



Gradients

As well as being a topographic term, 'gradient' refers also to the gradual transition in form, texture, materials and vegetation over horizontal distance. Ecotones (see p. 121) are natural gradients. As edges, 'gradients' enable one space to merge with another in a seamless and subtle fashion.

Rhythm, sequence, repetition

Edges provide opportunities for diversity and unity in their overall form through use of repeated textures, forms and colours to create rhythms and sequences along their length.