A Methodology for Process Identification
Part 2

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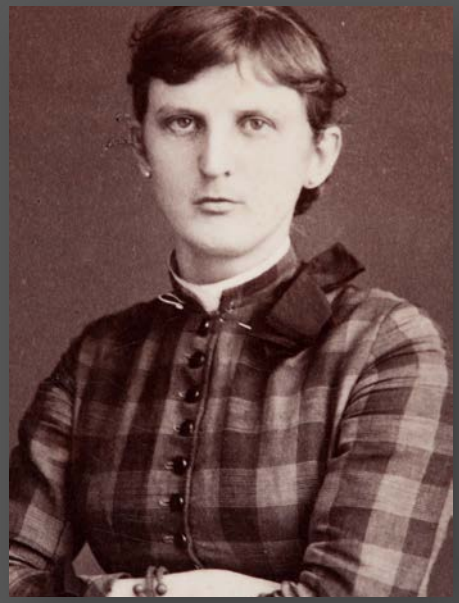
Process Identification



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Methods of Looking

- Object View
- Surface View
- Magnification View

Object

Surface

Magnification

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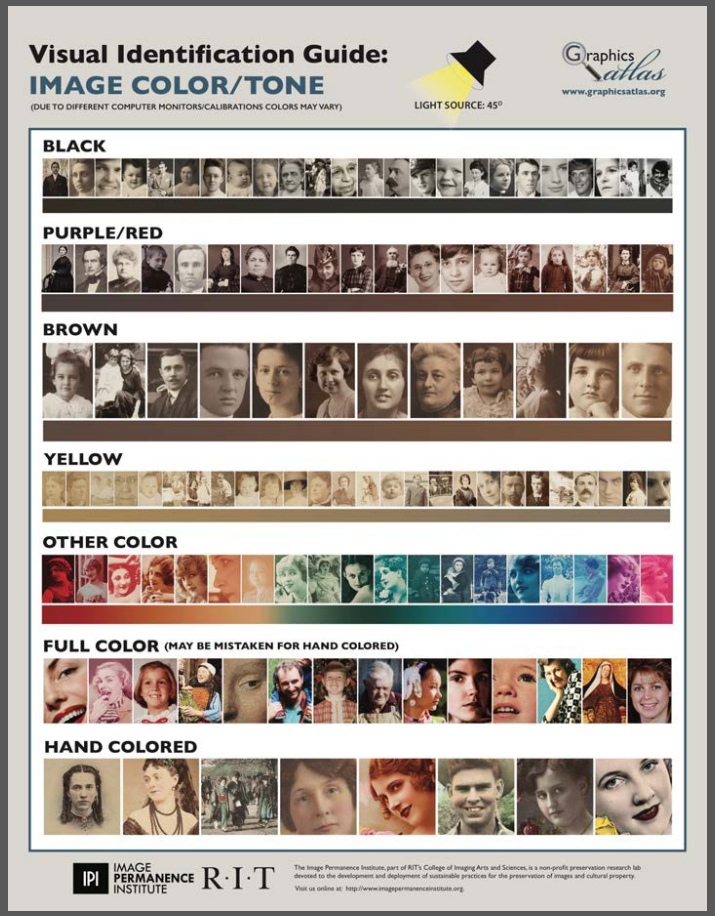
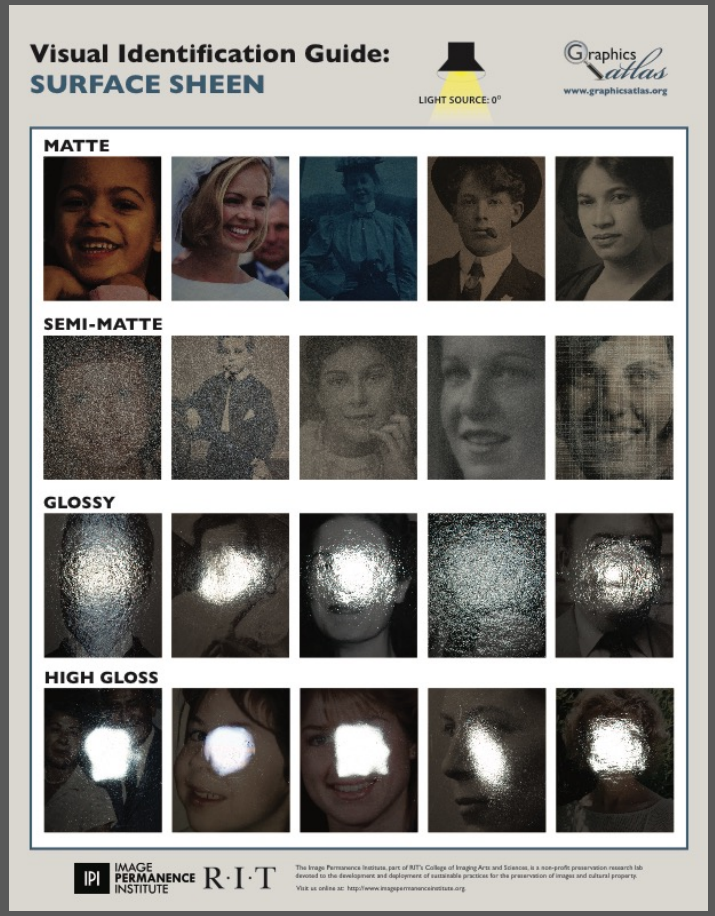
Controlled Vocabulary





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Object View

Key Identifying Features

- Primary Support
- Image Color
- Image Deterioration

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Object View

Primary Support

- Paper
- Plastic
- Glass
- Metal
- Ceramic
- Fabric
- Leather

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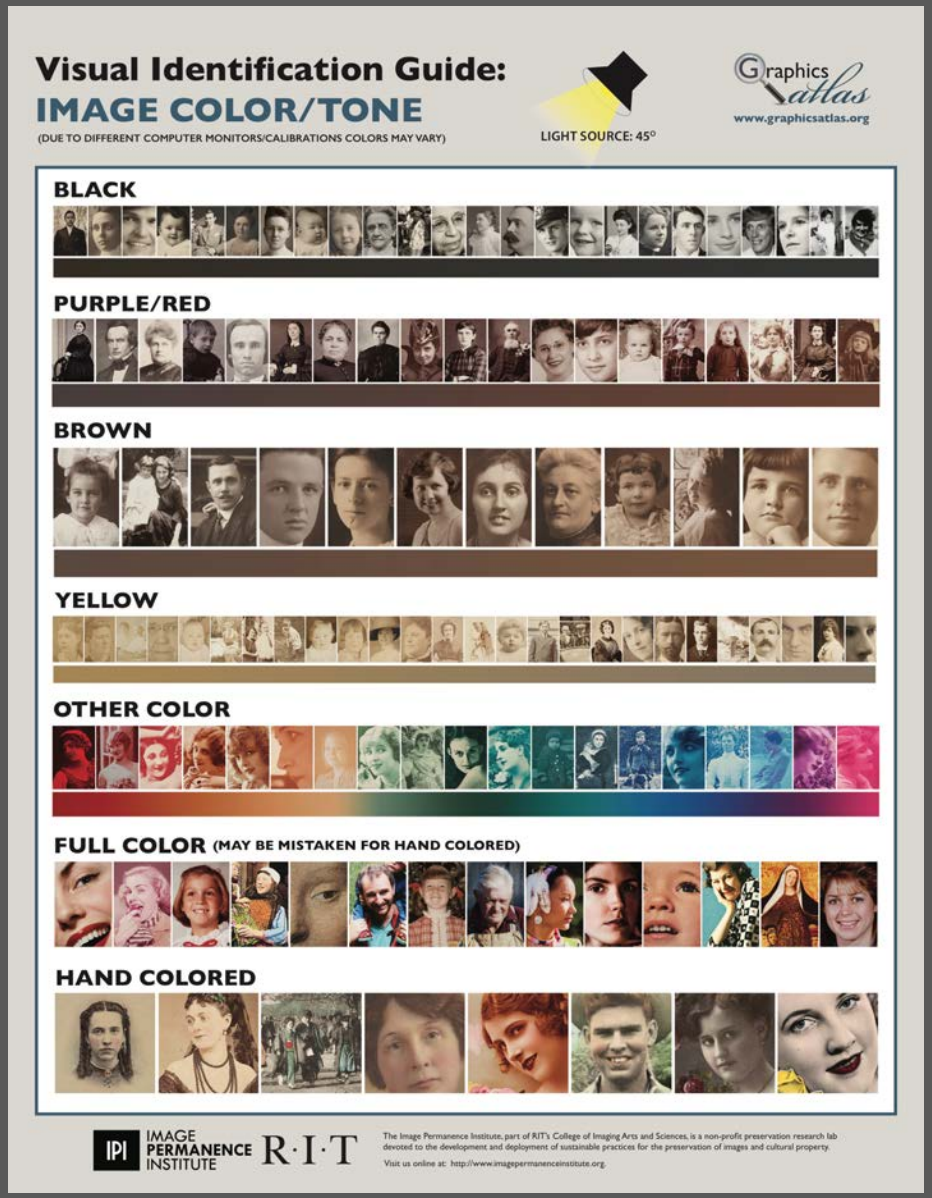
Object View

