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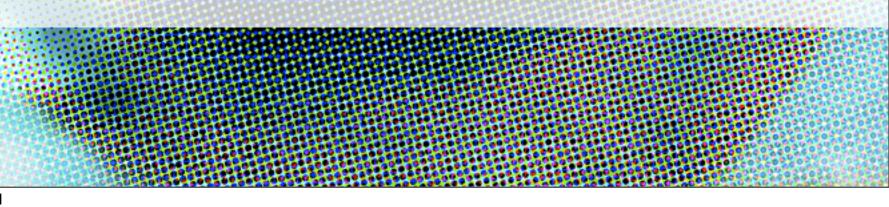
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## Color

Sensation caused by light as it interacts with the eye.

Also used for the property of objects that gives rise to these sensations.



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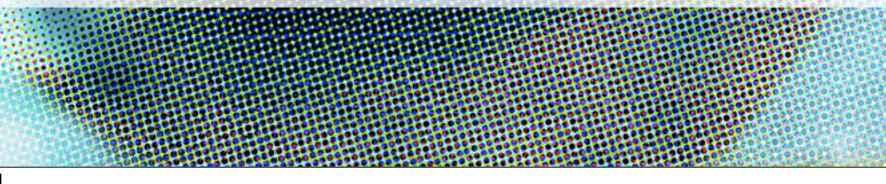
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## Hue

Quality of a color as determined by its dominant wavelength.

Main attribute of color which distinguishes from other colors.

Name of the color: red, orange, yellow, green, blue...



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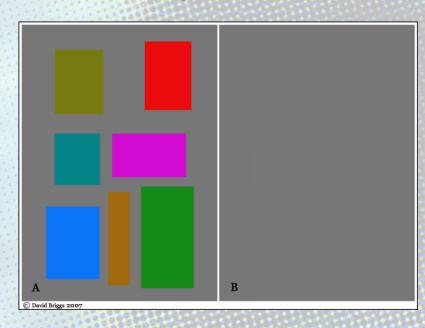
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## Value

The relative lightness or darkness of a sample of color.



Helmholtz–Kohlrausch Effect. A: Various colours on a grey background, all measuring L = 50 in Photoshop. B: same image converted to greyscale mode.



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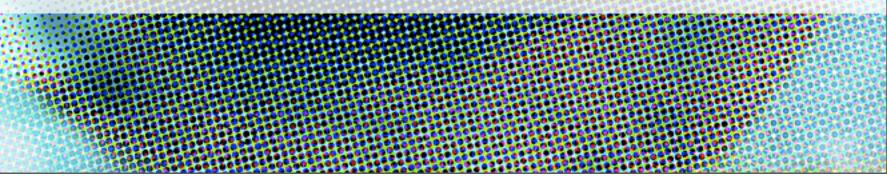
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# **Density**

Ability of an object to stop or absorb light.

The less the light is reflected, the higher its density.

**Ink Density:** measure of the amount of ink on a substrate, like paper. Measured mechanically in todays press room.



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## RGB

**Additive Primary Colors** 

The colors most closely associated with the human vision spectrum and used in screen technologies.

Red, green, and blue light are combined in various ways to create other colors.

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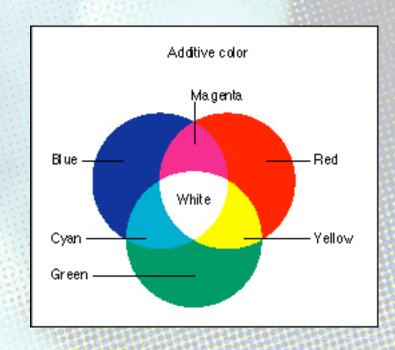
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## RGB

Theory: pure red and green light produce yellow, red and blue make magenta, blue and green combine to make cyan, and all three together, when mixed at full intensity, create white.



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### **CMYK**

CMY: Subtractive Secondary Colors

Secondary colors of light, the result of a mix of two primaries.

For mixing of pigments, it is better to use the secondary colors, since they mix subtractively instead of additively.

The colors that are seen are from the part of light that is not absorbed. (Taking away the light that is reflected back to your eye, thus subtractive.)

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# **CMYK: Process Printing**

When a secondary process color (CMYK) is laid on white paper, some wavelengths reaching it are absorbed and others are transmitted to the paper surface.

The white surface reflects the wavelength (color) reaching it back again through the ink filter and it reaches the eye.



