



HOW TO MATCH YOUR ART TO YOUR WALLS

A HOW TO GUIDE ABOUT COLOR



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A GUIDE BASED ON THE TERMINOLOGY OF THE COLOR WHEEL

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As an artist with a passion for bright colors I want you to think about what artwork you place on your walls. It shouldn't be there just to take up space. It needs to make you feel something.

I've dabbled in nearly all types of mediums but my favorite is pastels. They have allowed me to get the colors and textures that I want in my artwork. When I want to go a bit bold and crazy then I go for my digital abstracts. If I want to paint outside I use my watercolors. This guide is to help you choose what wall color will best show off your art collection using examples of different rooms, and my own paintings. If you fall in love with one of them, there are links at the back of the guide. Just click on the picture of the image and it will take you to my shop.

Wall color can either enhance your artwork or it can distract the viewer

It is important to choose colors that compliment each other to achieve the most viewing pleasure.

When you are purchasing art take a look at the colors in the painting. Imagine it on your walls and ask yourself will it match or will it clash?





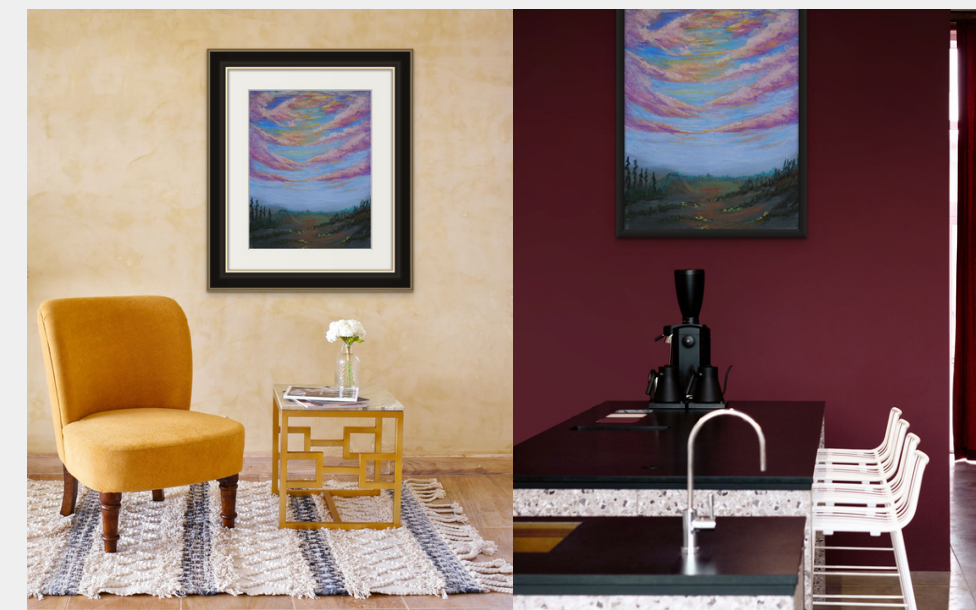
TRIAD

Three colors equally spaced from each other on the color wheel represent a triad such as:

Violet, green and orange.

Yellow, blue and red.

Turquoise, magenta, yellow ochre



MATCHING COLORED WALLS

In this piece there are mainly blues and pinks and oranges.

The blue, with the gray undertones, matches well with the gray wall. The orange wall draws the viewer to the subtle tones of yellow and red. The burgundy wall draws out the purples in the artwork. Each wall color is complimentary to the piece and would work well.



OPPOSITES ATTRACT

All colors are derived from three primary colors blue, yellow and red. Each color has different shades and hues. These shades are best viewed in a color wheel. Colors on opposite sides of the color wheel compliment each other. Blue is opposite of orange, purple is opposite of yellow and red is opposite of green. When colors are placed near their complimentary colors it brings out the best in both of them..

