

Painting Vocabulary

Term	Definition	Required
Abstract	Recognizable subject matter presented in an unnatural or distorted manner	YES
Analogous	Color scheme in which up to 5 direct neighbors on the wheel are present (EX: yellow, yellow- green, green, blue-green & cyan)	
Color	name of a spectral hue (ex. blue); spectral hues the eye sees when light is reflected off an object; has 3 properties: hue, intensity and value	
Color Scheme	Plan for using colors	YES
Color Wheel	Diagram of (12 in our studies) colors according to primaries, secondaries and tertiaries	YES
Complementary	Color scheme in which one set of opposite colors plus values, intensities greys & neutrals is used (Ex: Purple and yellow)	
Cool Colors	Color scheme in which ½ the wheel- Yellow-green through Green to Purple- are present.	
Glaze	Acrylic/Tempera technique that is a thin translucent layer of paint on top of a dry under layer.	
Hue	Name of a color	
Intensity	The brightness or dullness of a color	YES
Monochromatic	Color scheme in which "One Color" plus values, intensities greys & neutrals is used	
Pigment	Chemical or natural material used to give color to a medium.	
Primary color	Colors used to mix all other hues; Red, Yellow, Blue & Magenta, Cyan, Yellow	
Portrait	Work of art that represents a specific person, group of people or animal; vertical oriented rectangle	YES
Secondary colors	Made by mixing two primary colors	YES
Shade	Low value of a color made by mixing the black into the color	
Tertiary color	Made by mixing a primary with an adjacent secondary (Blue-Green)	
Texture	the way things feel, or look like they would feel if touched (real or simulated)	
Tint	High value of a color made by mixing color into white	
Value	lightness or darkness of a surface/object	YES
Warm colors	Color scheme in which ½ the wheel – Yellow through Orange to Red-purple - are present	
Wash	Watercolor technique of a super transparent, very watery paint	

"Always, Always add the dark into the light."

Painting Tools/Media

Item	Information
Acrylic paint	Water soluble (when wet) polymer chain paint that is permanent when dry; dries like a plastic; can be applied thin, thick and is best on canvas or prepared surface
Brush	Tool to mix & apply paint; comes in flats and rounds, variety of bristle styles and lengths; should always be washed, pointed and stored flat or bristles up (never wet in a cup)
Canvas	Surface for painting with acrylic paint or oil paint (not used in this studio)
Drying Rack	Storage equipment for paintings on paper; load bottom to top
Palette	Flat surface to hold paint and for mixing paint
Palette Knife	Plastic, wood or metal blade (not sharp) used for mixing and applying paint (tempera, acrylic and oil)
Paper towels	Essential tool for painting; blots brushes, cleans up spills and works as a quick eraser/texture tool for watercolor
Tempera paint	Water soluble "school" paint; not permanent when dry; best in thin layers on paper
Well	Pure paint source; paint directly from tube/bottle or in cakes of the premade sets (watercolors)
Water	The "thinner" for our studio paints; more increased viscosity/flow as well as transparency for all paint types in studio
Watercolor	Water soluble, transparent medium (whether from tube or cake); not permanent when dry; best on heavy watercolor paper taped to a board
Watercolor paper	Heavy, high cotton rag content paper that is sized (primed) and pressed; absorbent so that multiple layers can be applied
Water cup	Holds the water needed to paint with