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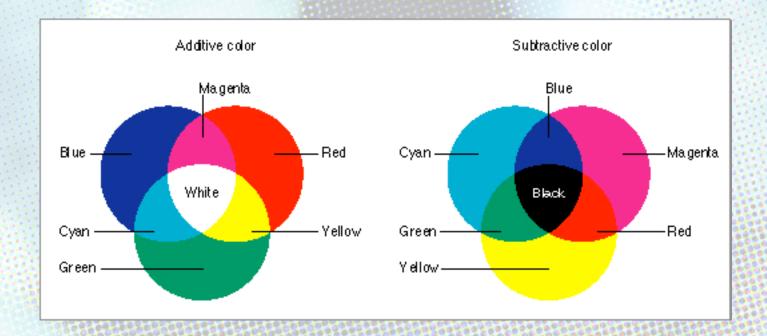
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# **CMYK: Process Printing**

Cyan, Magenta and Yellow printed together on white result to black in theory. In actuality, it prints a muddy grey.

Needs black to darken colors and provide shadow.



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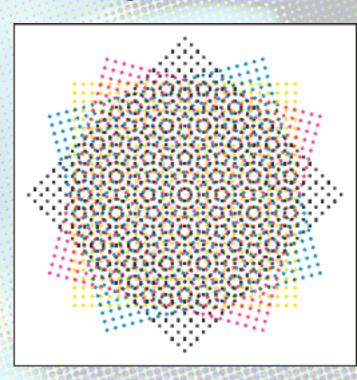
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# **CMYK: Process Printing**

Four color process printing: technique of printing that uses black, magenta, cyan and yellow to simulate full color images.



In most cases, the color is inked onto the page in tiny dots.

In most offset printing these dots are arranged in a **rosette pattern**.

The eye blends four color dots into one color on the page.

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# **CMYK: Process Printing**

Gamut limitations of process printing:

- > Does not produce clear colors in the orange range
- > Greens and true purples are difficult to reproduce

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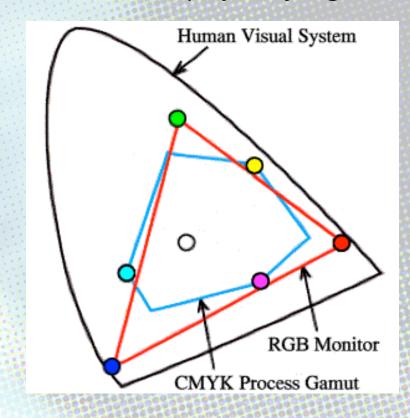
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## Gamut

Color gamuts represent the universe of colors that can be created or displayed by a given color system or technology.



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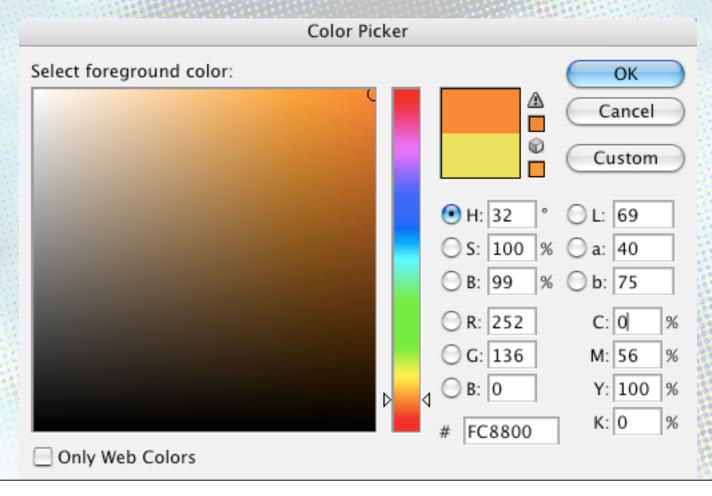
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### Gamut

In Photoshop, if you select a CMYK color that is not in the printable gamut, a warning will appear.



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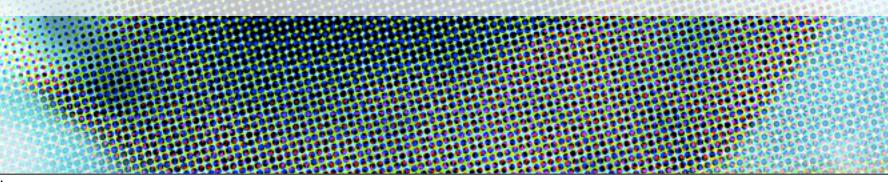
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## **Spot Color**

Instead of four color process printing with CMYK inks, **one ink** can also be applied to a sheet that is a **pre-mixed color** with specific control systems to assure the color will remain consistent.

