

| Achromatic colours, intermediate colours | Chromatic colours, elementary colours | chromatic colours, device colours |
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| <i>five achromatic colours:</i> | <i>"neither-nor"-colours</i> | <i>TV, print (PR), photo (PH)</i> |
| <i>N</i> black (French noir) | <i>four elementary (e) colours:</i> | <i>six device (d) colours:</i> |
| <i>D</i> dark grey | $R = R_e$ red | $C = C_d$ cyan blue (cyan) |
| <i>Z</i> central grey | <i>neither yellowish nor bluish</i> | $M = M_d$ magenta red (magenta) |
| <i>H</i> light grey | $G = G_e$ green | $Y = Y_d$ yellow |
| <i>W</i> white | <i>neither yellowish nor bluish</i> | $O = R_d$ orange red (red) |
| <i>two intermediate colours:</i> | $B = B_e$ blue | $L = G_d$ leaf green (green) |
| $C_e = G50B_e$ blue-green | <i>neither greenish nor reddish</i> | $V = B_d$ violet blue (blue) |
| $M_e = B50R_e$ blue-red | $J = Y_e$ yellow (French jaune) | |
| | <i>neither greenish nor reddish</i> | |