



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

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

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

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

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

Legendary Reminder

Tools do not define artists. Choices do.