When one ink or varnish is applied to a portion of a sheet of paper or other substrate, it is called a **spot color**.

The ink is applied to the paper in dots, and variations in the dot proximity create varying tints.



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## **Flood**

To print a sheet of paper or other substrate completely with an ink or varnish is called a **flood** or "painting the sheet."

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# **Pantone Matching System**

A proprietary system that precisely characterizes a color by numbers, so that a color can be matched, universally.

Ink companies have a formula that they use to mix inks to match preprinted swatches manufactured by Pantone.





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## **PMS**

Factors to remember that affect the color when matched to a swatch:

- paper colorpaper textureink density

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## **PMS**

History of Pantone

- > Began in 1962 by Lawerence Herbert
- > 1968 The first PANTONE Four-Color Process Guide
- > 1968 The PANTONE Color Tint Selector
- > 1987 there were 747 colors
- > 1991 there were over 1000
- > new GoeSystem has 2,058



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## **PMS**

Has grown to offer many different colors and ink controls, color calibration systems and software.

PANTONE GUIDES:

Traditional printing

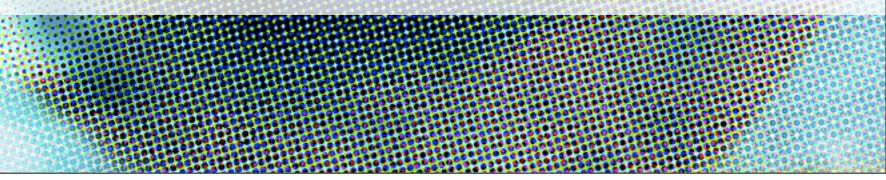
Digital environments

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Architecture and interiors

**Plastics** 



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### **PMS**

PANTONE GUIDES FOR PRINTING INK:

Solids: one color of ink

Tints: indicates how tint values of one color will print

Foils: metal color foils

Process: Pantone recommended CMYK colors

Solid to Process: conversion between solid color & CMYK (matches about 50% of the colors, but watch oranges, bright

greens and purples)

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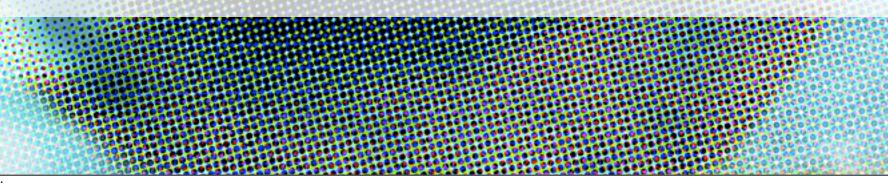
## **PMS**

### When Spec'ing PMS Process Colors:

Allow for some variation Unfortunately, process colors do not always come out the way they are supposed to.

Specify your colors and hold the printer to a match on a color check in order to get the results you want.

Some variation is acceptable, but not much.



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## **PMS**

### **PANTONE SOLID INKS:**

Coated (for coated papers)

Uncoated (for uncoated papers)

Metallic

**Pastels** 

Pearlized

In addition to including it on your spec sheet, attach chips to your projects when they go to print to eliminate confusion

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## **PMS**

Pantone books are pricey, but necessary.

Choosing color from your screen is risky, even with a calibrated monitor. The inks look completely different on paper.

PMS books have a lifespan for replacement, color changes and fades.

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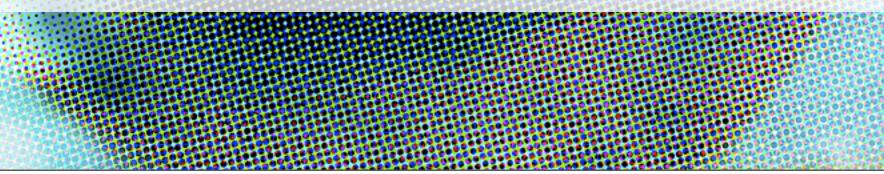
### Duotone

