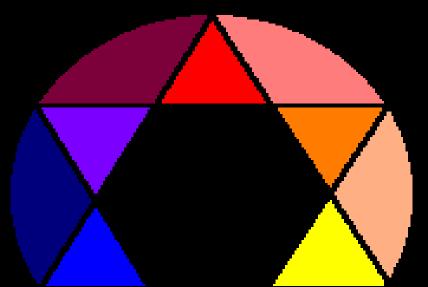
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The Color Wheel

The color wheel fits together like a puzzle - each color in a specific place. Being familiar with the color wheel not only helps you mix colors when painting, but in adding color to all your art creations.

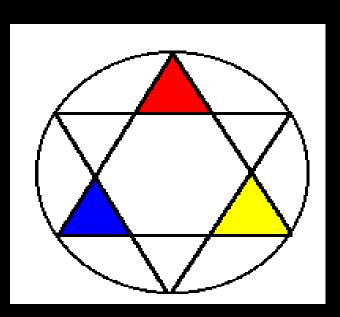




Primary Colors

Primary colors are not mixed from other elements and they generate all other colors.

- Red
- Yellow
- Blue



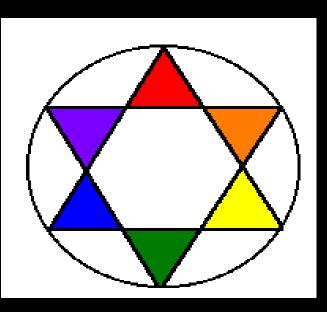




Secondary Colors

By mixing two primary colors, a secondary color is created.

- Red + Yellow = Orange
- Yellow + Blue = Green
- Blue + Red = Purple



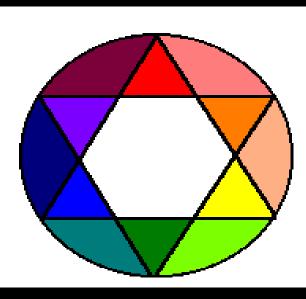




Tertiary Colors

Intermediate, or Tertiary, colors are created by mixing a primary and a secondary.

red-orangeyellow-orangeyellow-green



blue-greenblue-purplered-purple





Color Values

Color values are the lights and darks of a color you create by using black and white ('neutrals") with a color. This makes hundreds of more colors from the basic 12 colors of the wheel.

- white + color = tint
- color + black = shade





Tints

Tints are lightened colors. Always begin with white and add a bit of color to the white until the desired tint is obtained. This is an example of a value scale for the tints of blue.

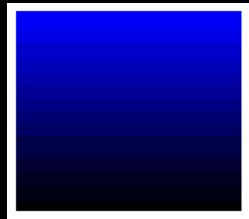






Shades

Shades are darkened colors. Always begin with the color and add just a bit of black at a time to get the desired shade of a color. This is an example of a value scale for the shades of blue.

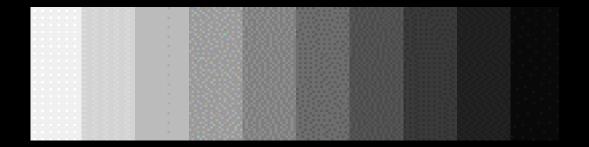






Neutral Colors

The principles of color mixing let us describe a variety of colors, but there are still many colors to explore. The neutral colors contain equal parts of each of the three primary colors. Black, off-black, white, offwhite, gray and sometimes brown are considered "neutral".

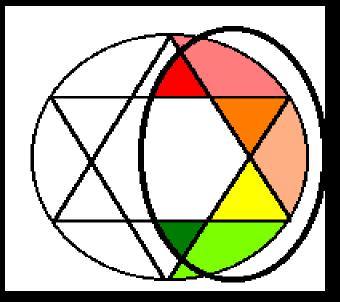






Warm

Warm colors are found on the right side of the color wheel. They are colors found in fire and the sun. Warm colors make objects look closer in a painting or drawing.









This is an illustration of the use of **warm** colors - reds, oranges, yellows and greens.

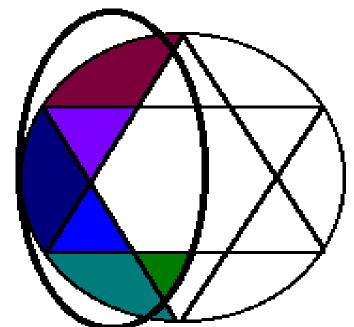






Cool

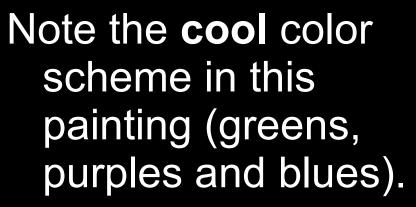
Cool colors are found on the left side of the color wheel. They are the colors found in snow and ice and tend to recede in a composition.

