Image Color/Tone

- Black
- Purple/Red
- Brown
- Yellow
- Other Color
- Full Color
- Hand Colored



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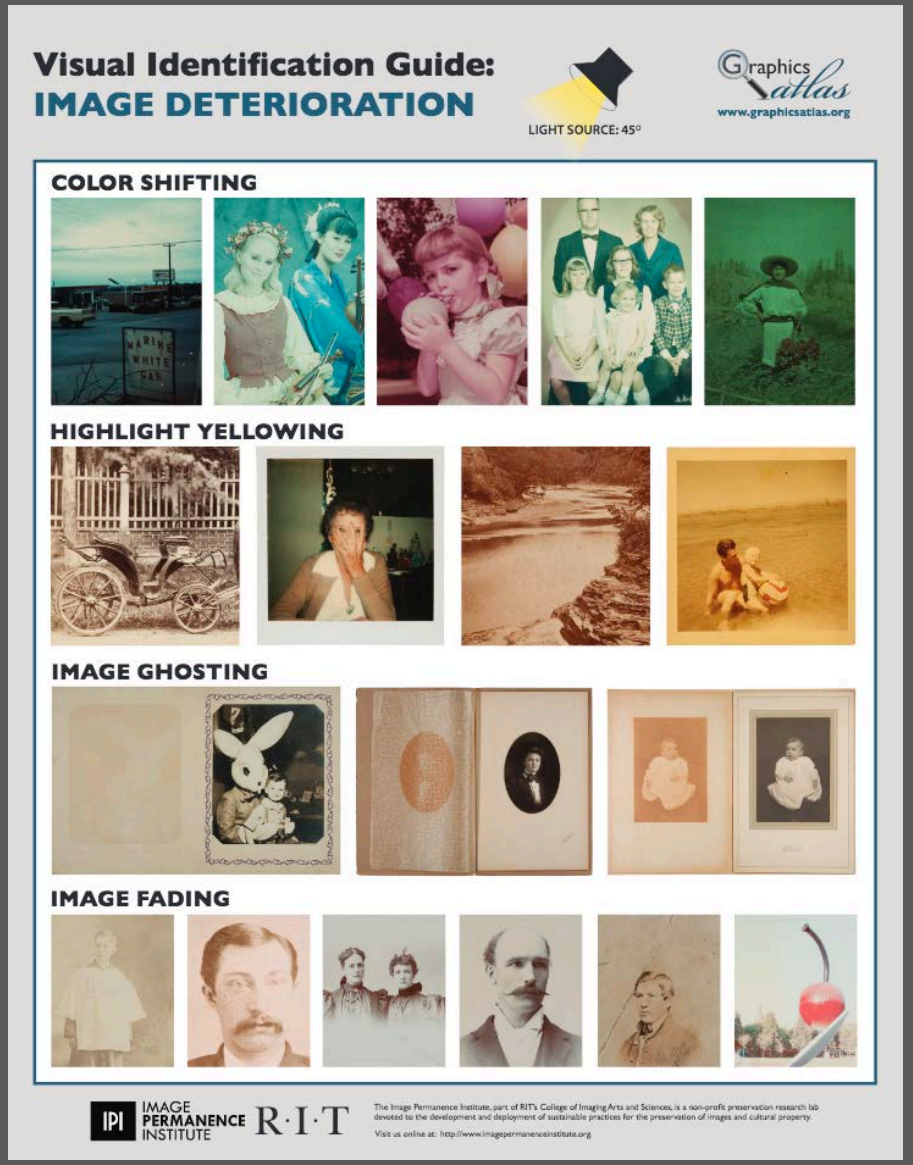
Object View

Deterioration

- Color shifting
- Highlight yellowing
- Image ghosting
- Image fading



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Surface View

Key Identifying Feature

- Surface Sheen

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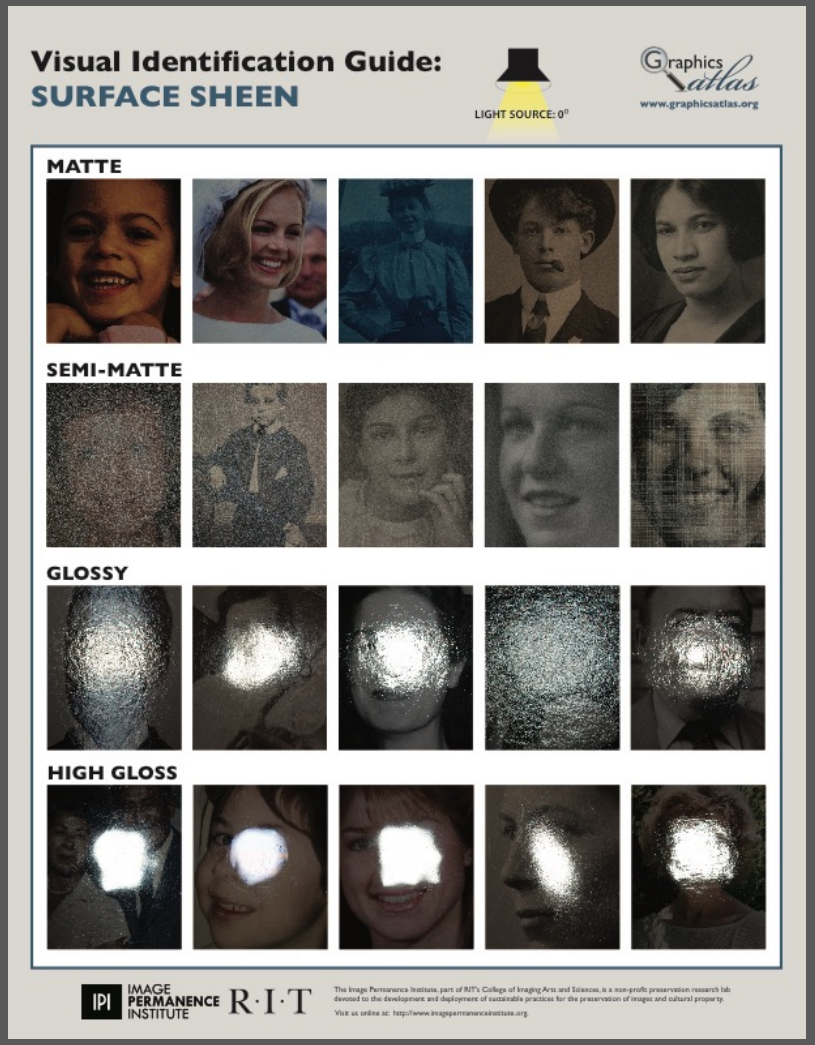
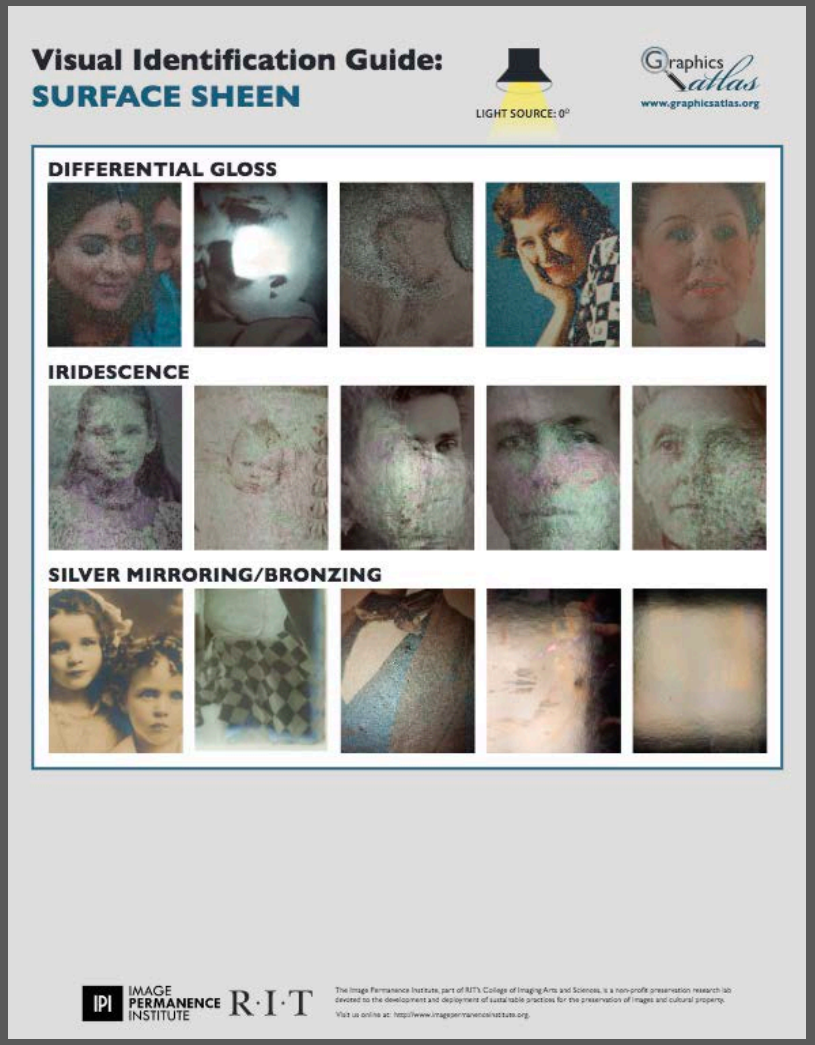
Surface View