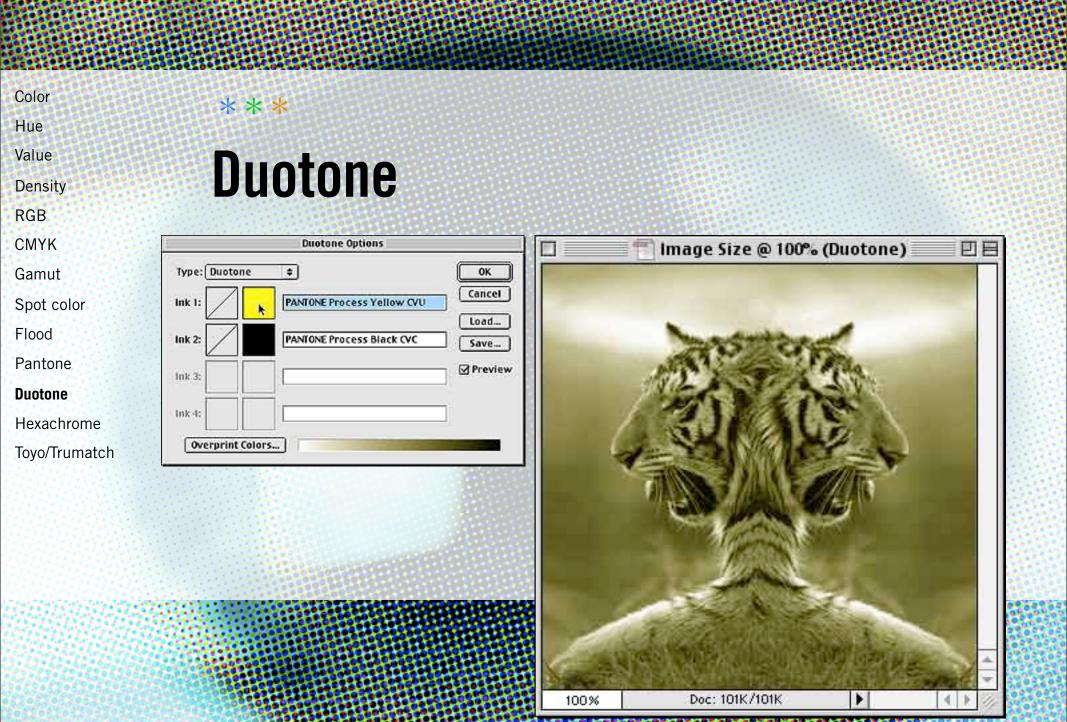
Two solids mixed together in an image. Often, the colors are one PMS solid and black.

Saves cost in printing and creates interesting effects.

You can also build tritones and quadtones.

Using the Pantone Duotone guide for predictable results is recommended. Duotones are difficult to proof on desktop printers. (Because the proofing devices often use a CMYK ink system)





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## Hexachrome

1995: PANTONE Hexachrome Color Selector.



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Hexachrome was a six-color printing process designed by Pantone Inc. In addition to custom CMYK inks, Hexachrome added orange and green inks to expand the color gamut, for better color reproduction. It was therefore also known as a CMYKOG process.

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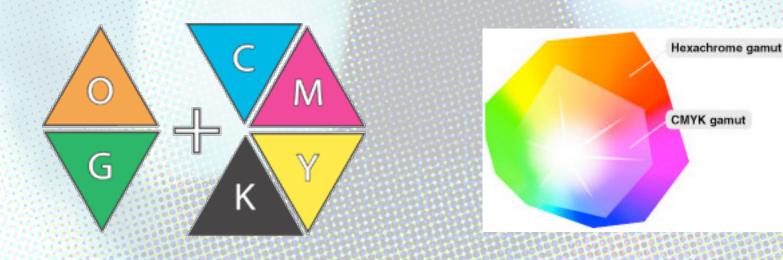
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## Hexachrome

6 color process: CMYKOG (orange + green)

Reproduces 90% of the PMS instead of 50%. Extends the gamut into the RGB range in order to better reproduce what's on screen



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Hexachrome was discontinued by Pantone in 2008 when Adobe Systems stopped supporting their software. While the details of Hexachrome were not secret, use of Hexachrome was limited by trademark and patent to those obtaining a license from Pantone.

In order to use the Hexachrome process in a digital printing process, Pantone produced a plugin for Adobe Photoshop that allowed the designer to work in an RGB color space more typical of computer work.

The plugin was discontinued by Pantone in 2008 because Adobe Systems no longer supported Pantone's Rosetta (legacy) plug-in format.



