

Elementary Art: The Color Wheel

Adaptable for K - 5th Grade

Lesson Goal: Students will familiarize themselves with primary and secondary colors through the study and activity of creating a color wheel.

Assignment: Color Wheel Study

Take a moment to look at the color wheel.

Identify the **primary colors**, red, blue and yellow.

The primary colors are used to create the **secondary colors**, purple, green and orange.



Activity: Create a Color Wheel (2D or 3D... your choice!)

2D Color Wheel:

Kindergarten & 1st grade: Find something circular to trace - a bowl or m tupperware from your kitchen will work great! Divide it into 6 “slices”, like a pizza. To do this, draw an “x” through your circle, and then a line across the center. Use a material of your choice to fill in each section, creating your own color wheel!

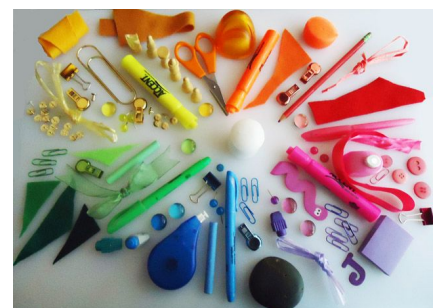
2nd & 3rd grade: You can also make a color wheel like above, OR you could choose a shape and draw 6 of that shape in a circle. For example: 6 hearts in a circle, 6 cats in a circle, 6 baseballs in a circle.

4th & 5th grade: Think of an object that is each color. For example: a red apple, an orange pumpkin, a yellow daffodil, etc. Lightly draw a circle on your paper to use as a guide, then start sketching each item over your circle so the different objects are in color order.

3D Color Wheel:

Gather objects around your house to create a color wheel! Identify the primary colors and secondary colors with a scrap piece of paper or post it note.

Interested in sharing? Snap a picture of it to share with your art teacher and WSSD art community.



Assessment: Take a moment to reflect on the project - what was challenging? What did you enjoy? What would you do differently? Write a few sentences describing your artistic process and share with a family member. This is called a self reflection, and is something artists do every day!