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Magnification View

Key Identifying Features

- Image Structure
- Layer Structure

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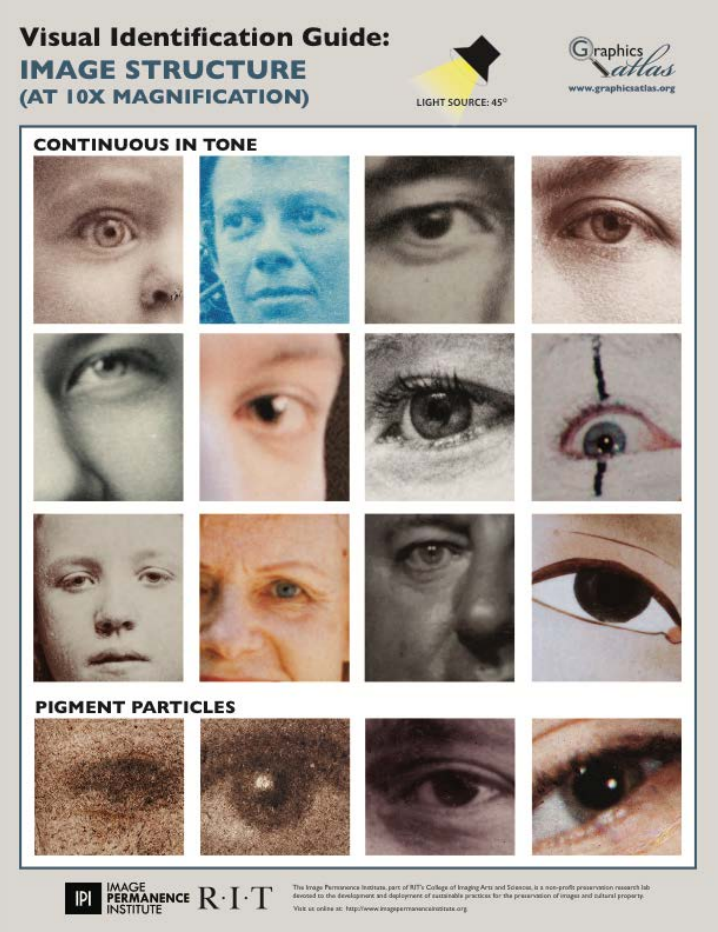
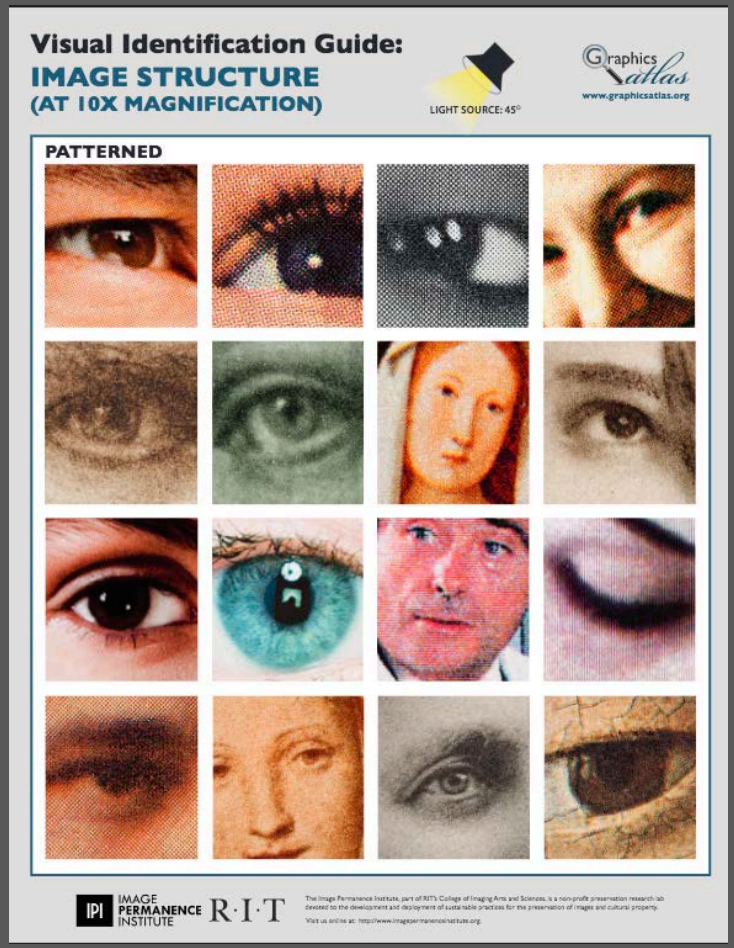
Magnification View

Magnification Tools

- 10x loupe
- Pocket microscope
- Microscope

Magnification View: Image Structure





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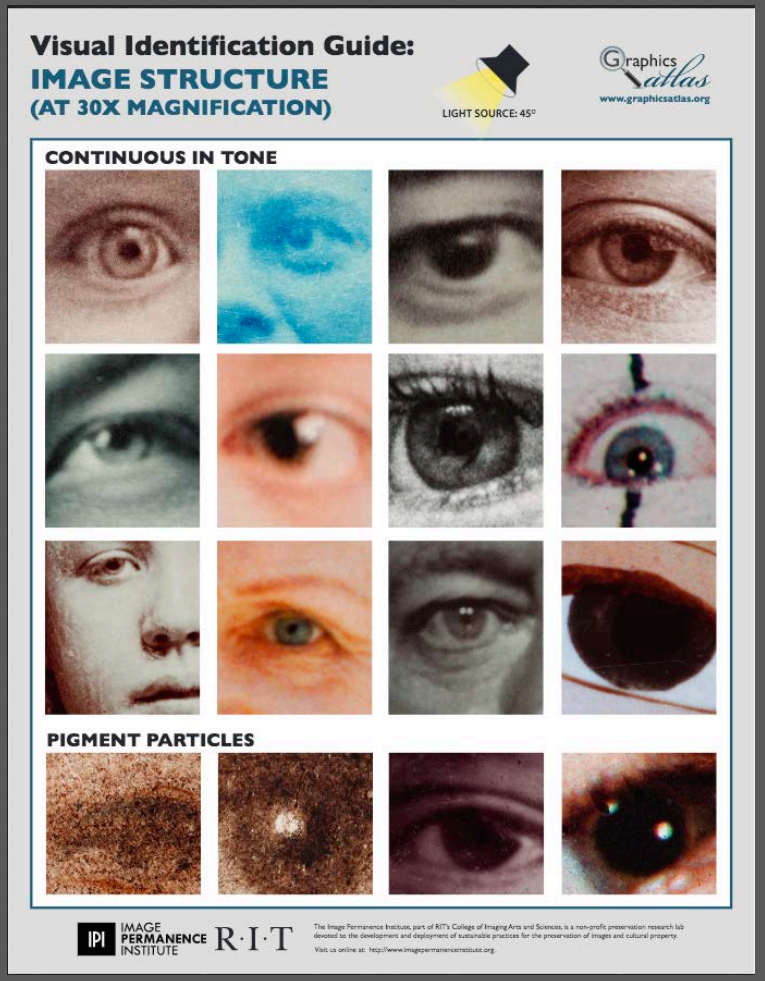

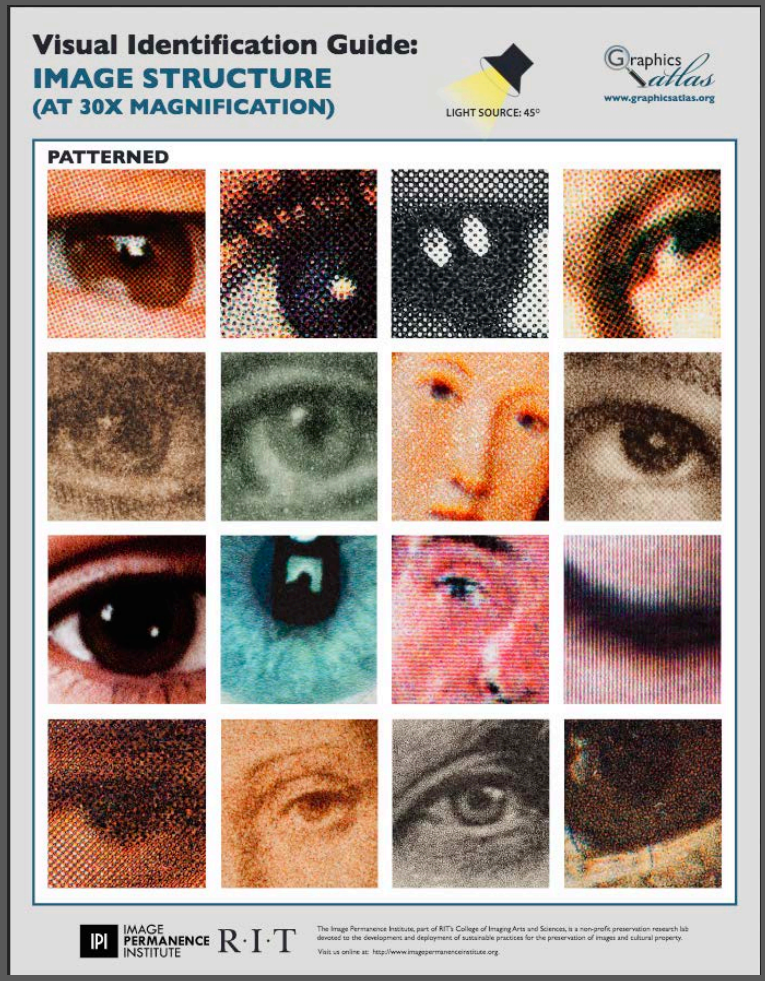

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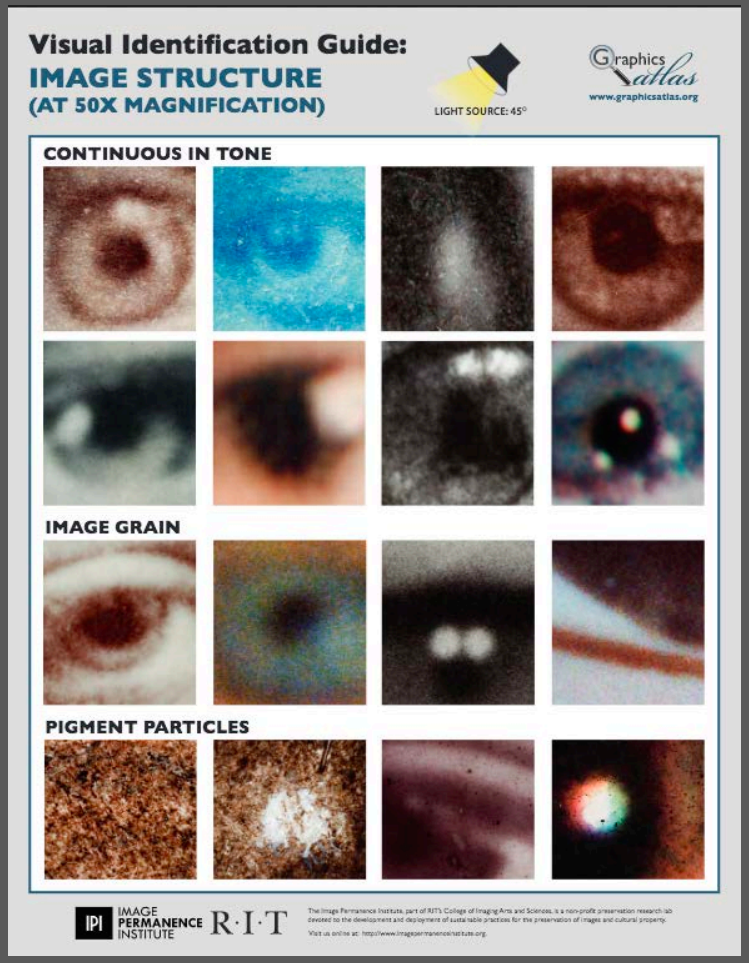

