

## Complimentary Colors “Notan” in the shape of our Hand

Let's learn about **Complimentary Colors!**

- Complimentary Colors are opposites on the Color Wheel.
- They show strong contrast when placed side by side.
- Complimentary Colors make the color BROWN when mixed together!

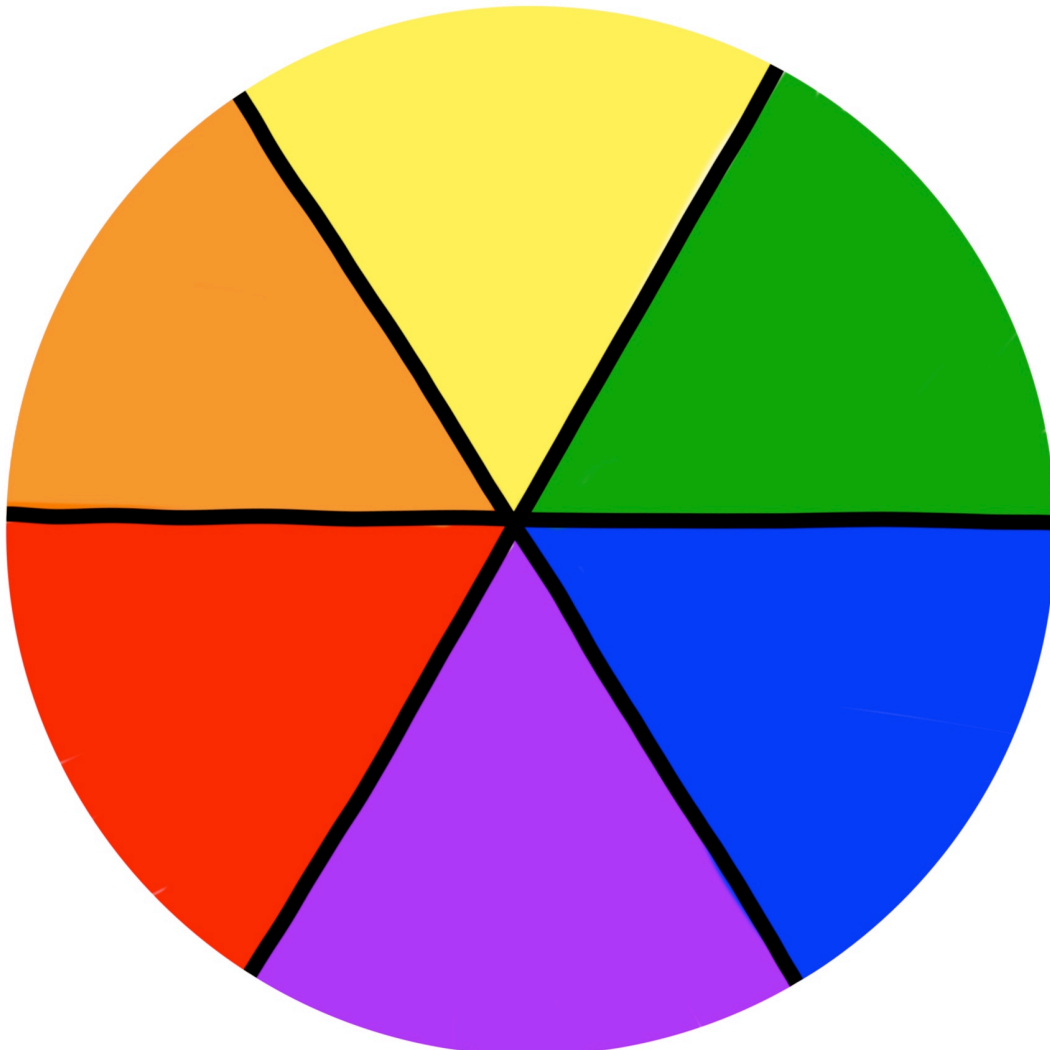
Complimentary Colors are **OPPOSITES** on the Color Wheel.

Red + Green

Blue + Orange

Yellow + Purple

# Color Wheel



## “Notan”

*Notan* is a Japanese word that means “light and dark harmony”. Notans are typically made using shapes cut from black paper, reflected, then pasted onto a white page to create an interesting composition. Notans can be quite simple, using only one basic shape, or they can get quite complex. *Activity: Look at pictures of “Notans” online. Talk about how you think each was made.*



*Here are some Notans that I've made. I will show more complicated Notans in a future lesson. Today, we will make a simple Notan in the shape of our hand.*

### Supplies:

- glue stick
- construction paper in complimentary colors – 1 half sheet, and 1 whole sheet
- pencil
- scissors

### Step 1:

Select 2 sheets of paper in complimentary colors. One should be a half sheet; put the whole sheet aside. Turn your half sheet vertically, then cut a skinny strip (about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch) from one side of your half sheet, and a strip of the same width from the top and bottom.

### Step 2:

Trace your hand on the half sheet of paper. Carefully cut out your hand shape. Remember to save all of your pieces!

### Step 3:

Lay your shapes out on your full sheet of paper. The longest skinny strip that you cut will go on one side of your paper, and the two shorter skinny strips on the top and bottom of that same side. Then, the half sheet that you cut your hand out of will be laid on the other side. Leave a skinny border around the top, bottom and side. Make sure your thumb is facing the center of your page. Lay your cut hand shape on the opposite side of the page. Glue shapes down.