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What is Color Theory

Unlock the Magic of Colors with Color Theory!

DEFINITION

> Color theory is the study of how colors interact and combine. It helps artists understand how to create beautiful and harmonious artworks.

KEY CONCEPTS

Primary Colors

These are the basic colors (red, blue, yellow) that cannot be made by mixing other colors.

Secondary Colors

These colors (green, orange, purple) are created by mixing two primary colors.

Tertiary Colors

These are made by mixing a primary color with a secondary color, like red-orange.

Color Wheel

A circular diagram that shows the relationships between colors, helping artists choose combinations.

Warm and Cool Colors

Warm colors (reds, oranges) evoke energy, while cool colors (blues, greens) create calmness.

EXAMPLES

→ Mix red and blue to make purple.

→ Use the color wheel to find complementary colors.

→ Choose warm colors for a lively painting.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember 'ROYGBIV' for the colors of the rainbow: Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Indigo, Violet.

★ Think of primary colors as the 'building blocks' of all other colors.

★ Warm colors feel like the sun, while cool colors remind you of water.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing primary and secondary colors.

✗ Forgetting to use the color wheel for color combinations.

✗ Using too many colors without considering harmony.

QUICK RECAP

Color theory helps us understand how colors work together. By knowing primary, secondary, and tertiary colors, along with the color wheel, artists can create balanced and appealing artworks.