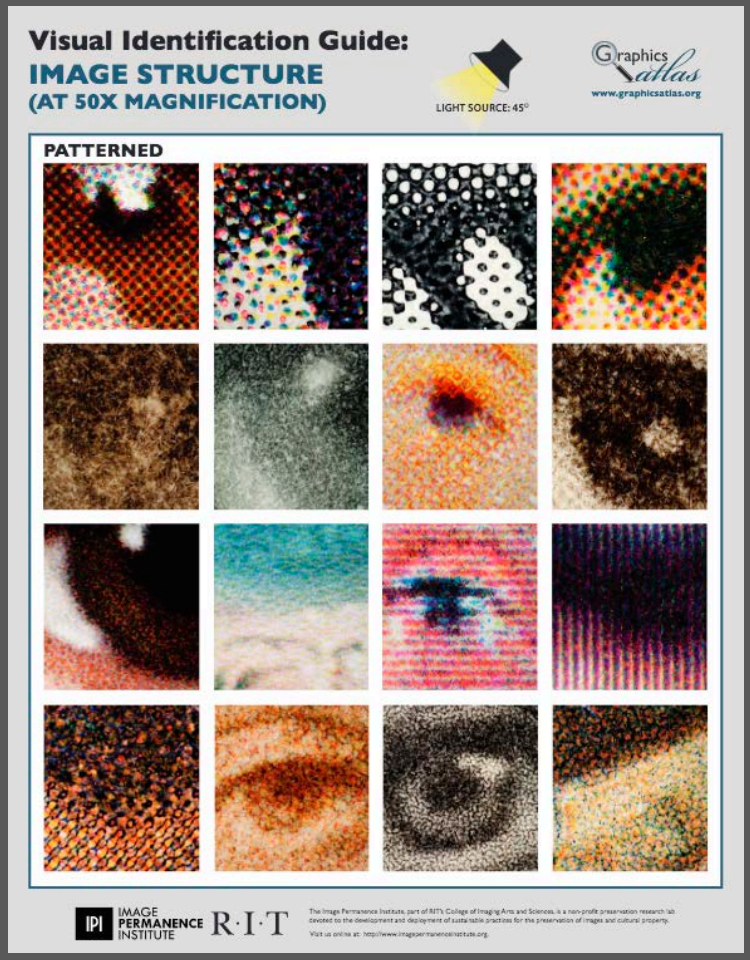

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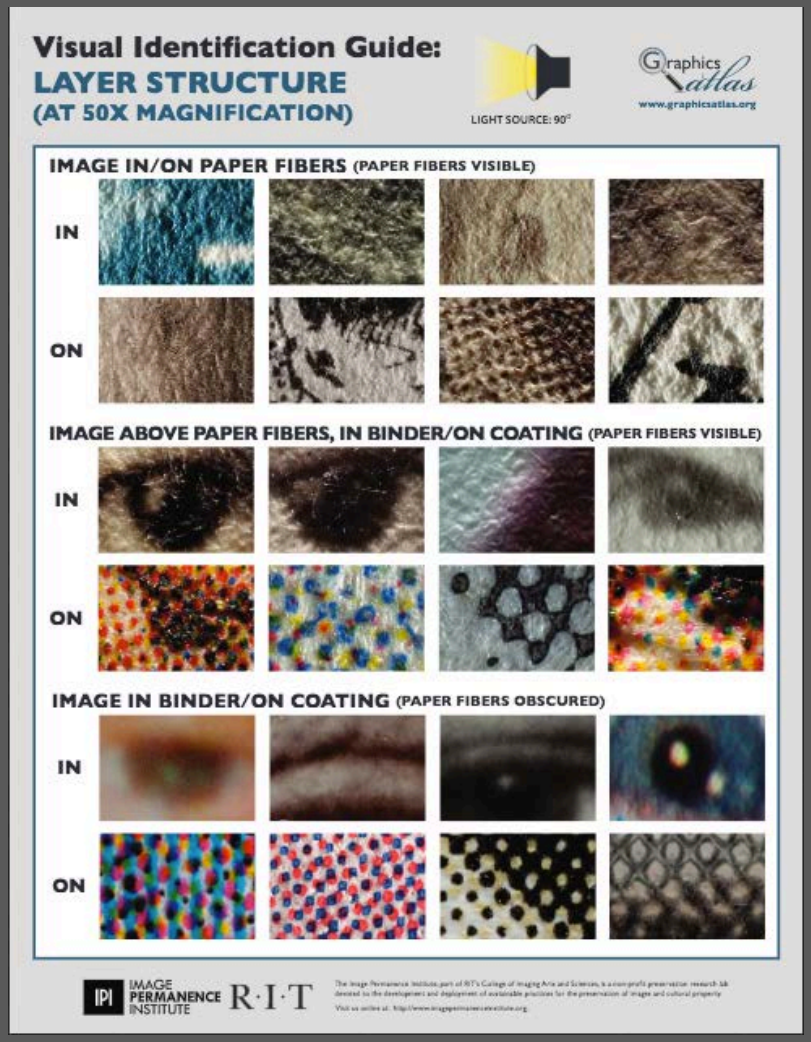
Magnification View



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Layer Structure

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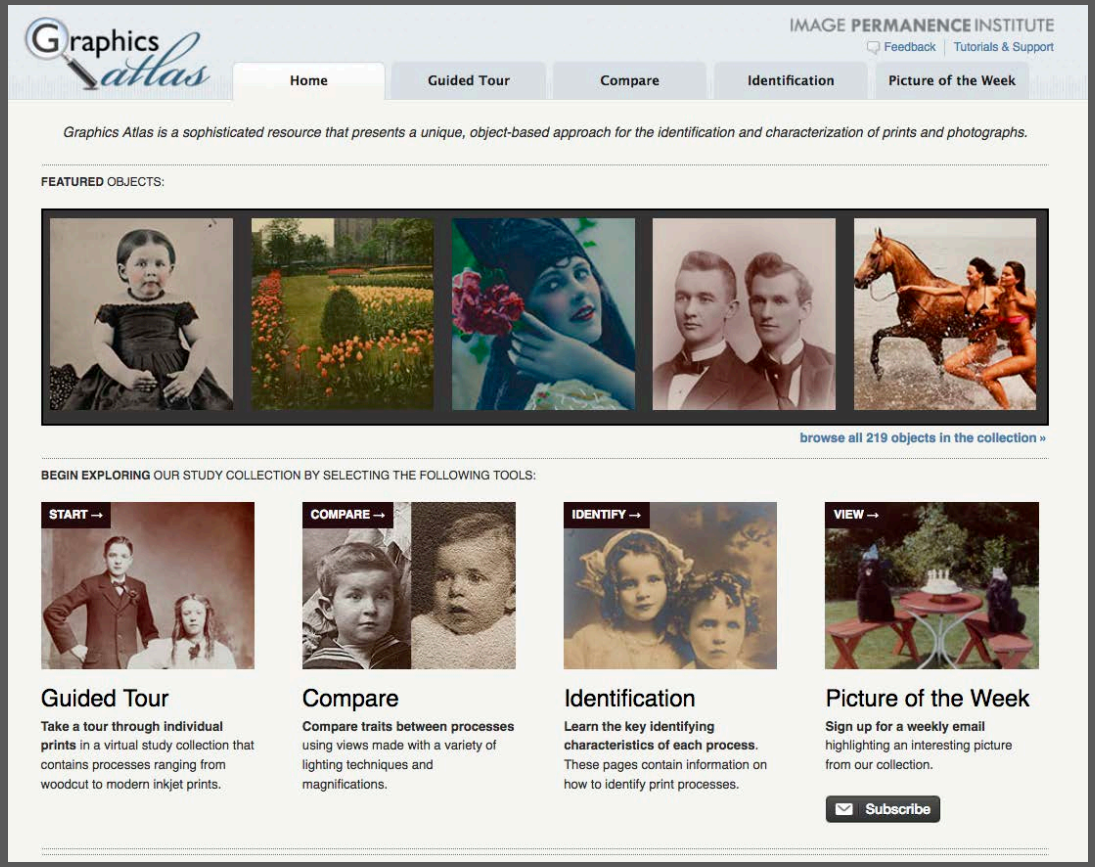
Methods of Looking



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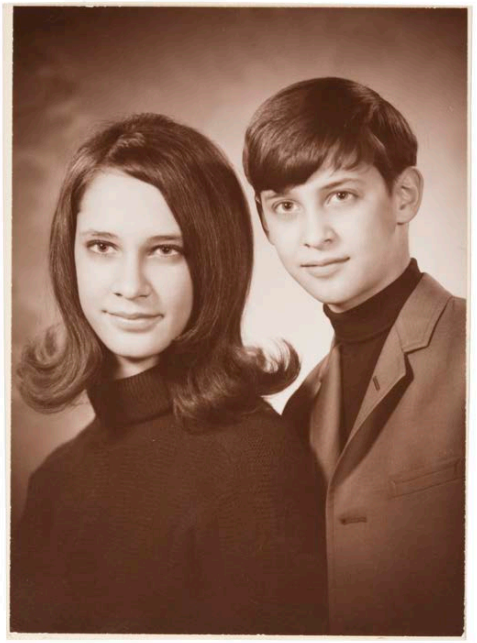
Object Examples



