## Primary Colors in Art

The three primary colors - red, yellow and blue - are the foundation of all other colors on the color wheel. Red, yellow and blue cannot be created by mixing other colors; they are simply the base of all colors.


Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Ambassadeurs Aristide Bruant in his cabaret, 1892


Piet Mondrian, Broadway Boogie Woogie, 1942-43



Mark Rothko, Untitled (Yellow, Red, and Blue), 1953


Hans Hofmann, The Golden Wall, 1961


Jacob Lawrence, Carpenters, 1977

## Complementary Colors in Art

Complementary colors are located opposite each other on the color wheel and are used to create contrast in art. Complementary color schemes are red and green, purple and yellow and orange and blue.


Pal Szinyei Merse, Lady in Violet, 1874
Complementary Colors: Purple \& Yellow


Vincent van Gogh, Self-Portrait, 1889
Complementary Colors: Orange \& Blue


Pablo Picasso, Woman in striped armchair, 1941
Complementary Colors: Red \& Green / Purple \& Yellow / Orange \& Blue


Leonardas Gutauskas, The Painter and His Model, 2010
Complementary Colors: Red \& Green / Purple \& Yellow

## Analogous Colors in Art

Analogous colors are next to each other on the color wheel and, therefore, analogous color schemes use colors that are next to each other on the color wheel.


Vincent van Gogh, The Olive Trees, 1889
Analogous Colors: Blue, Blue-Green \& Green


Mark Rothko, Untitled (Violet, Black, Orange, Yellow on White and Red), 1949 Analogous Colors: Orange, Red-Orange \& Red

