Super Color Explosion Adventure Party!

Connecting color, artwork, and creative exercises for making art at home

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What in the world does "monochromatic" mean?

When artworks are monochromatic, their whole color palette is based on a single-color family.

The Nao Bell is a monochromatic sculpture in the green color family. Its surface is covered in light greens, dark greens, and blue greens. There are no pops of red or yellow here!
Artwork isn't the only place for monochrome!

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It's Color Adventure Time!
The next few slides are packed with colorful artworks from the Kimbell's permanent collection. Take a look and test yourself as you go!

Which artworks are completely monochromatic? Which are not?

Find a monochromatic artwork that shows:
- A wide range of tints and shades (light to dark)
- A wide range of tones (different variations of the same color, like periwinkle and navy)

Find a monochromatic artwork that makes you feel:
- Peaceful, energized, powerful and somber
Warming Up: Color Hunt

Choose a **favorite color** and go on a Color Hunt throughout your house!

You might be surprised how many fun, colorful objects you'll find sitting **in plain sight**.

**Check** your kitchen, bookshelf, toy box, linen closet, desk drawers, gardening tools, and knick-knick collections!
Step One:
Color Adventure Setup

Arrange your found objects into a still life.

Place your objects on a flat surface, like a table or desk, or choose a multilevel surface like stairs.

Experiment with stacking things on top of one another, draping fabric over other objects, and layering things in different ways.
Step Two: Color Adventure Party

Photograph your still life with a phone or camera.

Try taking its picture from close-up, from far away, or from different side angles.

Take pictures in black and white, or with the other different filters your camera might provide.

Try using free photo editing apps like PhotoshopExpress or Snapseed to manipulate colors, crop, or layer your pictures.
Examples
Step Three: Afterparty!

**Draw** your still life with whatever colorful materials you have: colored pencils, markers, pastels, etc. Create more depth and solidity with paint!

Create a paper **collage** of your still life using colorful magazine pages or patterned scrapbook paper.

**Write** and **illustrate** a story about your still life. How might these objects be connected?

**Dress up** like your still life!

Make a colorful **music playlist** based on your still life.

Have a **Color Adventure Party** with every color under the rainbow!
**Art in order of appearance**

*Nao Bell*, c. 10th century B.C. Kimbell Art Museum


*Singing Priest or God*, c. A.D. 400-600. Kimbell Art Museum

*Peacock and a Flower*, c. A.D. 400. Kimbell Art Museum

Thomas Lawrence, *Portrait of Mary Anne Bloxam (later Mrs. Frederick H. Hemming)*, c. 1824-25. Kimbell Art Museum


*Wine Flask*, late 16th or early 17th century. Kimbell Art Museum

*Four Mandalas of the Vajravali Series*, c. 1429-56. Kimbell Art Museum

*Head, possibly a King*, 12th-14th century. Kimbell Art Museum

*Caravaggio (Michelangelo Merisi), The Cardsharps*, c. 1595. Kimbell Art Museum

*Rain God Vessel*, c. 1100-1400. Kimbell Art Museum

*Horse and Rider*, 2nd. 1st century B.C. Kimbell Art Museum

Annibale Carracci, *The Butcher’s Shop*, early 1580s. Kimbell Art Museum

*Court Lady*, First half of the 8th century. Kimbell Art Museum

*Censer Stand with the Head of a Supernatural Being with a Kan Cross*, c. A.D. 690-720. Kimbell Art Museum

*Ragamala Painting of Dhanasri Ragini*, c. 1690. Kimbell Art Museum

*Large Jar*, 17th or 18th century. Kimbell Art Museum


*Manjushri on a Lion*, c. 1150-1300. Kimbell Art Museum


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*Reliquary Arm*, c. 1150-1200 (crystal possibly added in the 15th century). Kimbell Art Museum

*Giovanni Battista Tiepolo, Apollo and the Continents*, c. 1739. Kimbell Art Museum