TERTIARY COLORS

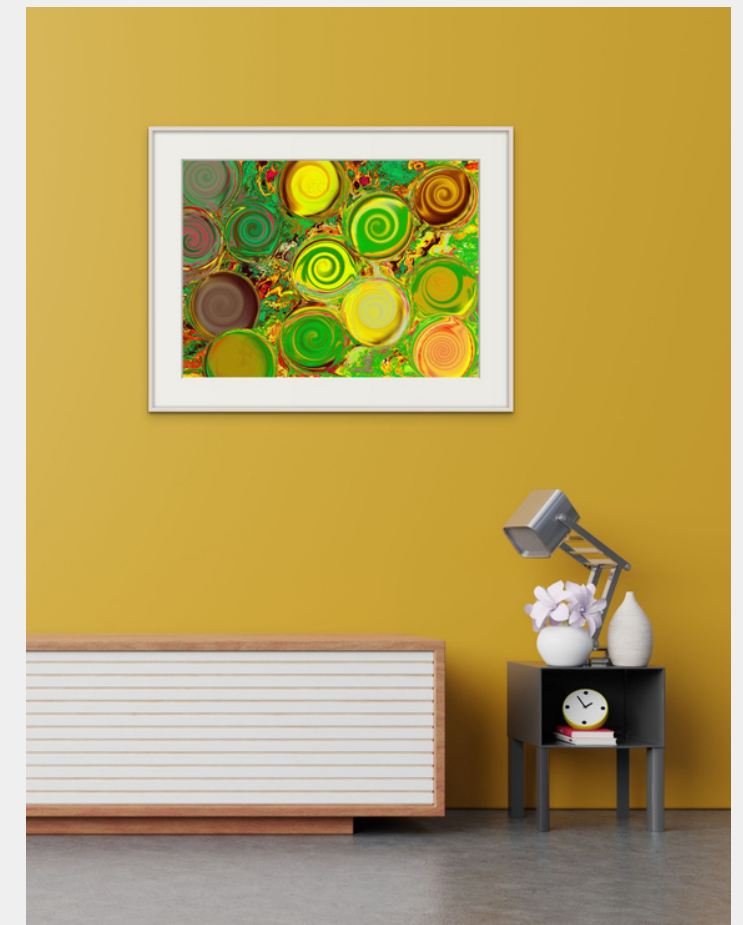
Tertiary colors are made by mixing the 3 primary colors, red, blue and yellow with an adjacent secondary color. Since they are close to the primary color which they are made from they will be pleasing to the eye when they are seen together. You can even use them as an accent wall or by the accessories in your room.

Tertiary Colors are:

Red Orange / Red Violet

Blue Violet / Blue Green

Yellow Green / Yellow Orange





SPLIT COMPLIMENTARY COLORS

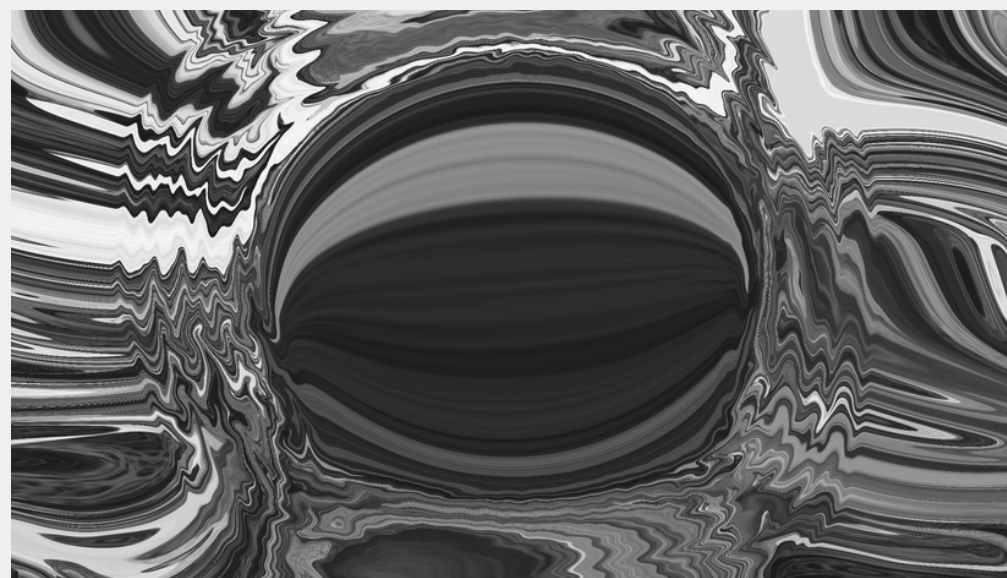
Any color on the color wheel will have its complimentary color by using the color directly opposite from it. The colors to the left and right of its opposite are the split complimentary colors.

Blue with yellow-orange and red-orange

Yellow with red-violet and blue-violet

Green with Red-Orange and Red-Violet





BLACK AND WHITE

Black is the absence of color and is an achromatic color (having no hue) as is white. Mix them together and you get gray. They can make a powerful statement on your walls.

ART FOR YOUR WALLCOLOR

I hope this guide made you more aware of how your wall color can compliment your art. Sometimes it's not feasible to repaint all your walls, but maybe you can do an accent wall to set off a piece, or use an accessory to bring out the colors. The right color can make your new art shine, and will make you want to gaze at it whenever you walk by. Try picking up a color wheel at a local art store and see what colors you can pick up in your art. Does your wall color compliment your art or do you need to update some of your pieces? With plenty of colors to choose from, as well as numerous styles, I hope you will visit my online gallery to select the perfect piece to dress up one of your walls. If you fell in love with any one of the pieces from this guide you can follow the links I have provided on the following page and find out how to see it on your walls.

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