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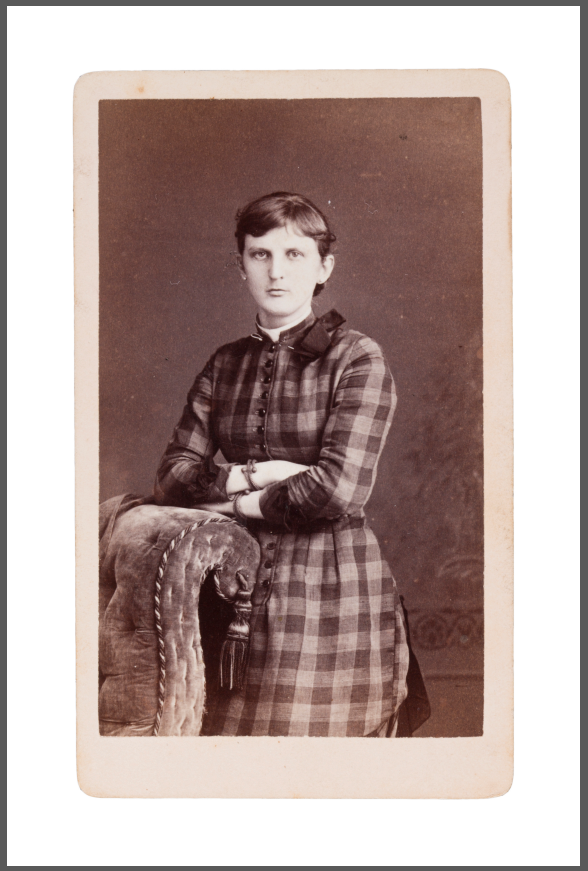
Object View

- Primary Support
- Image Color
- Image Deterioration



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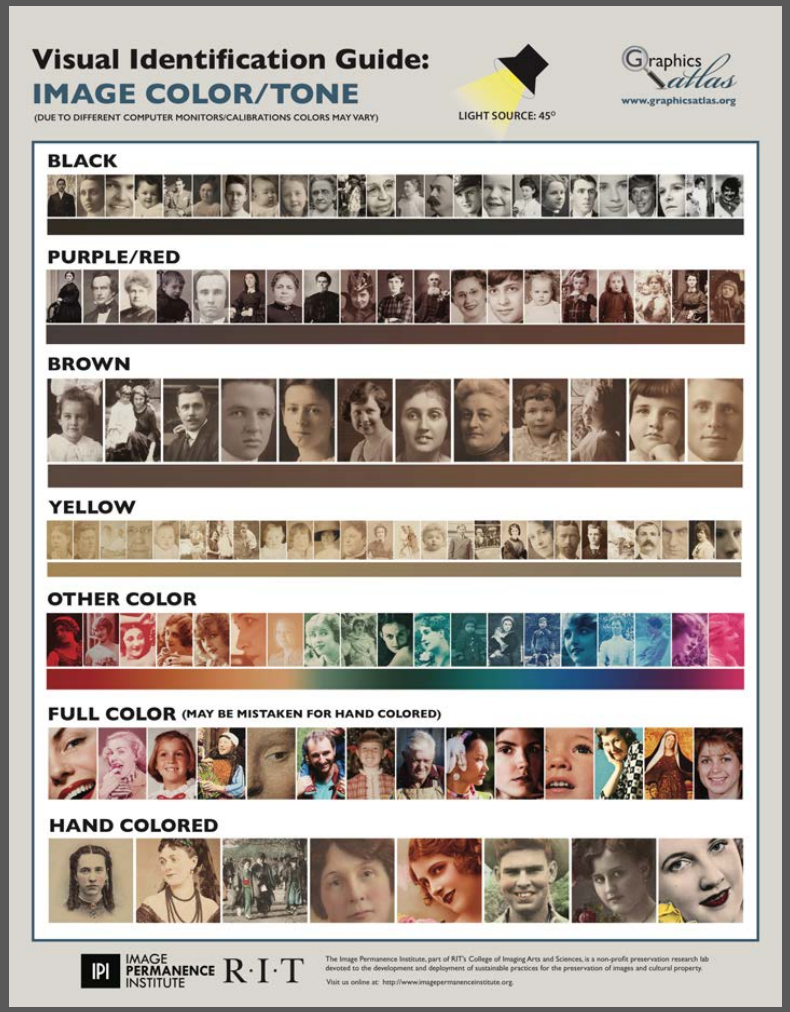

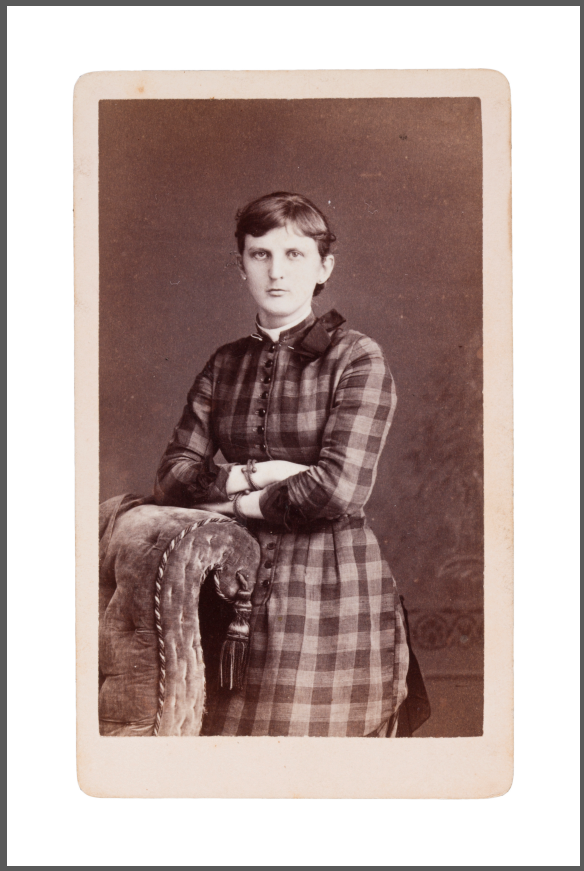

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Object View

- Image Deterioration
  - Image Fading
  - Highlight Yellowing

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Surface View

- Surface Sheen

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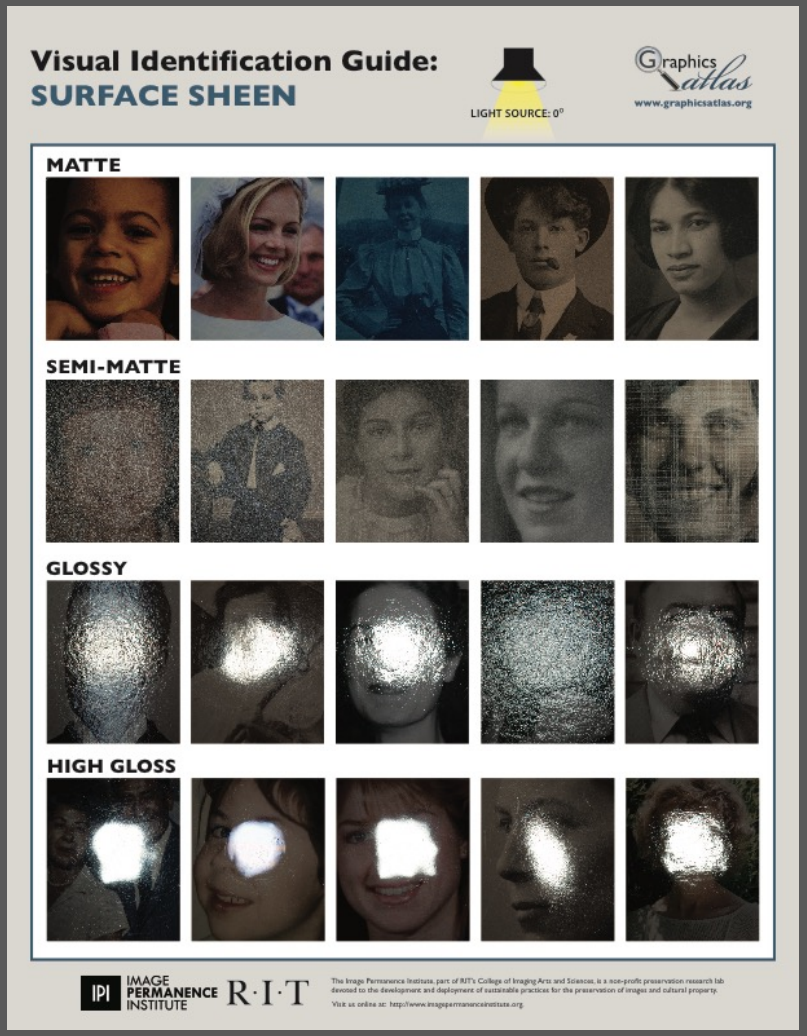

