tool**, not a creative replacement
 - ☐ I understand that authorship remains human-centered
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II. Creative Intent & Direction

- ☐ I begin each project with a clear **creative intention**
 - ☐ I treat prompts as **direction**, not delegation
 - ☐ I refine prompts iteratively rather than accepting first outputs
 - ☐ I make conscious decisions about style, tone, and subject
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III. Curation & Authorship

- ☐ I curate outputs intentionally (selecting, rejecting, refining)
- ☐ I add original value beyond raw AI output
- ☐ I contextualize the work with narrative, concept, or meaning
- ☐ I can clearly explain *why* the final piece exists



IV. Ethical Use

- ☐ I understand where my tools source and train their models (at a general level)
 - ☐ I avoid intentionally mimicking living artists without transformation
 - ☐ I am transparent about my use of AI when appropriate
 - ☐ I respect originality and creative labor
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V. Professional & Legal Awareness

- ☐ I understand basic copyright principles related to AI-assisted work
 - ☐ I know how to describe my role in AI-assisted creation
 - ☐ I document my creative process when needed
 - ☐ I stay informed about evolving policies and best practices
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VI. Mindset & Growth

- ☐ I approach AI with curiosity rather than fear
 - ☐ I see AI as an **amplifier of creativity**, not a threat
 - ☐ I remain open to learning and adaptation
 - ☐ I engage in ethical dialogue within creative communities
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Legendary Reminder

Tools do not define artists. Choices do.