

Resource

HOW TO MAKE GREYS



A step-by-step guide
on 'how to make beautiful greys'
and why it is important.

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There are three main ways you can make grey. You can of course buy grey in a tube but this is not necessary. We will discuss each option below and the benefits of each.

Mix Black & White

The quickest and easiest way to make grey is to mix black and white, however, the main drawback of this is that the colour lacks excitement and you can make much more lively greys in other ways.

Mixing Three Primary Colours



By mixing the three primary colours together you will make a grey. The more red and yellow in the mix the more the colour will move towards earth tones and the more blue the more it will move towards grey.

Mixing Complementary Colours

You can mix two opposite colours on the colour wheel to make greys using complementary colours. For example, mixing orange and blue, red and green, or yellow and purple can create various shades of grey.



Red & Green

Red-Orange & Green-Blue



Orange & Blue

Blue-Purple & Orange-Yellow



Yellow & Purple

Yellow-Green & Purple-Red

Conclusion and Next Steps

Greys are an essential component of any painting because they provide a sense of depth, contrast, and harmony. They allow you to create shadows and highlights, define form and texture, and balance the colours in your composition. By using complementary colours to create greys, you can add vibrancy, interest, and nuance to your work. Greys are an essential tool for any painter who wants to create a compelling and dynamic composition.



Thank you!

"I hope this has given you a better understanding of why creating your own greys are important in your work"

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