3 Basic Elements

Hue – The actual color, such as red or green.
A hue can be changed by adding tone,
example - white to lighten, black to darken
Chroma – the intensity of the color
Tone – the amount of black or white in a color.





Key Points

- Colors are either ____primary_____, ____, or _____. (three colors from the color wheel)
- Colors can be used to create _____ and _____. (use your paper from last class)
- Color is always affected by <u>light</u> and <u>texture</u>.





Color Schemes

Color Schemes are a systematic way of using the color wheel to put colors together... in your art work, putting together the clothes you wear, deciding what colors to paint your room.....



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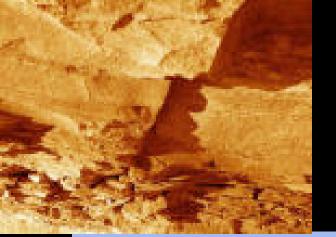


Monochromatic

"Mono" means "one", "chroma" means "color"... monochromatic color schemes have only one color and its values. The following slide shows a painting done in a monochromatic color scheme.







These non-objective paintings have a **monochromatic** color scheme - blue, yellow, red and the values (tints and shades) of blue, yellow and red.



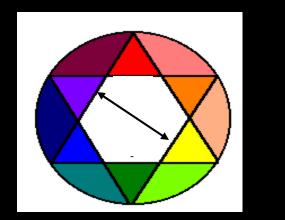


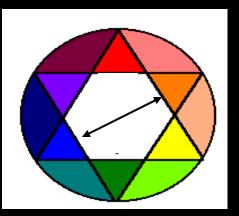


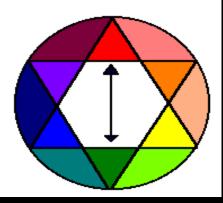


Complementary

Complementary colors are opposite on the color wheel provided a high contrast - if you want to be noticed wear complementary colors!









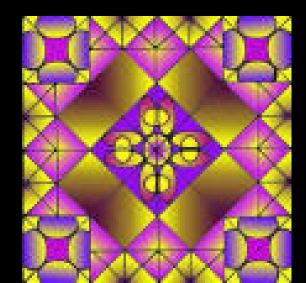




These pictures have complementary colors and their values.





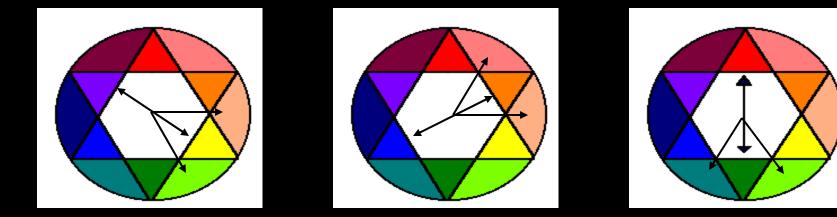




Split-Complementary

Like complementary colors, split-complementary colors are also opposite each other, but include three or four colors, not just two.

Split-complementary contains the actual color (hue) and the two colors on either side of its complement.

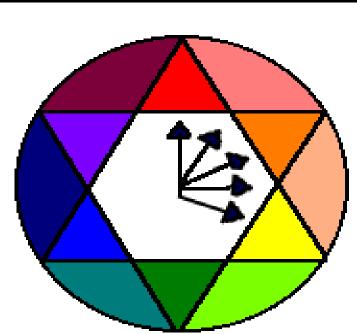






Analogous

The analogous color scheme is 3-5 colors adjacent to each other on the color wheel. This combination of colors provides very little contrast.





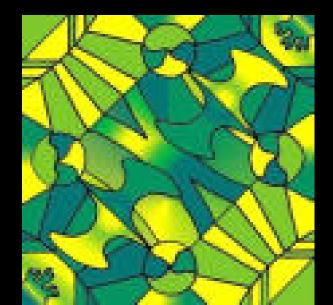




Analogous colors are illustrated here: yellow, yellowgreen, green and blue-green & purple, red-purple, red, red-orange and orange









Achromatic

Designating color perceived to have zero saturation and therefore no hue, such as neutral grays, white, or black





