Forms of Formlessness
Art is concerned with form. (Visual shape is a metaphor for conceptual form.) But in the course of the twentieth century, this very notion (form) has become suspect. This situation creates an interesting challenge for the visual arts: to find a form for formlessness, to show the form that has no form. Below we list some of the forms of formlessness that have been explored.

[Note that one may plausibly try to find the form of formlessness at the level of methods and procedures rather than at the level of individual objects. Then it gives rise to process art and chance art. Or one may give up altogether, and embrace nothing or destruction.]

- dangle
- litter
- junk
- mud
- trash

- tangle
- mound
- foam
- dirt
- goo/ooze/putty

- jumble
- heap
- fluff
- fat
- mess

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