# Other Systems

### **TOYO COLOR FINDER**

Founded: September 10, 1896

Items Handled: Printing inks, newspaper inks, UV cure inks, gravure inks, graphic arts materials & equipments, metal decorating finishes, resins, adhesives, waxes, laminating adhesives, coating & painting materials, pigments, pigments, dyestuffs, water based colors, chips, plastic colorants, media materials, computer softwares, etc.



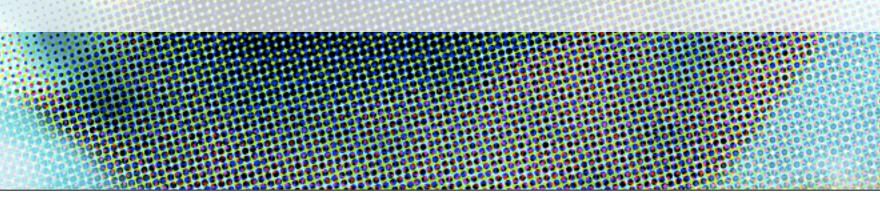


## WYSIWYG? Not so much.

With color, what you see is not what you get unless you calibrate. Technologies are available to calibrate, or you can have someone come in and adjust your system for you.

For print, it is important to use print color control systems like PMS to assure predictable on-press results.

Ink on paper is always different from color on the screen.





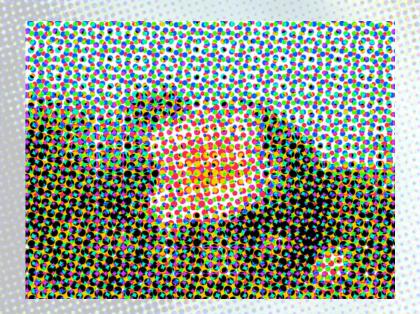
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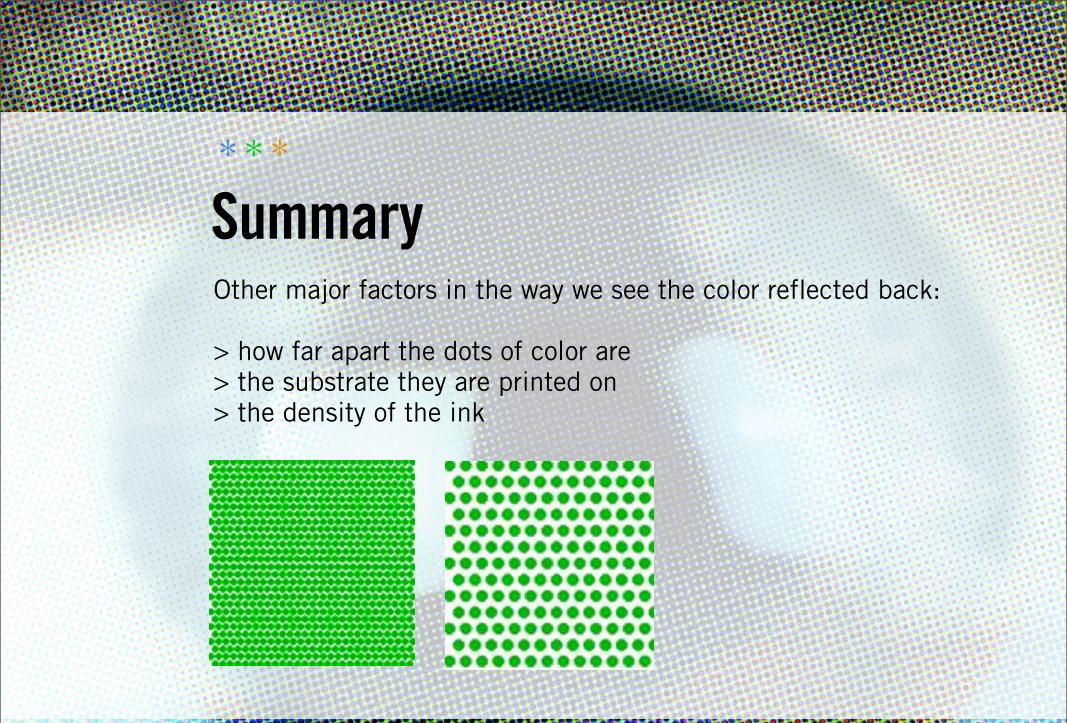
Ink is usually printed onto paper in dots. Those dots are each one color.

The color that we see reflected back is either a combination of the dots (as in CMYK or in a Duotone)

OR is the result of dots of all one specific color, not a combination (spot inks).

This is the core difference between 1, 2, 4 or 6 color printing.







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