

PAINT YOUR OWN: Taped Abstract Painting

1) Begin with a blank canvas and masking tape (tape not included in kit)- most common width of tape is 1/2" -3/4". Much smaller widths of tape are available online and are optional. Make sure to press down all edges of tape to avoid "bleeding" of paint later on. Tape lines should intersect/ overlap with other lines or continue off canvas--lines should not just "stop" in the middle of a section of canvas.

2) I cut my masking tape by applying tape to a board with half the width of tape "hanging" off the edge. Using very sharp scissors, I cut tape with long cuts (using the entire length of blades), rather than short cuts that will result in a jagged edge.

This takes a little practice, so **PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT!**

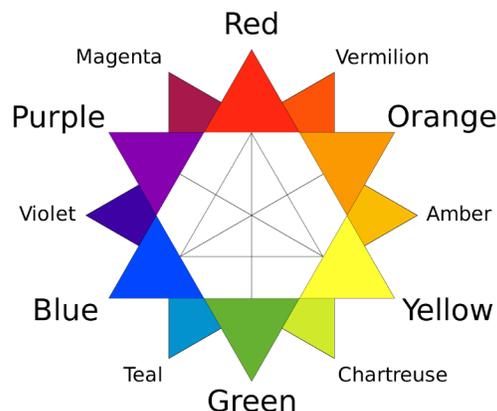
3) **NOW PAINT!** You can go with a totally random color scheme (a great way to use up extra or leftover paint). Or choose a range of **ANALOGOUS** colors from a color wheel (I chose blue, green, and yellow--of course, blue + yellow = green, so I mixed different amounts of blue to different amounts of yellow to get different variations of green. *Remember--the white of the canvas (under the tape) will also be in your color scheme! I also chose a completely different color (Orange) to add a "pop" to my color scheme (optional).

4) Let paint dry completely and then remove tape. If paint has "bled" underneath tape, just paint over area with a few layers of white paint, letting each layer dry completely.

OTHER OPTIONS:

*Before removing tape, add more tape lines to painted areas and continue to paint (darker colors on top work best).

*Before applying any tape to blank canvas, paint a base coat of paint and let dry (light colors work best) then apply tape lines.



ANALOGOUS COLORS--colors that are next to each other on the color wheel.

