

Project glossary

analogous colours

Colours that are next to each other on the colour wheel.

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colour wheel

A tool used in art and design to show colours and their relationship to each other.

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complementary colours

Colours that are opposite each other on the colour wheel, such as red and green.

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cool colour

A colour that can make us feel cool, calm or sad, such as blue or green, and can make the object seem further away to the viewer.

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primary colour

A colour that cannot be made by mixing other colours. The primary colours are red, yellow and blue.

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secondary colour

A colour that is made by mixing equal amounts of two primary colours. The secondary colours are green, orange and purple.

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tertiary colour

A colour that is made by mixing equal amounts of a primary and secondary colour, such as red-purple, blue-purple, red-orange, yellow-orange, yellow-green and blue-green.

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warm colour

A colour that evokes a feeling of warmth, happiness and energy, such as red or yellow, and can make the object seem closer to the viewer.