*Kaikei, Standing Shaka Buddha*, c. 1210. Kimbell Art Museum


*Standing Buddha Shakyamuni*, 7th century. Kimbell Art Museum

*Joan Miró, Portrait of Heriberto Casany*, 1918. Kimbell Art Museum


*Gustave Caillebotte, On the Pont de l'Europe*, 1876-77. Kimbell Art Museum

*Flat-Sided Flask*, early 15th century. Kimbell Art Museum

*Jar with Floral Design*, 17th century. Kimbell Art Museum


*Footed Dish*, early 18th century. Kimbell Art Museum

*Quinten Metsys, Portrait of Jacob Obrecht*, 1496. Kimbell Art Museum

*Cylinder Seal with Winged Genius and Human-headed Bulls*, c. 700 B.C. Kimbell Art Museum

*Albarello with Pine Cone Motif*, c. 1500. Kimbell Art Museum

*Claude Monet, La Pointe de la Hève at Low Tide*, 1865. Kimbell Art Museum

*Bowl Carved with Design of Boys Among Peonies*, 12th century. Kimbell Art Museum

*Pink and White Lotus*, 14th century. Kimbell Art Museum

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Standing Figure, c. 900-400 B.C. Kimbell Art Museum
Mirror with Dragons, 11th-13th century. Kimbell Art Museum
Handled Dish, c. 1650. Kimbell Art Museum
Parrot, c. A.D. 400. Kimbell Art Museum
Standing Dog, c. 1st century A.D. Kimbell Art Museum
Buddha Enthroned, c. 1180-1220. Kimbell Art Museum
Alfred Sisley, Drying Nets, 1872. Kimbell Art Museum
Jacopo Bassano (Jacopo dal Ponte), *The Supper at Emmaus*, c. 1538. Kimbell Art Museum
Domenichino (Domenico Zampieri), *Abraham Leading Isaac to Sacrifice*, 1602. Kimbell Art Museum
Nao Bell, c. 10th century B.C. Kimbell Art Museum
Wine Cup and Stand, 12th century. Kimbell Art Museum
*Vessel with an Enthroned Lord and Seated Figure*, A.D. 765. Kimbell Art Museum
Vase with Fish and Foliate Scroll Design, 14th century. Kimbell Art Museum
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Douris (painter), Red-Figure Cup Showing the Death of Pentheus (exterior) and a Maenad (interior), c. 480 B.C.. Kimbell Art Museum

Standing Ancestor Figure, c. 1800-1840. Kimbell Art Museum

Storage Jar, c. 2500 B.C. Kimbell Art Museum

Isoda Koryusai, Courtesan Playing the Samisen, c. 1785. Kimbell Art Museum

El Greco (Domenikos Theotokopoulos), Portrait of Dr. Francisco de Pisa, c. 1610-14

Kneeling Statue of Senenmut, Chief Steward of Queen Hatshepsut, c. 1473-1458 B.C. Kimbell Art Museum

Standing Buddha, c. 2nd-3rd century A.D. Kimbell Art Museum

Mirror with Animals and Figure, c. A.D. 100. Kimbell Art Museum

Mizusashi, c. 1700. Kimbell Art Museum

Bodhisattva Khasarpana Lokeshvara, c. 11th-12th century. Kimbell Art Museum


Gerrit Dou, Dentist by Candlelight, c. 1660-65. Kimbell Art Museum

Bodhisattva Maitreya, Late 8th century A.D. Kimbell Art Museum

Sliding Door Panel with Design of Imperial Eagle, Plum Tree, and Camellia, First half of 17th century. Kimbell Art Museum


Rekisentei Eiri, Beauty in a White Kimono, c. 1800. Kimbell Art Museum

Meiping Vase, first half of the 14th century. Kimbell Art Museum

Urn in the Form of Cociyo, God of Lightning and Rain, c. A.D. 400-500. Kimbell Art Museum

Amedeo Modigliani, Head, c. 1913. Kimbell Art Museum

Miyagawa Choshun, A Young Dandy, c. 1740. Kimbell Art Museum
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Standing Female, c. 500-475 B.C. Kimbell Art Museum
Conch Shell Trumpet, c. A.D. 250-400. Kimbell Art Museum
Covered Box with Molded Peony Design, 13th century. Kimbell Art Museum
Elisabeth Louise Vigée Le Brun, Self-Portrait, c. 1781. Kimbell Art Museum
Bastis Master, Female Figure, c. 2500-2300 B.C. Kimbell Art Museum
Piet Mondrian, Abstraction, 1939-42. Kimbell Art Museum
Antonio Canova, Ideal Head of a Woman, c. 1817. Kimbell Art Museum

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