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Excel Lesson

This one was a little of a stretch for me. In art I am usually using programs such as Illustrator, PhotoShop, and In Design to do most of my lessons. I use them to design the handouts for my lessons as well as part of the lesson, where students create their artwork.

So with that said I found a way I could use Microsoft Excel as a tool in the classroom. Students can use the program to create a working color wheel. They can create the Color Wheel by selecting the cells to fill and filling them by selecting the appropriate color off the fill palate.

Students will then add the appropriate text around the colors on the wheel. They will also take it a step further by adding different color combinations along the bottom. They will add Complimentary colors (opposite each other on the color wheel), Primary colors, Secondary colors, Warm and Cool colors, or Mono-chromatic color schemes.

I would introduce the lesson by showing the students color imagery (photos and non-objective designs) that illustrate proper use of color. The images would fit the color schemes I wish them to illustrate. Students would follow along taking notes, and roughly sketching out a color wheel in those notes. Students would then move to the computer using Microsoft Excel to create the Color Wheel. I will have an example of one on the overhead.

This lesson may not be for the level of high school students, but it would work well for a middle school lesson.