

Badge Fairy Girl Sprouts Badge of the Month

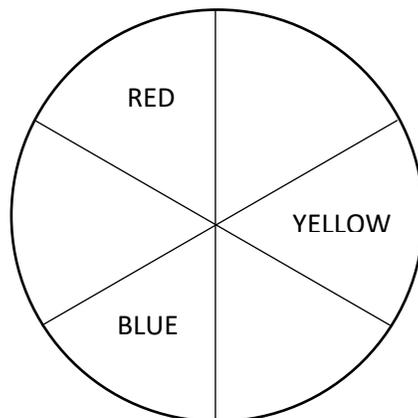


Painting

Painting is all about combining colors and shapes to tell a story. You can change how your story feels by changing the color and style of your painting. To earn this badge, do activities 1-5 in the order shown.

Parents, let your Sprout experiment, think on their own, have fun, and get messy!

1. The color wheel: Use the color wheel shown or draw your own. Don't use paint yet - choose crayons, colored pencils, or markers to color the marked sections. Leave the other sections blank for now and try to make your own guess (parents, don't help!) about what colors might go in those sections.



2. Think about the story you want your painting to tell. It can tell a story about people, animals, or places. These are **concrete** subjects. Or your painting can tell an **abstract** story about shapes, colors, or feelings. Ask your adult to help you write down a few words about your painting's story.
3. Use a large piece of white paper, a posterboard, or canvas for your painting. First, sketch out the pieces of your painting using a pencil. Planning your painting with a pencil first helps you make sure you have space for everything you want to paint. When planning your painting, think about which parts of your story are most important. These parts should go in the **foreground**, or the bottom or middle of your paper. The less important items go in the **background**, or the top of the paper.

Use fingerprints or any washable kids paint for activities 4-5. [I like this 6 pack set from Crayola.](#)

4. Complete your color wheel – mix little bits of paints to get the colors that go between them. For example, mix a little red with a little blue to see what color it makes, then marker, crayon, or color pencil in the section of the wheel between red and blue. Keep going to fill in all the spaces in the wheel.

5. Paint your story using any colors and shapes you want. Try to cover your entire painting with color so that none of your paper is blank. Use the new colors you mixed.

BONUS Activities, or if you want to practice and learn more:

- a. Do another painting, but this time in another style. For example, if you made an abstract painting before, do a concrete painting this time.
- b. Try painting from only one section of the color wheel. Choose two or three colors that are neighbors and only use those. Think about the feeling your colors create while you paint – what colors make you sad, happy, scared, excited?
- c. The line between the **foreground** and **background** is called the **horizon**. You can choose to draw this very clearly, or let it be imaginary. Which way do you like better?