

# OUTDOOR FINE ARTS AWARD



## PROJECT: PAINTING

### GOALS

**A. PAINTING COLORS:** Learn how to mix colors for your painting project.

**B. PAINTING PROJECT:** Choose your art style and subject for your project.

### A. PAINTING COLORS

Any art project can be exploratory fun that allows creators to discover new things, use their imaginations, and practice patience with the sometimes-frustrating creative process. When young artists focus on creation instead of "perfection," then art stays fun!

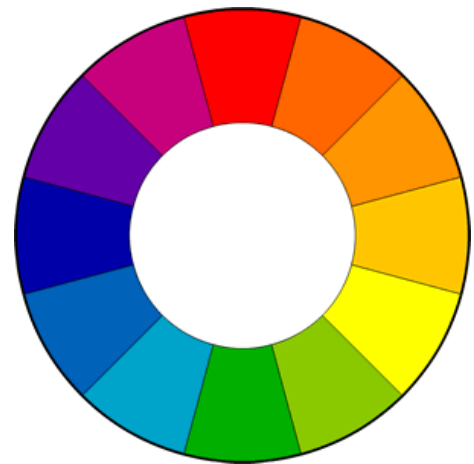
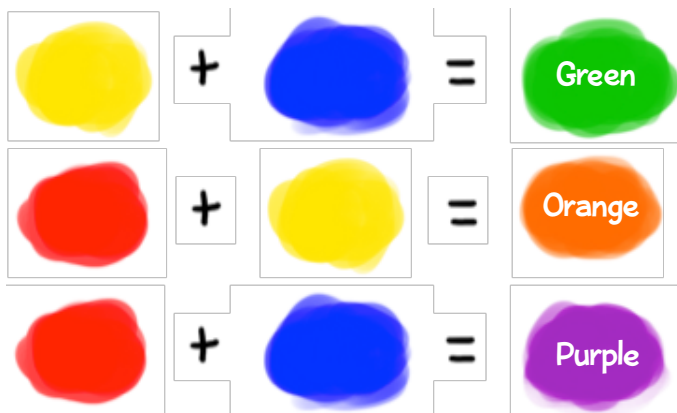
#### Primary Colors

Blue, red, and yellow are primary colors. Every other color is a mixture of these three colors. See below for tips about how to mix colors if you just have these three paints.



#### Secondary Colors

Colors created from two primary colors mixed together.



A Color Wheel is a tool that shows how colors relate to each other.

## Tertiary Colors

Six colors mixed from a primary and secondary colors.



## Brown

Brown can be mixed several ways. You can either mix all three primary colors together to make brown. Vary the amounts of each depending on the shade of brown you want. Or, you can also mix equal parts of complimentary colors together.



## Black

Mix blue plus brown. Experiment with how much to add depending on the shade you want.



## Tinting & Shading

Add black or white in small quantities to darken or lighten a shade for your painting!

## **B. PAINTING PROJECT**

### Step 1—Painting Styles

Choose your painting style to complete your project.

#### **Style 1—Easel Painting**

- paint easel with clips or paper taped to easel
- large sheets of newsprint/butcher paper
- tempera paint
- cups
- large brushes

1. Pour paint in tins or cups and put one brush in per color.
2. Attach your paper to the easel.
3. Make sure you have water ready.
4. Choose your Subject matter (Step 2).
5. Paint! Let your project dry. Enjoy!



### ***Style 2—Watercolor Painting***

- paint brush
- cup of water
- watercolor paint box
- paper

1. Choose your Subject Matter (Step 2).
2. Wet brush, then mix into one of the watercolor paints.
3. Paint the paper with your desired color.
4. Rinse the brush before you use another color.
5. Feel free to mix colors by mixing them on the lid of the watercolor box.
6. Paint until finished! Lay flat to dry so the colors don't run.

### ***Style 3—Paint Prints***

- paper towels
- pan or tray
- liquid tempura paint
- things to make prints of
- fingertips
- gadgets
- inflated balloons
- sponges
- toys
- rolled paper

1. Tear off a stack of wet paper towels in the pan. Spread them out.
2. Spread liquid tempura paint onto the paper towels (makes a print pad).
3. Choose a subject matter (something simple) in Step 2.
4. Based off your subject matter, choose an object to make prints with.
5. Print the object onto the “print pad” each time to get fresh ink.
6. Refill the paper towels when ink gets low.
7. Finish your prints! Lay flat to dry.

### ***Style 4—Window Painting***

- newspaper
- tape
- tempura paint
- (Optional) white shoe polish
- sponge & water
- paintbrushes

1. Put paper on the windowsill to protect the paint.
2. Use the soap and water to wash the windows. Dry with a towel.
3. Pick your subject matter (holiday or seasonal) in Step 2.
4. Pour tempura paint into containers.
5. For easy removal, you can use white shoe polish in an applicator bottle instead.
6. Paint on the inside of the window your holiday or seasonal scene.
7. Allow to dry. Make sure you wash windows after a few weeks. Removal is tougher the longer the painting sits.



## □ Step 2—Choose Your Subject Matter

### **Step 1—Subject Matter**

Based off your painting medium, choose a subject matter. See below for some ideas of things you can draw.

#### **Subject Ideas**

- an animal
- a nature scene (trees, lakes, waterfalls, etc)
- people at a park
- a holiday scene
- a building
- a famous place
- a made up world
- an imaginary creature

1. Now, choose what you will use to inspire you on what to paint.
2. If it's an imaginary creature, or a made up world, you will use your imagination.
3. Use a personal photograph, online stock image, or photo from a book.
4. Use a drawing or painting from a children's book.
5. If you choose styles 3 or 4, you will need a simple subject matter!
6. If you choose style 4, you will need to pick seasonal or holiday subject matter.

### **Step 2—Initial Sketching**

1. If you are doing Styles 1 or 2 sketch a rough idea of your subject matter.
2. If you are doing Styles 3 or 4, simply obtain a copy of examples of your subject matter. Before you start, brainstorm about where you want to place your object, and how you want to draw it. Start painting!

**Enjoy the creative process—don't worry about your project being perfect!**

### **RESEARCH MORE**

- Complete **Fine Arts: Drawing** first to learn how to draw.
- *Preschool Art: Painting* by MaryAnn F. Kohl
- *Painting from Photographs* by James Markle and Layne Vanover
- dummies.com and select *How To: Using a Color Wheel When Mixing Acrylic Paints* by Colette Pitcher

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