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Magnification View

- Image Structure

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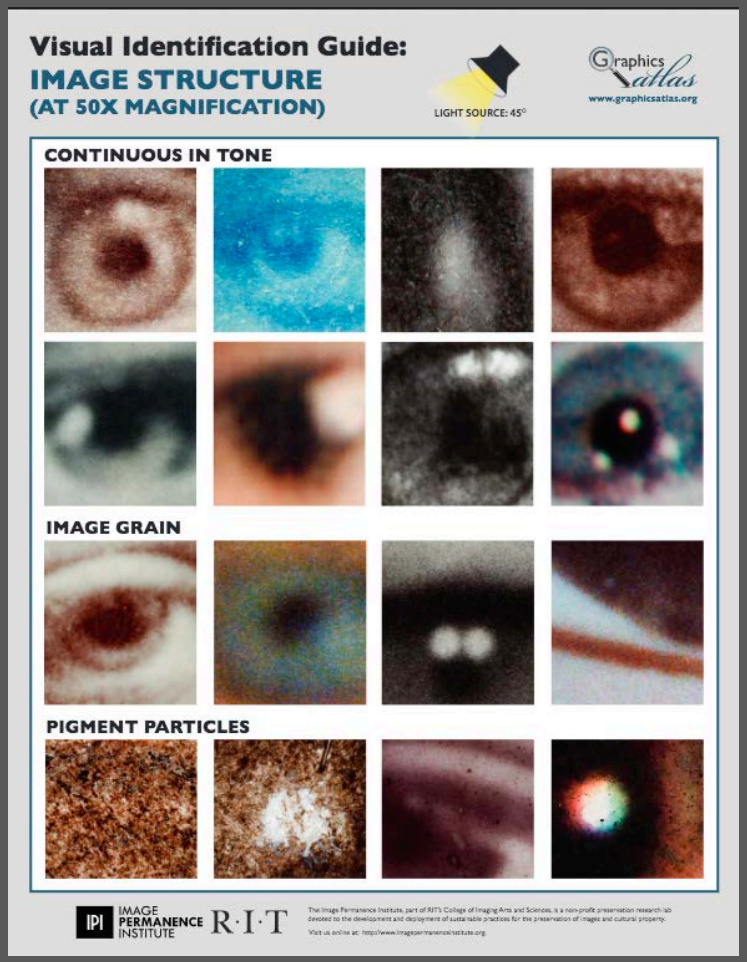

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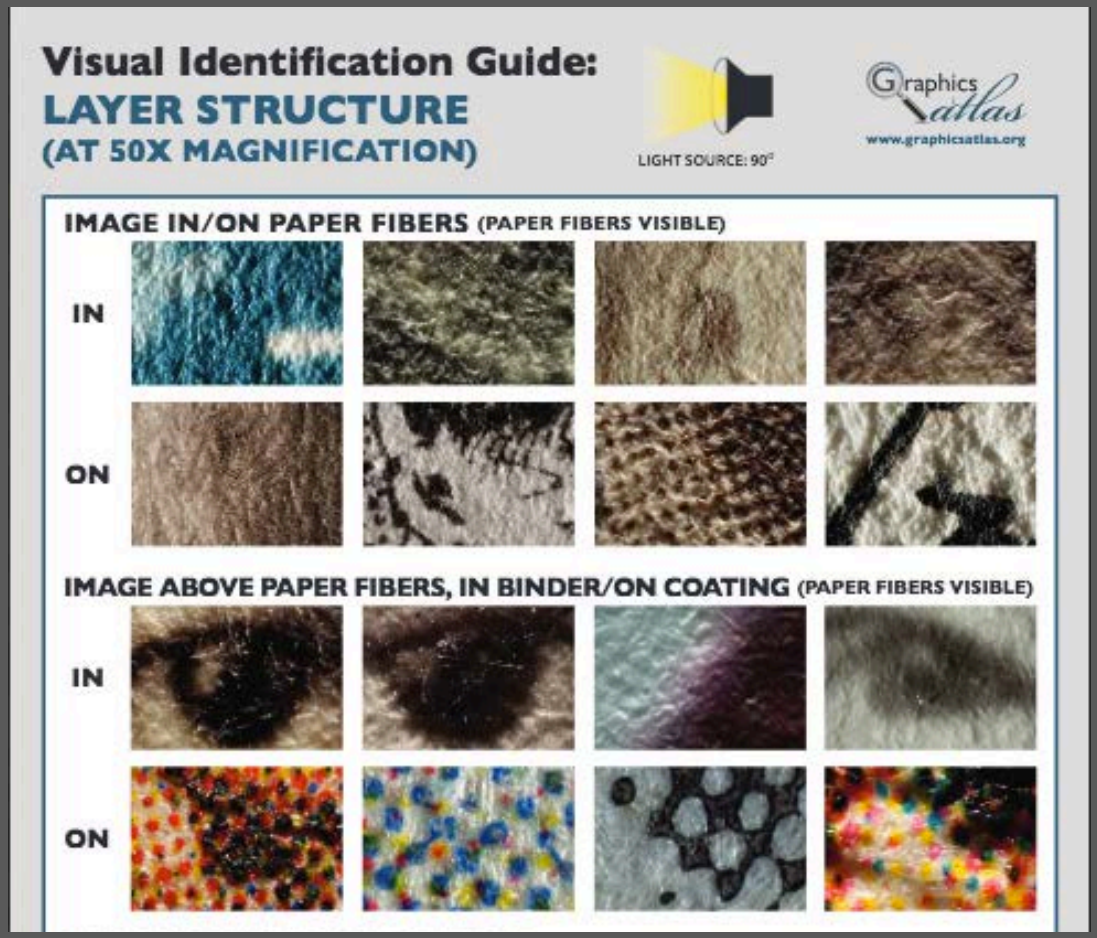

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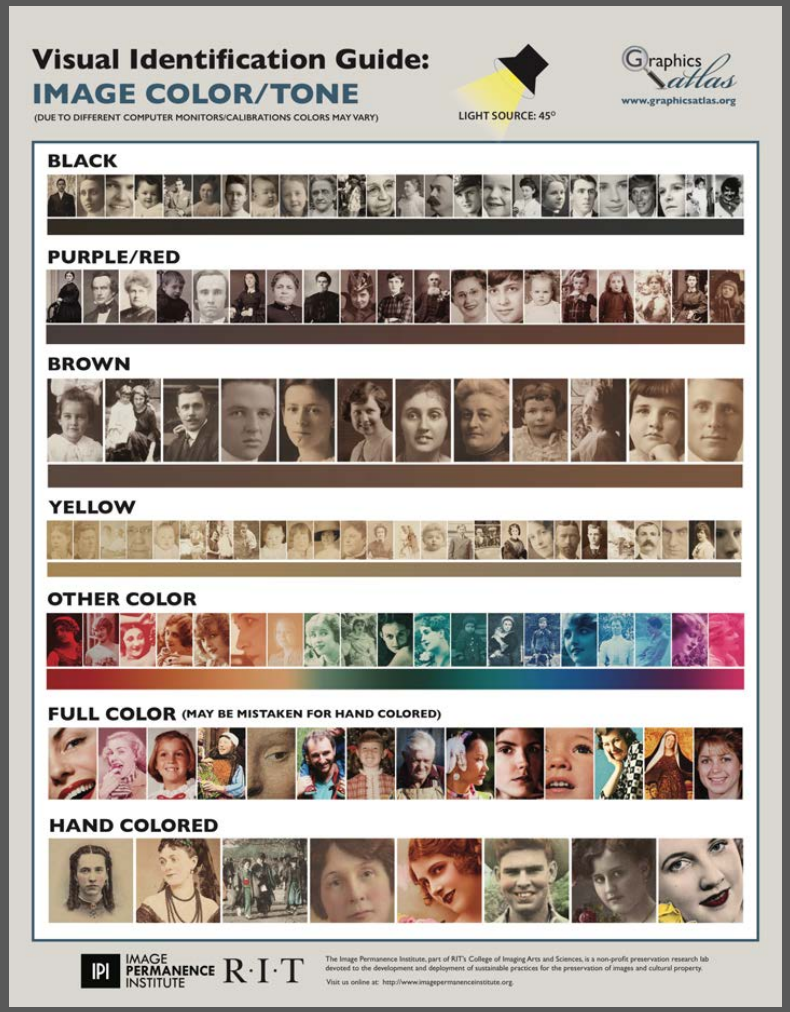

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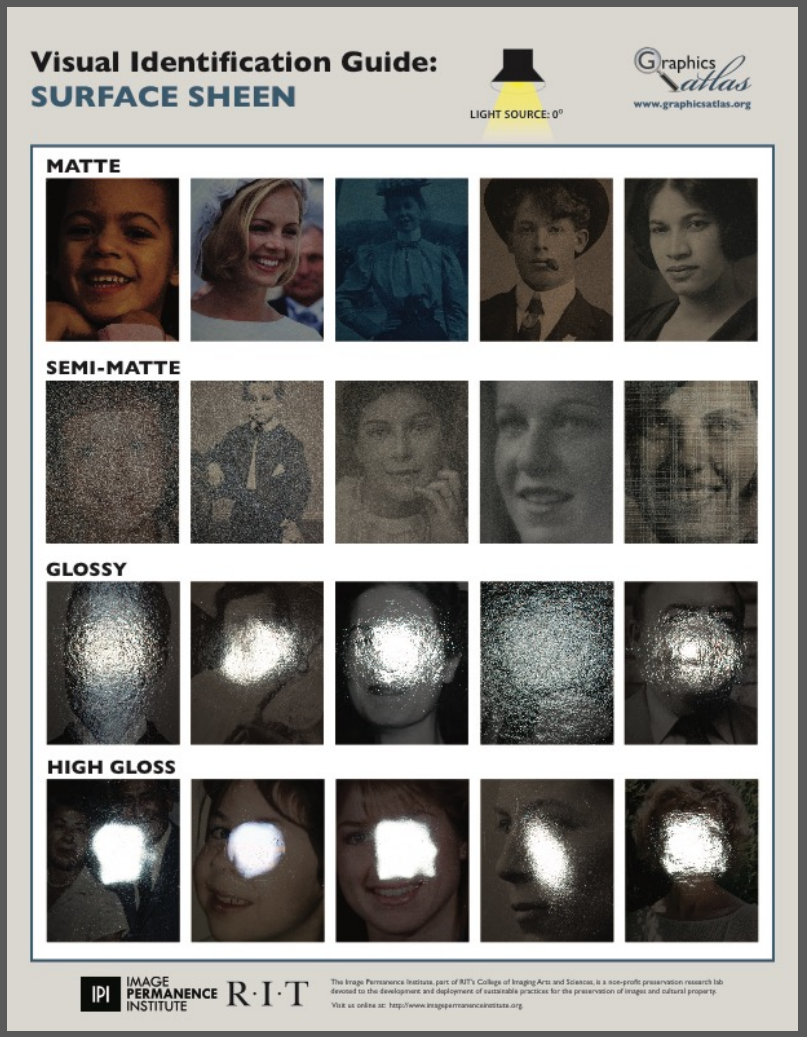

