

Creative Color Wheels

The color wheel helps us understand the relationships between different colors. There are three different categories of colors that make up the color wheel:



Primary Colors

Primary colors are colors that can't be mixed from other colors. There are three primary colors: **red**, **yellow**, and **blue**. All other colors come from these three, which makes them the basis for the color wheel.



Secondary Colors

Secondary colors are made by mixing two primary colors. They are **purple** (red mixed with blue), **orange** (red mixed with yellow), and **green** (yellow mixed with blue). On the color wheel, secondary colors appear between the two colors that create them.



Tertiary Colors

Tertiary colors are made by mixing a primary and a secondary color. They are **red-orange**, **yellow-orange**, **yellow-green**, **blue-green**, **blue-violet**, and **red-violet**. On the color wheel, tertiary colors appear between the two colors that create them.

Make your own creative color wheel!

You can make a color wheel out of anything! Using items around your house or yard, create your own color wheel by arranging those items in the correct color order. Try it with secondary colors first, and then challenge yourself to add the tertiary colors.



Share your color wheels with us!

Take a photo of your creative color wheel, and share it with us on Instagram using [#frickpghkids](https://www.instagram.com/frickpghkids). Don't forget to tag us [@frickpgh](https://www.instagram.com/frickpgh).

