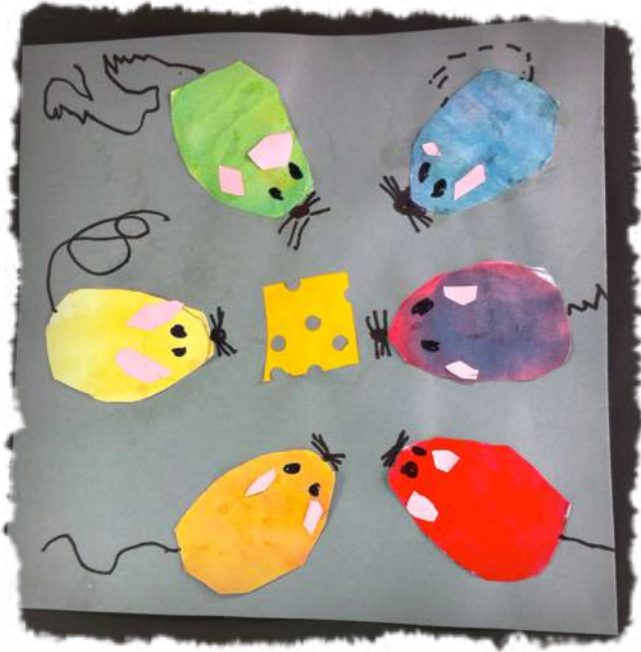


## “Mouse Paint Color Wheel”



**Objective:** Students will mix secondary colors and create a 6 hue color wheel.

### Materials

- White Construction Paper 9"x12"
- Gray Construction Paper 9"x9"
- Teardrop Tracers
- Pencils and Sharpie Markers
- Red, Yellow and Blue Watercolor Paints (or paints of your choice)
- Small white mixing trays

### Motivation

- Read the book [Mouse Paint](#) By Ellen Stoll Walsh.
- Talk with students about how the primary colors mix to make the secondary colors.
- Provide demonstrations of color mixing in a variety of ways before students actually mix colors themselves.

### Step 1: Trace Shapes and Label

Have students trace 6 teardrop shapes onto their white construction paper and label them with the 3 primary colors and 3 secondary colors. Include color wheel examples at each table so that students can label independently.

### Step 2: Mix Colors

Have students paint three of their shapes with the primary colors first, using their labels as a guide. Then, have students mix the secondary colors from the primary colors and finish painting the remaining three shapes. Let the paint dry for the next class period.

### Step 3: Cut and Paste

Have students cut out each of the mouse shapes and paste them onto the grey paper. The 'mice' must be in color wheel order, which is another great skill for students.

Using Sharpies, students can add details to the mice like ears, noses, whiskers, and tails using different types of line. Using a hole punch, each student can also punch into a small piece of yellow construction paper to make cheese and glue it to the center.

**Tip:** Provide small color wheels at each table as a reference for students. This creates independence!

**Tip:** Pink paper scraps make cute ears for these mice!