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When Colors Meet

Ready on the table

Painting boards with wet paper
Red, yellow and blue paint
Brushes, water jars and paper towels

How to paint

1. Choose your first color: red, yellow or blue.
2. Wet your brush in the water jar, then dip it in your color.
3. Paint half your paper with strong color. Try long strokes, dabs or feathering.
4. Rinse your brush, dab it on a paper towel and choose a second color.
5. Paint the other half and let the colors meet. What new color appears?
6. Ask your grown-up to take a photo of you with your painting, so you remember which one is yours.

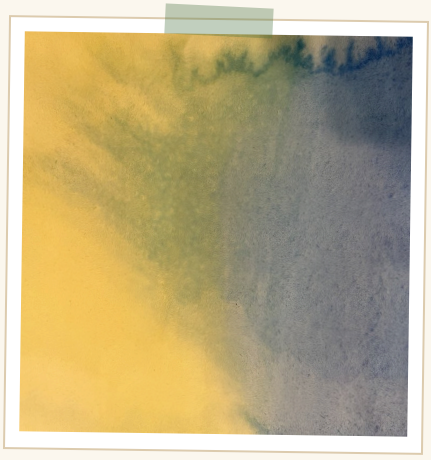
Three Little Colors SAY IT TOGETHER

Three colors sat waiting to start their big day:
Red, strong and lively and ready to play,
Yellow, who bounced like a warm sunny beam,
And Blue, cool and calm as a faraway stream.

EXAMPLES FROM BEGINNERS



Red met with Yellow, a swirl and a splash,
And **ORANGE** popped out in a pumpkin-bright flash!



Yellow held hands with her good friend Blue,
And **GREEN** sprouted up like a leaf in the dew.



Then Blue tapped on Red like the beat of a drum,
And **PURPLE** rolled out like a round, juicy plum!

They swept and they floated, they curved and they spun,
Then rested together, their rainbow was done!

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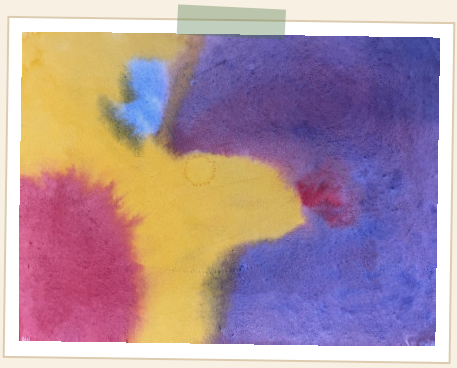
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Ways to explore color

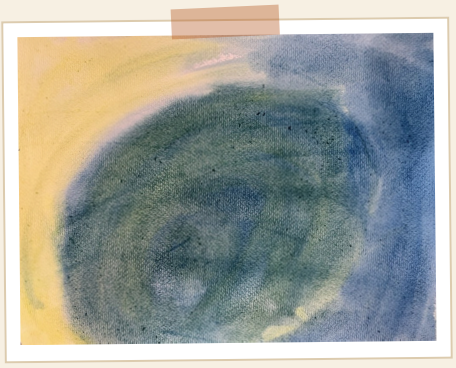
In Waldorf painting, children begin by experiencing color itself rather than making pictures. Working wet-on-wet, they meet the mood of each color: radiant yellow, warm and lively red, calm and deep blue. Colors can meet, mingle or rest side by side, and there's no one right way. Here are a few forms it can take.



All three meetings



Color as shapes



Color that swirls

From color to form LATER ON

In time, form arises out of color and the painting becomes figurative: a tree, a flower, light above and earth below. It grows out of everything above and comes with practice.



A tree appears



Light in the middle



A flower reaches up

Leave it flat to dry. Soon it will glow as your lantern.

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