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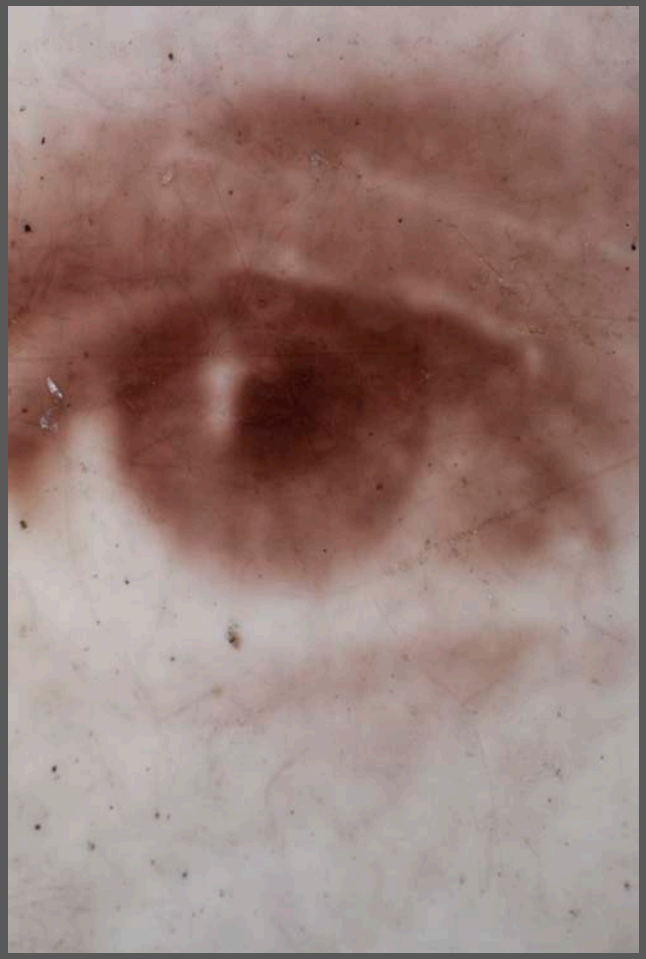

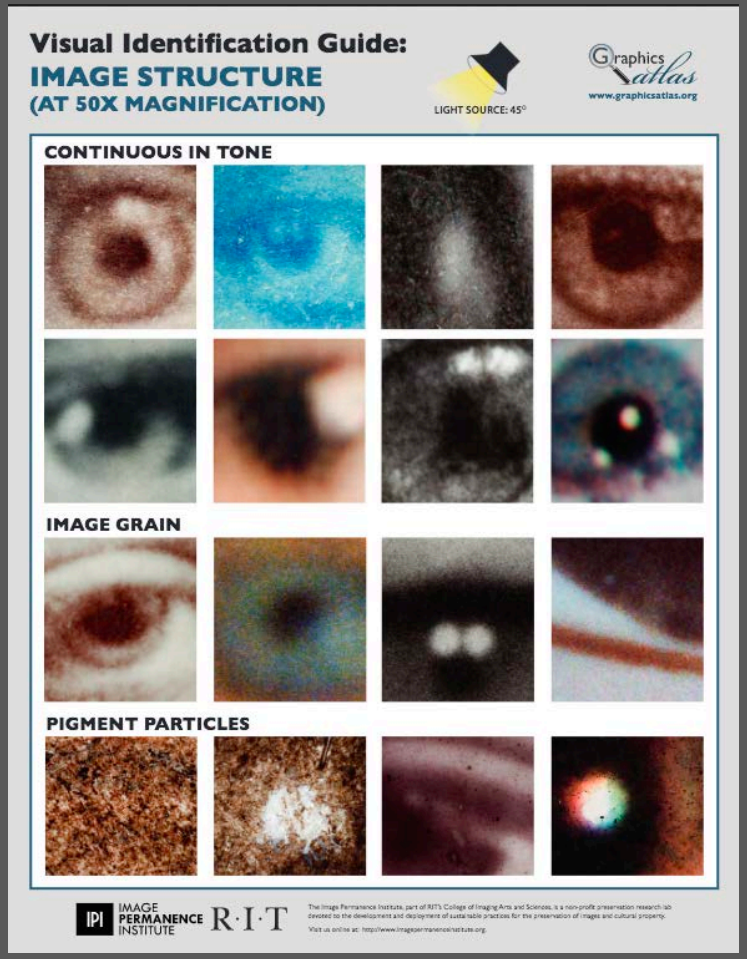

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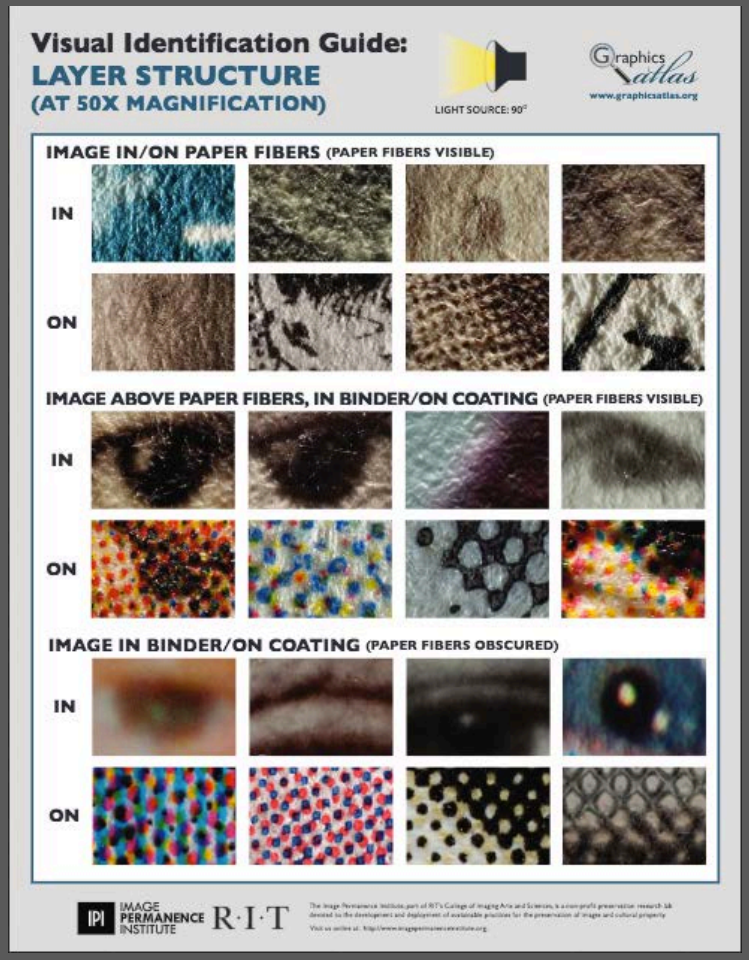

