



# 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.

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## 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



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## 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.*