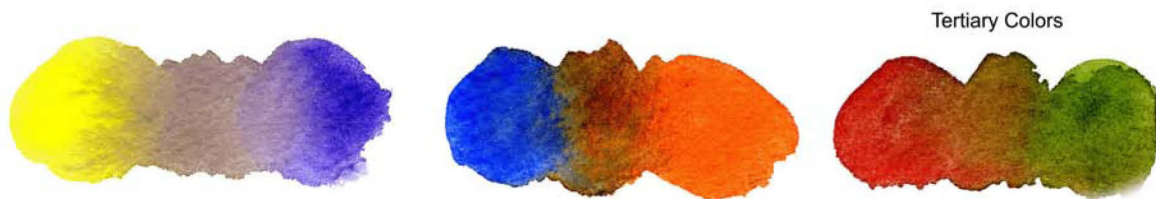


Tertiary and Triad Colors

Tertiary colors are neutral colors such as browns and grays. Neutral colors, such as browns and grays, contain all three primary colors. They are created by mixing all three primary colors, or a primary and secondary color. Secondary colors are made from two primaries. By varying the proportions of the colors you're mixing, you create the different tertiary colors.



Why Do My Tertiary Colors Keep Turning Out Muddy?

Mixing too many colors together will give you mud. If your gray or brown isn't looking the way you want it to, don't keep adding more and more color hoping it will work. Start over!

Tertiary Colors are also Called Intermediate Colors

Tertiary colors are created when mixing one secondary and one primary color together, e.g. blue + violet = blue-violet or three or more separate colors can be mixed, being mixtures of one primary and one secondary, or the combination of two primaries, are also tertiary's. Tertiary colors have six complementary color pairs. Each complementary is directly opposite from another tertiary color.

Combinations of Primary and Secondary Colors

There are six tertiary colors; red-orange, yellow-orange, yellow-green, blue-green, blue-violet, and red violet. You can remember the tertiary names by using the primary name before the mixed color, so, the tertiary color produced when mixing the primary color blue with the secondary color green; will be called 'blue-green.'

