

# CHOOSING COLORS - Online Tools

## Color Inspiration

### **Design Seeds**

<https://www.design-seeds.com>

*This is one of my favorite color inspiration sites. The color palettes are inspired by beautiful photos, quite often from nature. There are a number of ways to use this site. First, there is a new color palette released daily. You can also search by season (ex. autumn), by color (ex. citrus), or by collection (ex. Sweet Tooth). It's truly eye candy and very addicting!*

## Color Palette Generators

### **Coolors**

<https://coolors.co/524632-8f7e4f-c3c49e-d8ffdd-dedbd8>

*This tool generates 5-colors palettes. You can select the colors you want to keep and repeat the process until you have the combination that matches what you want. You can start with your own colors or a photo, but the beauty of this site is that it generates palettes without you even needing to have a color in mind. Another cool feature is that on each individual color you can see 20 shades of that color.*

### **Adobe Color**

<https://color.adobe.com/create/color-wheel/>

*Create a color palette by choosing a base color and applying Color Rules (ex. monochromatic, analogous, etc). Or extract a color palette from a photo. Easy to use.*

### **Tin Eye Lab**

[http://labs.tineye.com/color/6adbd13ab7312e41077091123b1ae12ca533297d?ignore\\_background=True&width=250&color\\_format=hex&ignore\\_interior\\_background=True&height=181](http://labs.tineye.com/color/6adbd13ab7312e41077091123b1ae12ca533297d?ignore_background=True&width=250&color_format=hex&ignore_interior_background=True&height=181)

*The Multicolor Engine couldn't be simpler. Upload a photo or enter an image URL and hit 'extract colors'. A color palette is generated and best of all the colors are given in percentage of area from the photo.*

### **Halcyon Yarn**

Color Picker

<https://halcyonyarn.com/yarn-colors/pick-yarns-by-color.php>

*This site is not as dynamic or easy to use, but it does have the feature 'Get Matches' that makes actual yarn recommendations that match your color selections.*

## **Special Color Tools**

### **Color Blend Tool**

Margaret Coe e-Weave Online

<http://www.e-weaving.com/Gradations.html>

*This is a great tool if you want to do a gradient project. You pick 2 colors and then the number of gradations you want (from 1-10) and the tool blends those colors and gives you a gradient palette.*

### **Random Stripe Generator**

Biscuits & Jam

[http://www.biscuitsandjam.com/stripe\\_maker.php](http://www.biscuitsandjam.com/stripe_maker.php)

*This is a nifty little tool that generates stripe patterns. You enter your colors (choose from palette on site), desired stripe widths (choose as many as you want), and approximately how many rows. Voila a stripe pattern. If you don't like that pattern, refresh the page and you'll get the same information you entered only in a different pattern of striping. In addition, you get a text version of your pattern.*

### **Tartan Maker**

<http://www.tartanmaker.com>

*There are a number of tartan/plaid makers online, but I found this one to be the easiest to use. You can use up to 3 colors and can vary the width of your bands.*

### **Weaving Color Mixer**

Tien Chu - Warp and Weave

<https://www.warpandweave.com/weaving-color-mixer/>

*This is a fabulous color mixer to visualize warp & weft color choices in 4 different weave structures: plain weave, 1/3 twill, 2/2 twill, and 3/1 twill. You can choose the color for the warp and weft either by picking the color from a color grid/display or by uploading a photo. There is also a feature to look at color blends ie., 75% warp/25% weft color blend. And for the geeky (me!) it gives the colors in Hex code, RGB, and HSV.*

### **You Tube Video**

#### **Choosing Colors for Stranded Colorwork**

Felicity (Felix) Ford's system

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AA4OnjhNCog&list=LL\\_AUHfLPp\\_wp3jIMh2dVGqA&index=11&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AA4OnjhNCog&list=LL_AUHfLPp_wp3jIMh2dVGqA&index=11&t=0s)