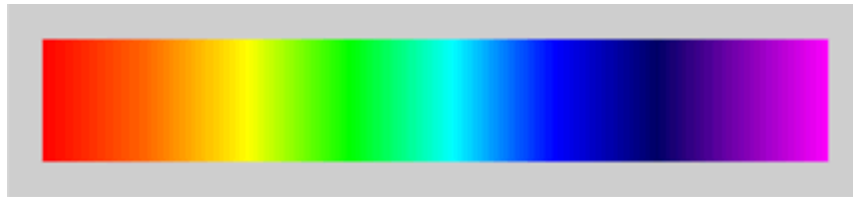


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## Colour Terminology

A knowledge of color terms helps us to appreciate the different ways that color may be used in art and design.

### THE SPECTRUM

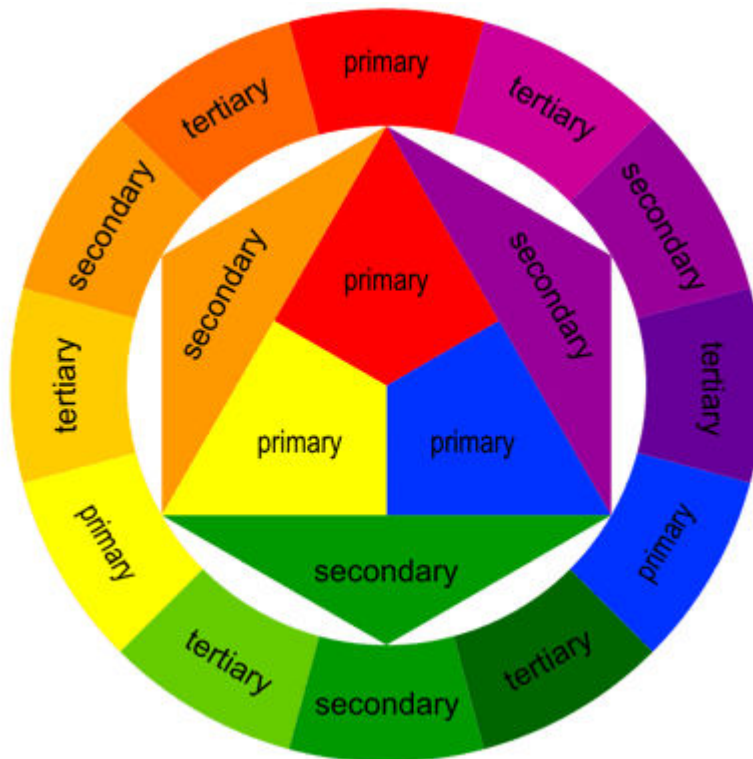


The spectrum is the colours of the rainbow arranged in their natural order:

Red - Orange - Yellow - Green - Blue - Indigo - Violet

The mnemonic for this is ROY G BIV

### HUES



The Color Wheel

A hue is one of the colors of the spectrum.  
Hues have a circular order as illustrated in the color wheel above.

## PRIMARY COLORS

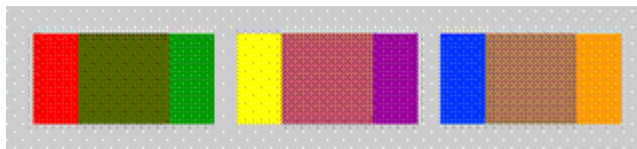


Red, Yellow and Blue are the primary colors.  
These are the three basic colors that are used to mix all hues.

## SECONDARY COLORS

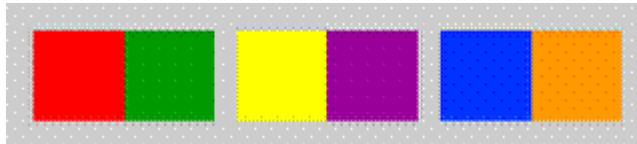
Orange, Green and Purple are the secondary colors.  
They are achieved by mixing two primary colors together.

## TERTIARY COLORS



Tertiary colors are more subtle colors that are achieved  
by mixing a primary and a secondary color.

## OPPOSITE and COMPLEMENTARY COLORS



Opposite colors are diagonally opposite one another on the color wheel.  
You can work out the opposite color to any primary color  
by taking the other two primaries and mixing them together.  
The result will be its opposite or 'complementary' color.

## ANALOGOUS COLORS



Analogous colors sit next to one another on the color wheel.  
These colors are in harmony with one another.