

COLOR HARMONY

Harmony is a way of saying that two or more things together make sense. Color harmony represents a satisfying balance or unity of colors. Combinations of colors that exist in harmony are pleasing to the eye. The human brain distinguishes the visual interest and the sense of order created by the harmony of forms as a dynamic equilibrium.

The color wheel is the artist's tool for creating the color harmonies. Keep in mind that the color wheel is a reference tool, not a color selection tool.

CREATING COLOR HARMONY:

The basics for creating harmony are described and illustrated on the color wheel.

This section must be focused on understanding color relationships.

Successful color schemes rely on a knowledge of temperature, value and intensity and their relationship to the basic principles of design.

Below are examples of the color harmonies found on the color wheel. Compare them to the basic examples on the other color harmony handout. The key is not just which colors were used but how they were distributed in relation to each other and the basic principles of design.



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