Make a color-field artwork!

Color-field paintings like Indian Country are works of art that focus on color rather than on a specific subject. The artist of Indian Country, Stanley Whitney, used many different colors in his painting. Do you have a favorite color?

Let’s make our own color-field artwork! Use paints, crayons, markers, or even torn pieces of colored paper. On a white piece of paper, use your favorite color to create a square, like we see in Indian Country.

Next to your first square, make another shape with a different color. Try using all different colors on your paper, like Whitney did.

What happens when your colors overlap? Can you make new colors by putting yellow over red? What about yellow over blue? Experiment with putting colors next to and on top of each other. As you create your artwork, say the name of each color out loud. How many different colors do you have in your artwork?

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