

## Colour Wheel 'Y' Trees - Inspired by the artist Kirsten Bailey.

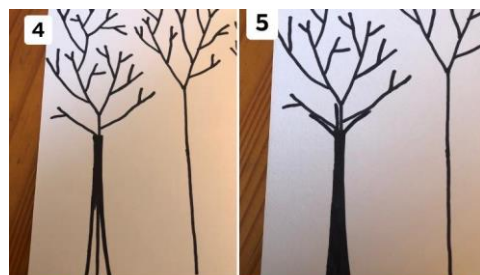
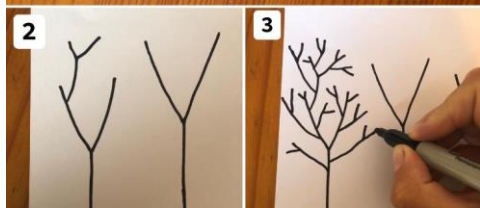
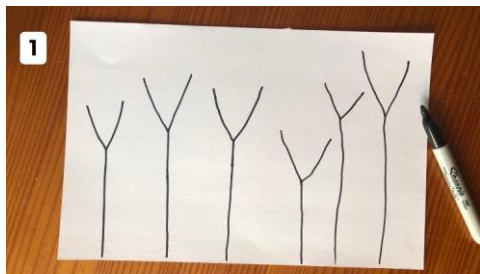
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This activity is an introduction to basic colour theory and shows you how to draw a simple tree using the letter 'Y'.

### For this activity you will need:

- ✂ Paper (thick enough for watercolour paint)
- ✂ Black Sharpie
- ✂ Paint brush
- ✂ Water pot
- ✂ Watercolour paint (or felt tips/washable markers as an alternative)

A basic colour wheel includes the three primary colours and the three secondary colours, which are the colours you get from mixing two primary colours. Colour wheels remind artists how to mix and think about colour



1. Begin by drawing six letter 'Y's across your paper with a sharpie (protect your table as sharpie can bleed through the paper). Make them slightly different heights and remember, eventually they will become trees so they do not need to be perfectly straight.

2. Next, add more smaller letter 'Y's at the top.

3. Continue adding more 'Y's until you are happy with your tree shape. We don't want our trees to overlap so make sure you leave enough space to add 'Y' branches to the next tree

4. To create a more realistic trunk for your 'Y' tree, you will need to thicken the tall straight lines. Do this by drawing two more lines on each side making a skinny triangle shape. Then colour in with sharpie.

5. Do the same to some of the lower 'Y' branches nearest the trunk.

6. Neaten up any scruffy colouring so that the branches and trunk flow into each other.

7. Repeat steps 4, 5 and 6 for the rest of your trees.



*Your trees should now look like this.*



*Now it's time to paint three of your trees using the three primary colours.*

*On the first tree, outline the shape of your branches with a red paint, then paint the inside the shape you have created.*

*Make sure your paint is watery enough so that the sharpie shows through.*



*Next, paint the third tree yellow and the fifth tree in blue.*



*For the last three trees we are going to mix two of the primary colours to create secondary colours.*

*Mix red and yellow to create orange and paint your second tree. Find out what happens if you add more red or more yellow to the mix.*



Next, mix yellow and blue to create green paint for tree number 4. Experiment with adding more yellow or more blue to get a shade of green that you like.



Finally mix red and blue to create purple paint for your 6th tree.

There you have it, a colourful forest of trees showing the primary and secondary colours.

As always I would love to see your finished artwork!