



# Rational Concepts: 7 English Artists Portfolio

Jeffrey Steele

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**Not on display**

**Title/Description:** Rational Concepts: 7 English Artists Portfolio

**Artist/Maker:** Jeffrey Steele

**Object Type:** Paper

**Accession Number:** 31668

**Historic Period:** 20th century

**Credit Line:** Bequeathed by Joyce and Michael Morris, 2014

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The geometric elements in this print have been generated and arranged according to a rational systemised approach. Jeffrey Steele was a founding member of the Systems Group in 1969, a collective of artists in Britain committed to controlled and logical experimentation. In a statement accompanying this print, Steele described the relationship between the elements as being governed by 'syntactic transformations'. This echoes the Systems Group's interest in the dynamic possibilities of a rational visual syntax.

This print was created for the *Rational Concepts* portfolio, which included seven screen prints produced in an edition of 100, by artists associated with constructive art in England. The other artists represented in the portfolio are Norman Dilworth, Malcolm Hughes, Anthony Hill, Peter Lowe, Kenneth Martin and Gillian Wise.

Lisa Newby, June 2022

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## **Provenance**

In October 1984, the University of East Anglia accepted a planned bequest from Joyce and Michael Morris (UEA Alumni). Michael died in 2009 and Joyce in December 2014 when the couple's wishes were implemented.

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