Art projects designed for suggested ages of 5 and up, designed to be completed at home with easily-accessible art materials.

MIXED MEDIA
COLOR WHEEL

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MATERIALS

- **Disposable plates** - clear plastic or paper
  OR – a piece of heavy paper or cardboard, either cut into a round shape, or with a circle drawn on it (make this as large as possible for little ones)
- **Acrylic or tempera paint**
- **Brushes & water container**
- **Black Sharpie** - medium or broad tip
- **Glue** - Elmer’s glue, WeldBond, or any other glue safe for young children that will hold heavy items on the plate without using a puddle
- **Mixed media items** - like erasers, crayons, cut out pictures from magazines, pipe cleaners, pom-pom balls, discarded puzzle pieces, game pieces, empty candy wrappers, silk flowers, tissue paper, wrapping paper, foam shapes, etc.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

This color wheel learning experience can be adapted for several age groups. These directions are geared towards ages 3-8, but can be adjusted for other ages as well.

Extra “challenges” can be added for older kids, such as:
- Asking them to use geometry to build the shapes of their wheel
- Including secondary and tertiary levels of color mixing
- Using two complementary colors (colors directly across on the color wheel) to create all values for those two colors, including the grays built from them

DIRECTIONS

1. Use the Sharpie to divide the plate into 6 sections, like a pie. Younger kids may need help with this part. The Sharpie can go on either side of a clear plate, but will need to be on the front of a paper plate.

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360° ÷ 6 = 60°
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2 Paint each section of the plate a separate color in this order: red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple (or violet).

• Clear plastic plates should be painted on the BACK.
• Paper plates should be painted on the FRONT.

Allow the paint to dry COMPLETELY before any of the next steps. Once the paint is dry, the dividing lines can be neatened up again with the Sharpie.

3 Organize your mixed media items by color: Choose items that are in the same, or similar, colors as each section of your color wheel. Light and dark values of each color are encouraged, as long as you can call it “green,” “red,” etc. and it can be matched to that section of your plate.

4 Glue the items onto each section in layers. Put lighter items, like paper, on the first (bottom) layer, then add heavier items on top.

Try not to use big puddles of glue, as they won’t hold any better than one or two pea-sized dots of glue for this project.