

# Family Gallery Guide

## *Tallahassee Watercolor Society's Brush Strokes Exhibition*

The Tallahassee Watercolor Society, began in the 1970's with a small group of dedicated watercolorists who joined together to learn more about watercolor painting and to make the local public more aware of its value. Through the efforts of local artists many nationally known watercolor artists were invited to conduct workshops in Tallahassee.

**Just as these artists wanted to learn more about painting, this activity will show you the basics of painting and color!**

### TYPES OF PAINTING

#### WATERCOLOR

Watercolor painting is a very popular way of painting. As the name suggests, watercolors are made from color suspended in water. If you have ever used a painting set like the one at the right, you have used watercolor! Artists must be careful with watercolors because if water splashes onto a finished painting, it will make marks or smudges in the painting.



#### ACRYLIC

Acrylic paint is a type of paint that is also very popular! It is a water-based “plastic” paint, that appears more like a gel. It is a fast-drying paint that can be diluted in water but is water-resistant when dry. This means that if you spilled water on a dry acrylic painting, it wouldn't hurt it!

## THE COLOR WHEEL

Because paint is a liquid, artists can start with basic colors and mix them to make more colors. Every artist begins by learning about the color wheel (right). Find the three primary colors and list them:

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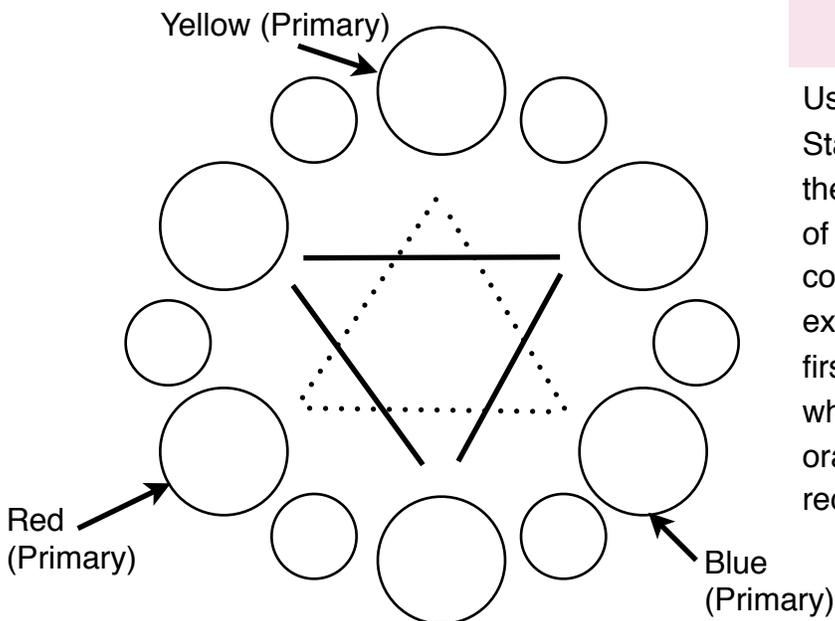
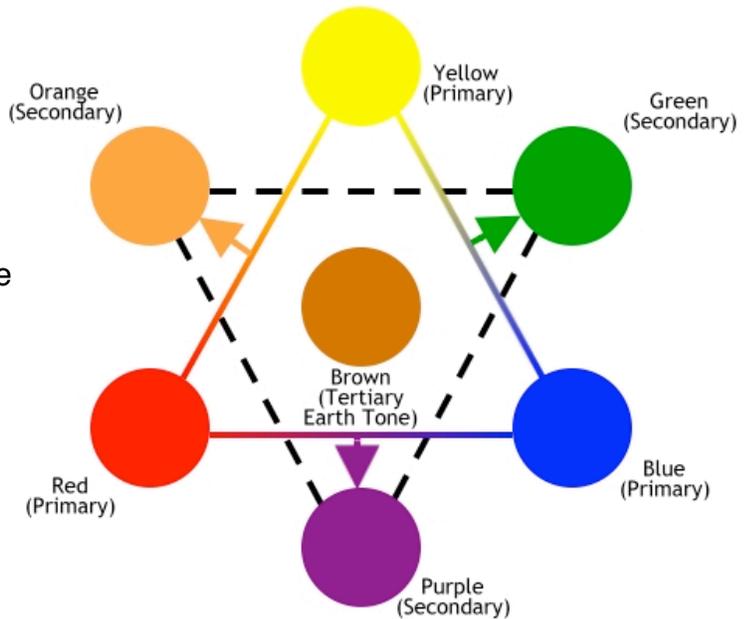
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These are called primary colors because they are the first colors you use to make other colors. To make a secondary color, you mix two primary colors located on either side of it on the color wheel. Use the chart to fill in below:

orange = yellow + red

green = \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_

purple = \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_



### TRY THIS AT HOME

Using paint, make a color wheel at home! Start by filling in primary colors. Next, paint the secondary colors. Then, see what kinds of colors you can make by using a secondary color mixed with a primary color! For example, to make Reddish orange, you can first mix an equal amount of red and yellow which will make orange. Then, take that orange and mix it with an equal amount of red. Fill in your colors in the space to the left!

