

# Watercolor Exercise

## Exercise Instructions A (Value by layer):

1: Prepare enough paint with a lot of water (dilute a lot, prepare a batch) so the color is pretty light.

2: Paint one long, skinny strip and let it dry.

3: Use the same paint mixture you prepared and paint over the first strip (make sure the first layer is dried) as second layer and so on. Each layer gets wider and shorter. (Don't add paint or water into the mixture anymore) The top right part gets every single layers you put.



## Exercise Goal A:

Understanding of building a color by layering.

## Exercise Instructions B (Color mixing by layer):

1: Paint center circle with Payne's gray. Use all colors from the list for each triangle. No color mixing for this exercise but dilute enough to make a color transparent. Paint one triangle at a time, wait until it dries to paint next triangle. (No need to wet first but try to make it an even wash.)

2: Complete one square with 4 different colored triangles first.

3: Lay another 4 triangles using another colors on top of No2. There will be total of three layers, including Payne's gray.



Finished image



## Exercise Goal B:

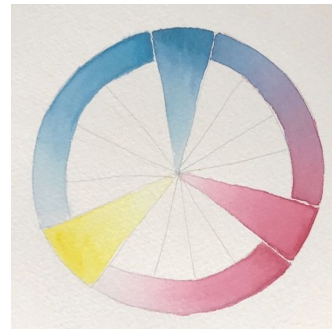
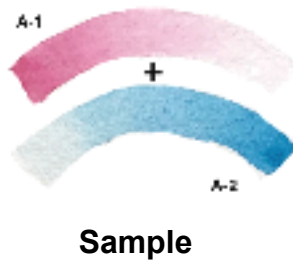
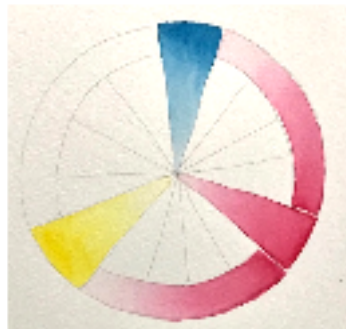
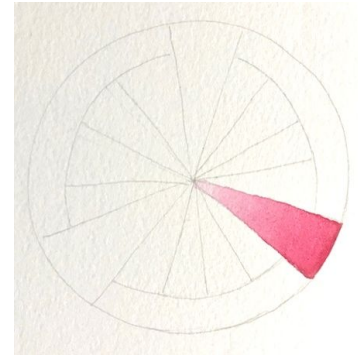
Getting the feeling for the transparency of colors and making color reference by layering.

### Exercise Instructions C (Gradation with wet on wet):

1: Use only **Phthalo turquoise**, **Winsor Yellow** and **Permanent Rose** to create a color wheel. Each section should be done with wet on wet.

2: Prewet the section you want to paint and drop in the saturated paint from outside and spread it towards to center to create smooth gradation.

3: For the outside strips, paint graded washes of each color and lay another color on top when first color is dry (See sample A1&A2, for Rose and Turquoise layers and do the same with Yellow and Rose, and Turquoise and Yellow) by using wet on wet technique.



3: For the inside triangles, mix each color on the palette, paint one at a time using wet on wet technique.



### Exercise Goal C:

Getting the feeling for wet on wet technique, making smooth gradation.