

# Fashion Design

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## Understanding Color

**Directions:** As you read the chapter (Clothing (red) textbook – pages 156 – 169), answer the following questions.

1. What different effects can you achieve by using colors in your wardrobe? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why are blues and greens popular colors for summer clothes? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. How do warm and cool colors give illusions of movement? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. How can warm colors affect mood? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How did Sir Isaac Newton contribute to the study of color? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. How is the color wheel a useful tool for working with color? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What are the three primary colors? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Why is violet called a secondary color? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. How so you change a color's value? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. What is the technical name for a pastel? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. What determines a color's intensity? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. How can you dull a color? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. How can you see black and white if they aren't true colors? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. What should you remember about using analogous colors? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Why are split-complimentary color schemes easier to work with than complementary schemes?

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16. What three factors help determine the colors that best suit you? \_\_\_\_\_

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17. When choosing personal colors for you, what should your main goal be? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. How can you dress to add height to your appearance? To diminish height? \_\_\_\_\_

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## Colors for You

**Directions:** What colors make you look and feel your best? Follow the procedures below to discover your color preferences and flattering colors for you. A partner can help.

1. What is your color personality? Fill in the chart and study your response.

<i>Description</i>	<i>Color(s)</i>
Your favorite color(s) in general	
Color(s) you liked wearing when you were younger	
Color(s) of your favorite clothing today	
Color(s) you last wore when receiving a compliment	
Color(s) that make you feel self-confident and attractive	
Color type you prefer: soft and light; bright and vivid; deep and muted; or rich and dark	

2. How would you describe your hair, skin, and eyes? Look closely at yourself in good natural light. Then circle the descriptive words that apply to you.

<i>Hair</i>		<i>Skin</i>		<i>Eyes</i>	
black	dark-brown	cocoa-brown	copper	brownish-black	
golden-brown	reddish-brown	golden-brown	olive	brown	amber
reddish-blond	gray-blond	rosy	peach	gray	green
red	blond	beige	ivory	hazel	blue
other		white	other	other	

3. What is your skin undertone? Your skin has one of two underlying skin tones, golden or bluish, which can influence how colors look on you. Examine your wrist and palm to determine skin undertone.

Golden

Bluish

4. What colors look good on you? To find out, cover your clothes with a white shirt or sheet and sit in a place with good natural lighting. Hold up clothing or fabric of different colors near your face. What are the effects on your skin, hair, and eyes?

<i>Best Colors on You</i>	<i>Wearable Colors, but Not Best</i>	<i>Least Flattering Colors</i>

## Choosing Wardrobe Colors

**Directions:** Planning your wardrobe around a few core colors simplifies your shopping and makes your wardrobe more versatile.

1. What core colors would be good for you? Fill in the chart, Then circle the two or three colors that appear the most often and that you like. These can be your core colors.

<i>Description</i>	<i>Color(s)</i>
Most common colors in your wardrobe	
Common colors in your wardrobe that match most easily with other colors	
Most flattering colors on you	
Colors of your favorite colors	
Colors of your most costly clothes	

2. What coordinating colors would be suitable? Fill in the chart. Use the results for ideas as you plan outfits.

<i>Description</i>	<i>Color(s)</i>
Colors that go well with my core colors	
Colors that are closely related to my core colors	
Colors that contrast with my core colors	
Neutral colors that go well with my core colors and with many other colors	

3. How can you use core and coordinating colors? Select a basic garment that you already own in one of your core colors (such as a blazer or a pair of pants). Using this garment and others in your wardrobe, plan outfits based on the color schemes below. Include accessories, such as belts and shoes. Describe the outfits on the back of this sheet. Knowing how to use core colors can help you focus on the best colors to choose when you add to your wardrobe.
  - a. *Monochromatic:* use only values and intensities of the core color.
  - b. *Analogous:* combine the core color with closely related colors.
  - c. *Complementary:* combine the core color with the color across from it on the color wheel.
  - d. *Accented neutral:* use black, white, or gray as the basis, brightened with a vivid color.

## Solving Color Problems

**Directions:** Can you solve the color problems described here? Write your answers that show your knowledge of color theory.

1. This year I'm making a special effort to wear "in" colors. I've been borrowing color ideas from friends I admire—the people who always look great. Why isn't that working?

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2. I'd like to have broader shoulders. I've been working out, but progress is slow. In the meantime, are there any color tips that would help me get the look I want?

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3. I have a closet full of clothes, but I can never find anything to wear. I try to buy clothes in many different colors, so finding things that go together should be easy. Am I doing something wrong?

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4. People always tell me I look great in blue, and every time I get a present, it's another blue sweater or shirt. I've had it! Can I break out of my color rut, or am I stuck with blue for life?

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5. I love bright colors, but right now I'm fifteen pounds overweight. I've seen a doctor and started a diet. While I'm dieting, should I stick to dull, dark colors?

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6. I've noticed that on a dark and rainy day I end up wearing dark colors like gray and dark brown. Maybe I'm on the wrong track. Should I dress to match my mood or to change it?

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7. I'd like to call attention to my best feature, my waistline. Is there a color trick I could use?

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