

A 'Color Thesaurus' Document

The Many Different Names Of Similar Hues

Making word lists can help to find the voice of a story, a piece of artwork and help create variety and the emotion of a scene.

Have you ever stopped in the paint section of a hardware store or looked at a box of crayons and read all of the names that describe a color?

Having a variety of color names at your fingertips can help create specificity in your writing or help you create that exact color you want in a piece of artwork.

A stronger vocabulary can help you paint a more evocative image in the reader's mind, for example: if you describe a character's hair as the color of rust or carrot-squash, rather than red.

This color thesaurus has been created for your reference. Of course, there are plenty more color names in the world, so, this is just to get you started.

white	pearl	alabaster	snow
ivory	cream	egg shell	cotton
chiffon	salt	lace	coconut
linen	bone	daisy	powder
frost	porcelain	parchment	rice

tan	beige	macaroon	hazel wood
granola	oat	egg nog	fawn
sugar cookie	sand	sepia	latte
oyster	biscotti	parmesan	hazelnut
sandcastle	buttermilk	sand dollar	shortbread

yellow	canary	gold	daffodil
flaxen	butter	lemon	mustard
corn	medallion	dandelion	fire
bumblebee	banana	butterscotch	dijon
honey	blonde	pineapple	tuscan sun

orange	tangerine	merigold	cider
rust	ginger	tiger	fire
bronze	cantaloupe	apricot	clay
honey	carrot	squash	spice
marmalade	amber	sandstone	yam

red	cherry	rose	jam
merlot	garnet	crimson	ruby
scarlet	wine	brick	apple
mahogany	blood	sangria	berry
currant	blush	candy	lipstick

pink	rose	fuchsia	punch
blush	watermelon	flamingo	rouge
salmon	coral	peach	strawberry
rosewood	lemonade	taffy	bubblegum
ballet slipper	crepe	magenta	hot pink

purple	mauve	violet	boysenberry
lavender	plum	magenta	lilac
grape	periwinkle	sangria	eggplant
jam	iris	heather	amethyst
rasin	orchid	mulberry	wine

blue	slate	sky	navy
indigo	cobalt	teal	ocean
peacock	azure	cerulean	lapis
spruce	stone	aegean	berry
denim	admiral	sapphire	arctic

green	chartreuse	juniper	sage
lime	fern	olive	emerald
pear	moss	shamrock	seafoam
pine	parakeet	mint	seaweed
pickle	pistachio	basil	crocodile

brown	coffee	mocha	peanut
carob	hickory	wood	pecan
walnut	caramel	gingerbread	syrup
chocolate	tortilla	umber	tawny
brunette	cinnamon	penny	cedar

grey	shadow	graphite	iron
pewter	cloud	silver	smoke
slate	anchor	ash	porpoise
dove	fog	flint	charcoal
pebble	lead	coin	fossil

black	ebony	crow	charcoal
midnight	ink	raven	oil
grease	onyx	pitch	soot
sable	jet black	coal	metal
obsidian	jade	spider	leather

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