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Shades and Tints

You will need:

A piece of paper
A pencil
Paint in red, yellow, blue, black and white
A paint brush
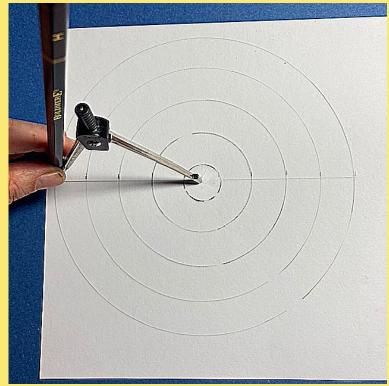Water pot
a compass
A ruler

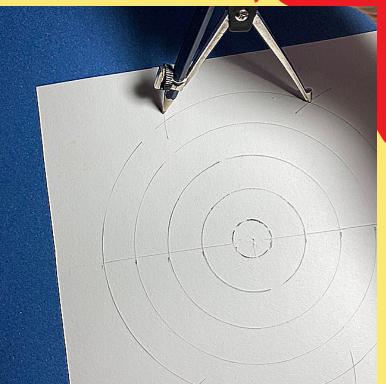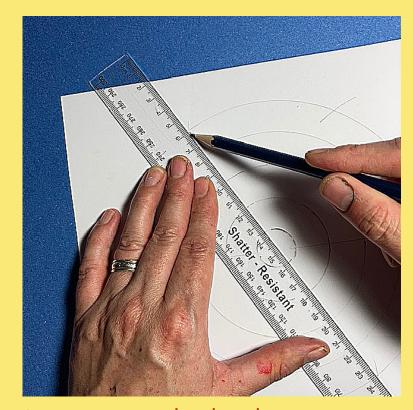Learn about how to make different tints and shades and become a paint expert!

Halfway down your paper draw a horizontal line, Mark the centre point and then mark 1 cm to either side of this. Then mark another 4 marks on ech side every 2cm.
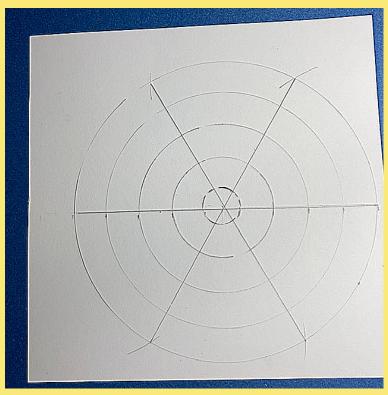
Putting your compass point at the centre point draw a circle. Then draw a circle every 2cm out, using your markers to help you.
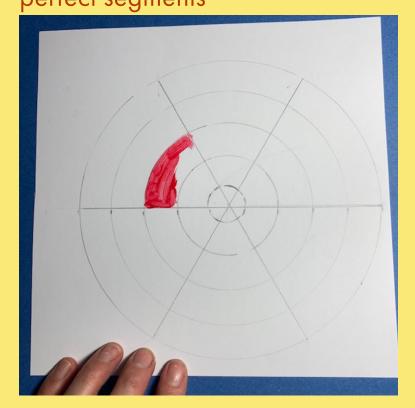
Do not adjust your compass from drawing the last circle and mark around the edge putting the point on the last mark each time. This is how to split your circle into 6 perfect segments

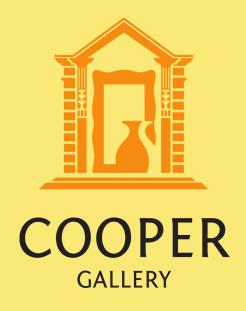Join your marks, by drawing a line to each opposite side.

Your shade and tint wheel should look like this
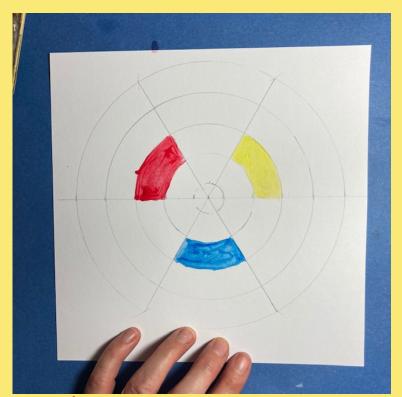
You are now ready to start adding colour.

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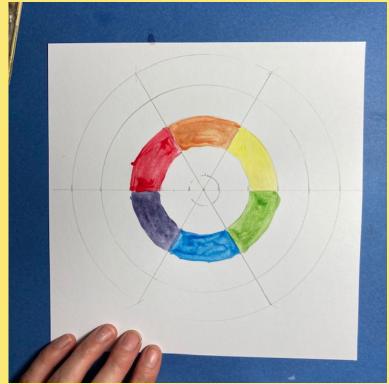A ruler

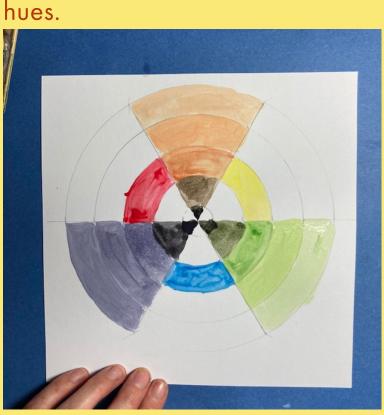Learn about how to make different tints and shades and become a paint expert!

Start by painting in your primary colours on the third ring from the centre. It should look like this

Now mix your secondary colours. Red and blue makes purple. Red and yellow makes orange and blue and yellow makes green. Mix quite a bit of each colour as you are going to use them again. These starter colours are called hues.
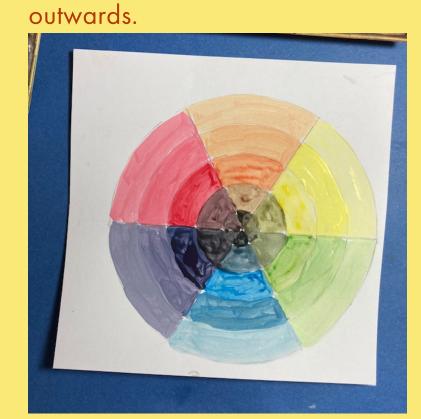
Choose one of your hues and put an amount of it in a separate palette. Add a bit of white and paint on the next ring outwards. This is your first tint.
Add a bit more white to your tint and paint on the next ring outwards.

Now going back to your hue, mix in a bit of black and paint in the next ring towards the middle. This is your first shade. Repeat this process to make your next shade.

Repeat the process to make gradual tints and shades with all your hues.

You have now completed your colour wheel and are an expert in hues, tints and shades.
Why not make an even bigger one with even more rings?

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