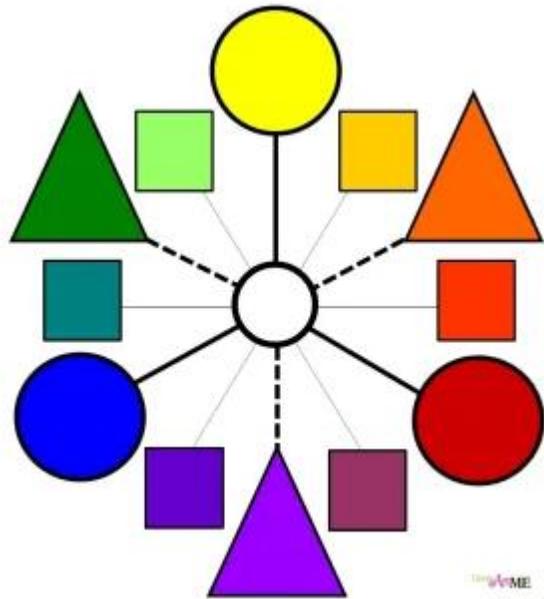




# Y5 Art – Complementary Colours



## Complementary Colours

Complementary colours are directly opposite each other on the colour wheel.

They are often referred to as opposite colours or contrasting colours.

When complementary colours are placed next to each other, a very strong contrast is created. The colours appear more vivid and brighter. Some people say these colours clash when used next to each other and create very visually stimulating artwork.

## Vocabulary

<b>Complementary</b>	Combining in a way to enhance the qualities of one another.
<b>Contrast</b>	To differ strikingly
<b>Clash</b>	A mismatch of colours
<b>Stimulating</b>	Encouraging interest or enthusiasm.

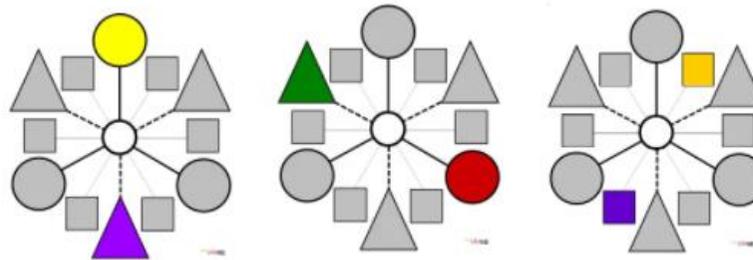
## Examples



## The Colour Wheel

The colour wheel is organised into three main groups:

- Primary Colours: red, yellow and blue
- Secondary Colours: green, orange and purple
- Tertiary or Intermediate Colours: yellow-orange, red-orange, red-violet, blue-violet, blue-green, and yellow green



## Secondary Colours

Secondary colours are made by mixing two primary colours together.

## Tertiary or Intermediate Colours

These are made by mixing one primary colour together with one secondary colour.

