



COLOR BOOK –WHAT COLOR DOES Finding it for Yourself

LESSON SIX – THE FINAL!

It is important in art and life to be continual student, and I hope these lessons will encourage you to add color to those topics that you always study. By now you should know that when I say study that I do not mean through books, though books to guide you or open new doors are important. I mean to '*open your eyes*', '*your mind*' and '*your heart*' to color.

As I am writing this, (yes, in the small sketchbook that travels with me always), the sun is shining, finally breaking through the cool November Missouri skyline. It is late fall and the afternoon sun hitting the last of yellow, red and orange leaves is a wondrous site. But by studying the scene I can see how the clear blues of the sky play their role in helping those leaves shine. As the afternoon settles in and the sun begins to lower in the sky the colors change and the effects on the leaves, the trees and everything else changes as well. The mood changes along with the changes in the color....

In all the lessons before this I gave you information about the basic color schemes and how they can affect how you see, and choose color. Each lesson gave you exercises that you could try and learn from. In this lesson there will be no new lessons, for I want to encourage you to find new resources and new ways explore and new ways to be open to discovering color. To help you get started I would encourage you to find Google on your internet home screen and type in the word **COLOR**:

Today as I did this there were lots of sites that I could explore, but the one on top was www.colormatters.com , and just on this one site it took you off exploring topics such as **color symbolism**, **color and culture**, **word and color perception**... just to name a few.

What happens if you Google the words **COLOR WHEEL**:

The first thing that comes up is image results, and if you click on this you get pages and pages of examples of color wheels. I was amazed at the variety available.

If you Google the words **COLOR THEORY** you get 31,810,000 hits.



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Amazing times we live in!

Websites are only one resource. There is another that very near and dear to our hearts. BOOKS! If books are more appealing to you then let me warn you that if you go to www.amazon.com and search for color in their book section you will get 324,971 choices that come up with topics on color design, color theory and colors.

Keep your color notebook handy and make notes on all your new findings. Continue to take or clip photos of interest, note how the color is working or not, why 'you' like it or not and finally....

I hope that you have the opportunity to have color come in to your mind and heart and find its way into your art.



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