

# THEA 341 - Scenic Painting

## Weekly Project #1

Color wheel.

Let's make a color wheel.

Color wheels are very useful as a reference tool for painters. At a glance you can see complementary colors and reference how to mix to your desired color.

Making a color wheel can also make you more familiar with the paint or paint system you will be using on your project. Systems can vary, pigments are radically different which affects mixability.

To do: Using a compass, coffee cup or other round shape, draw three interlocking circles. in each circle paint a primary color ( using all three- 1 in each circle). Pause between each one to let it dry ( overlap).

Make a second color wheel. This time paint each area with color from the watercolor pans (red,orange,yellow,green, blue, purple)

Which color wheel has "better colors"?

draw 3 squares on your paper.

on each one paint a different primary color that you have mixed with some of it's compliment

Using compliments to "dull" or lessen the chroma of a color is good painting practice. Using white or black is highly discouraged as they kill the "sparkle" of watercolor painting.