

Warm & Cool Colors

Lesson Plan & Worksheet



Lesson Plan: Warm and Cool Colors Grades: 1st Grade-HS

Materials:

- Paint, pastels or colored pencils (any additional supplies that go with each medium)
- **Warm & Cool Color Worksheet** printed on Cardstock or Watercolor Paper

Objective:

- Students will understand that the color wheel can be organized into two groups: warm and cool colors.
- Students will identify the warm colors on the color on the color wheel.
- Students will identify the cool colors on the color on the color wheel.
- Students will also learn that some colors can be both warm and cool depending on the other colors they are next to.
- Students will learn warm and cool colors possess different spatial and expressive qualities.

Delivery:

1. Review primary, secondary and intermediate colors. Identify them on the color wheel.

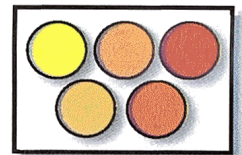
2. Color wheel can also be organized into 2 other groups:

a. **Warm Colors:** Yellow, Yellow-Orange, Orange, Red-Orange, Red

i. We associate warm colors with heat, flame, or sunshine.

ii. **Spatial Affects:** Warm colors visually come towards the viewer. They advance towards us in space.

iii. **Expressive Qualities:** Warm colors are vivid in nature. They are bold, exciting and energetic. Warm colors can convey feelings of gaiety, fear, alarm, warmth and even anger.

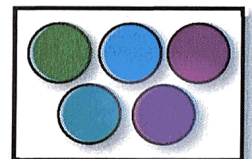


b. **Cool Colors:** Green, Blue-Green, Blue, Blue-Violet, Violet

i. We tend to relate cool colors to water, sky, and ice.

ii. **Spatial Affects:** Cool colors tend to recede in space.

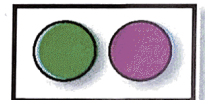
iii. **Expressive Qualities:** Cool colors are soothing in nature. They give off a feeling of calmness, fresh, quiet, safety, serenity, coolness, and joy, but can also convey emptiness, sadness, grief, and restraint.



3. Some colors can be both warm and cool depending on the other colors they are next to.

a. **Yellow-Green** becomes a warm color when placed next to cool colors

b. **Red-Violet** becomes a cool color when placed next to warm colors.



Activity: Warm & Cool Color Worksheet

Warm & Cool Color Worksheet

Warm Colors: Fill in the warm colors beginning with yellow in the left circle.

BOTH: Fill in the colors that can be both warm & cool. The center circle is a neutral gray or brown (made by mixing 2 complementary colors).

Cool Colors: Fill in the cool colors beginning green in the left triangle.

Write the name of each color on the line next to the shape.

Color Key

- = Primary
- △ = Secondary
- = Intermediate (Tertiary)

Warm Colors

○ □ △ □ ○

Colors that can be BOTH Warm & Cool

□ ○ □

Neutrals- Grays & Browns

Cool Colors

△ □ ○ □ △