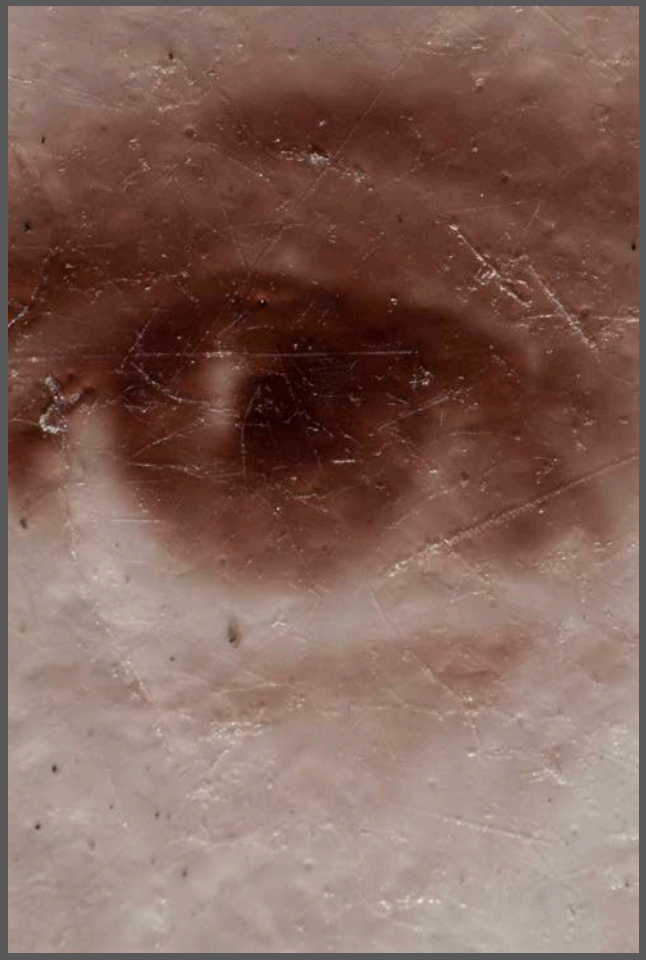

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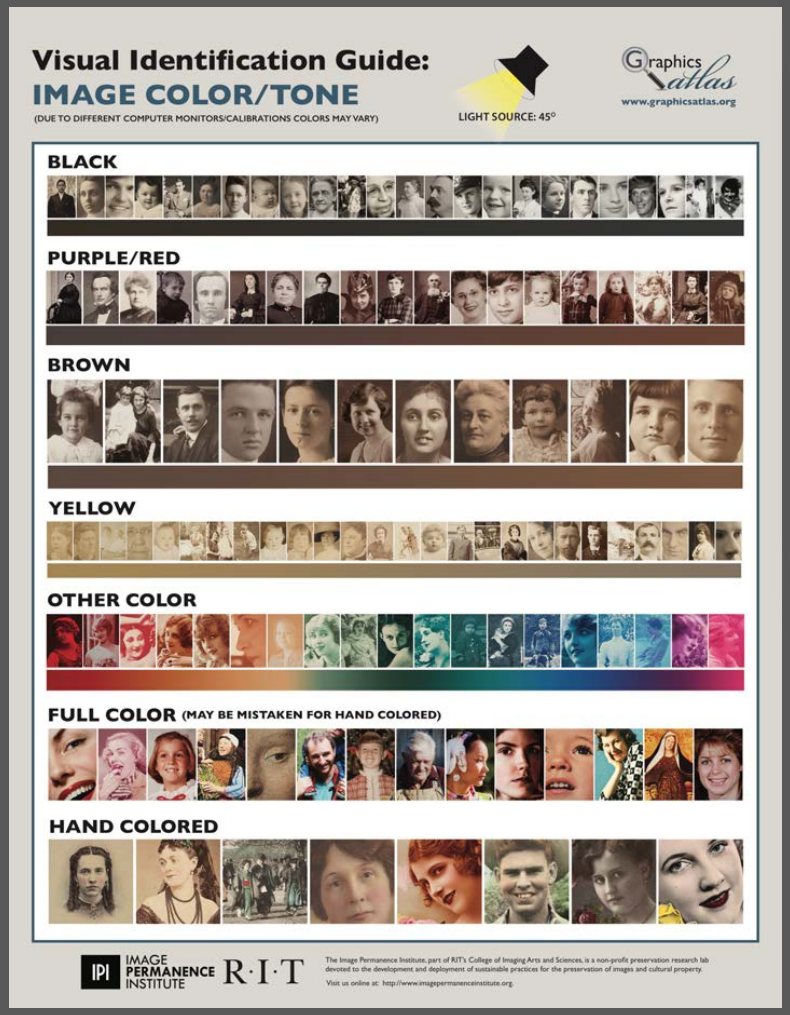

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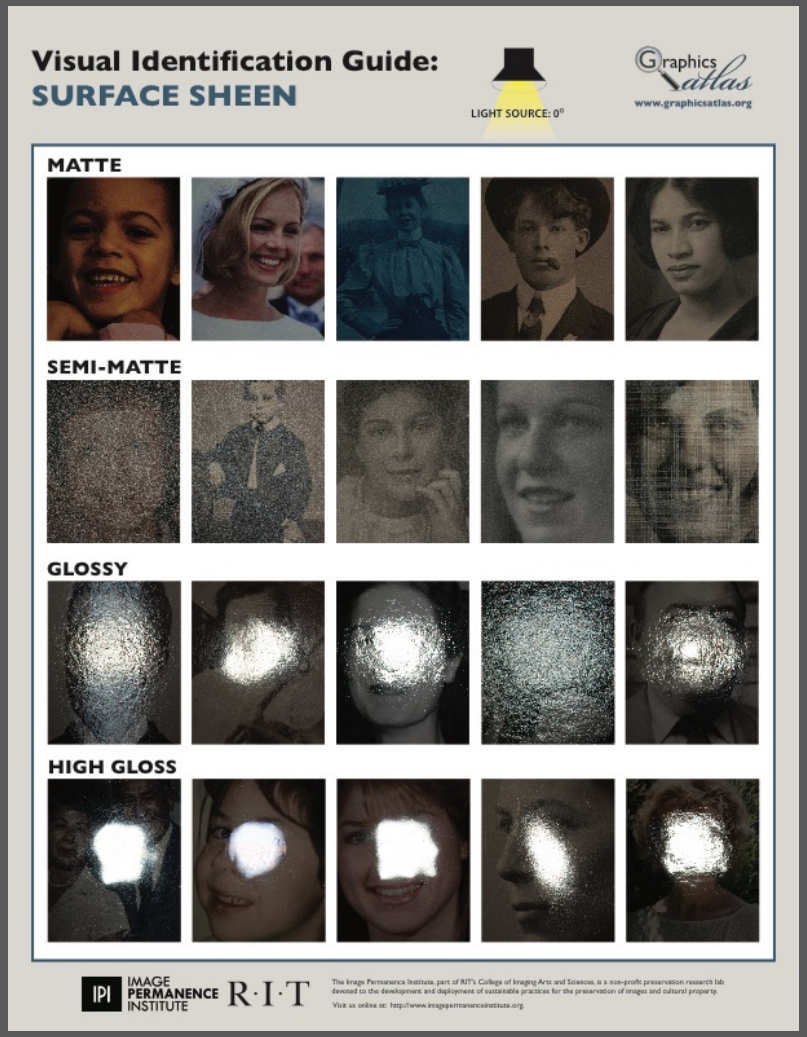

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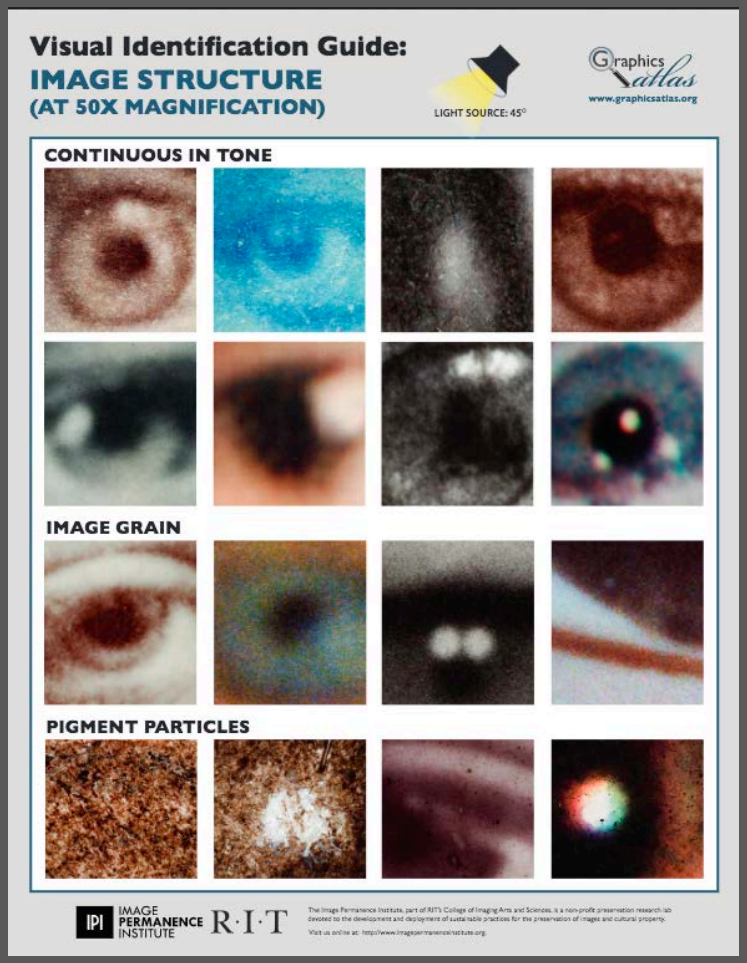

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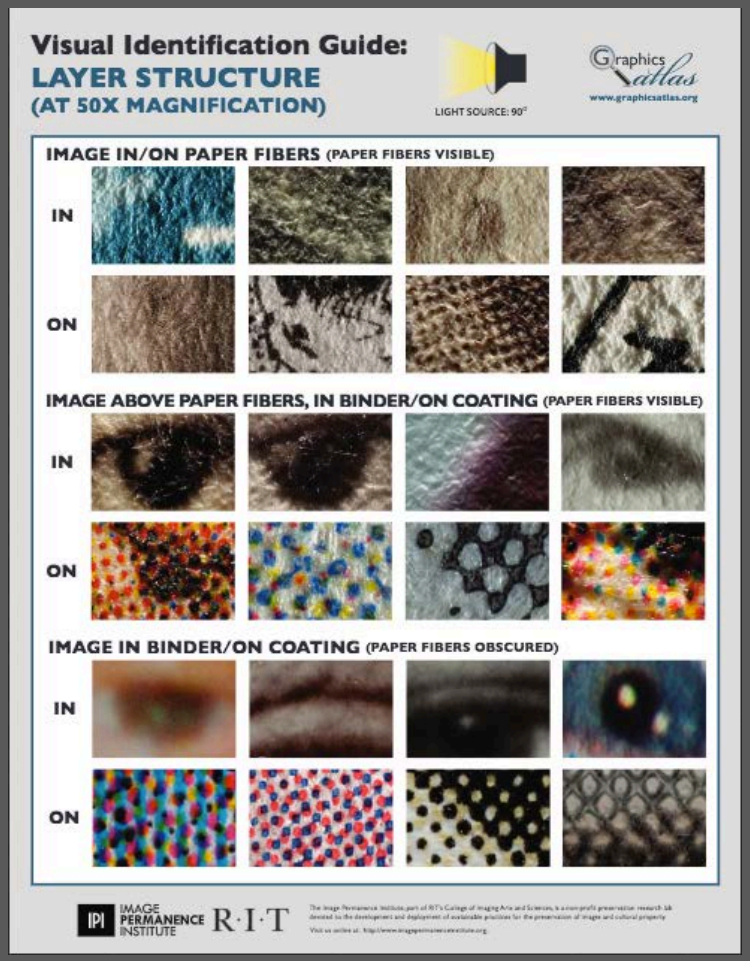

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Survey & Thank You

Thank you!

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Next Webinar

- Wednesday, February 14, 2:00pm EST
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Survey!

- A brief survey will appear at the end, please give us feedback!

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