

358 Color Wheel

Understanding the Copic Color System

The numbers and letters on your marker represent the following:

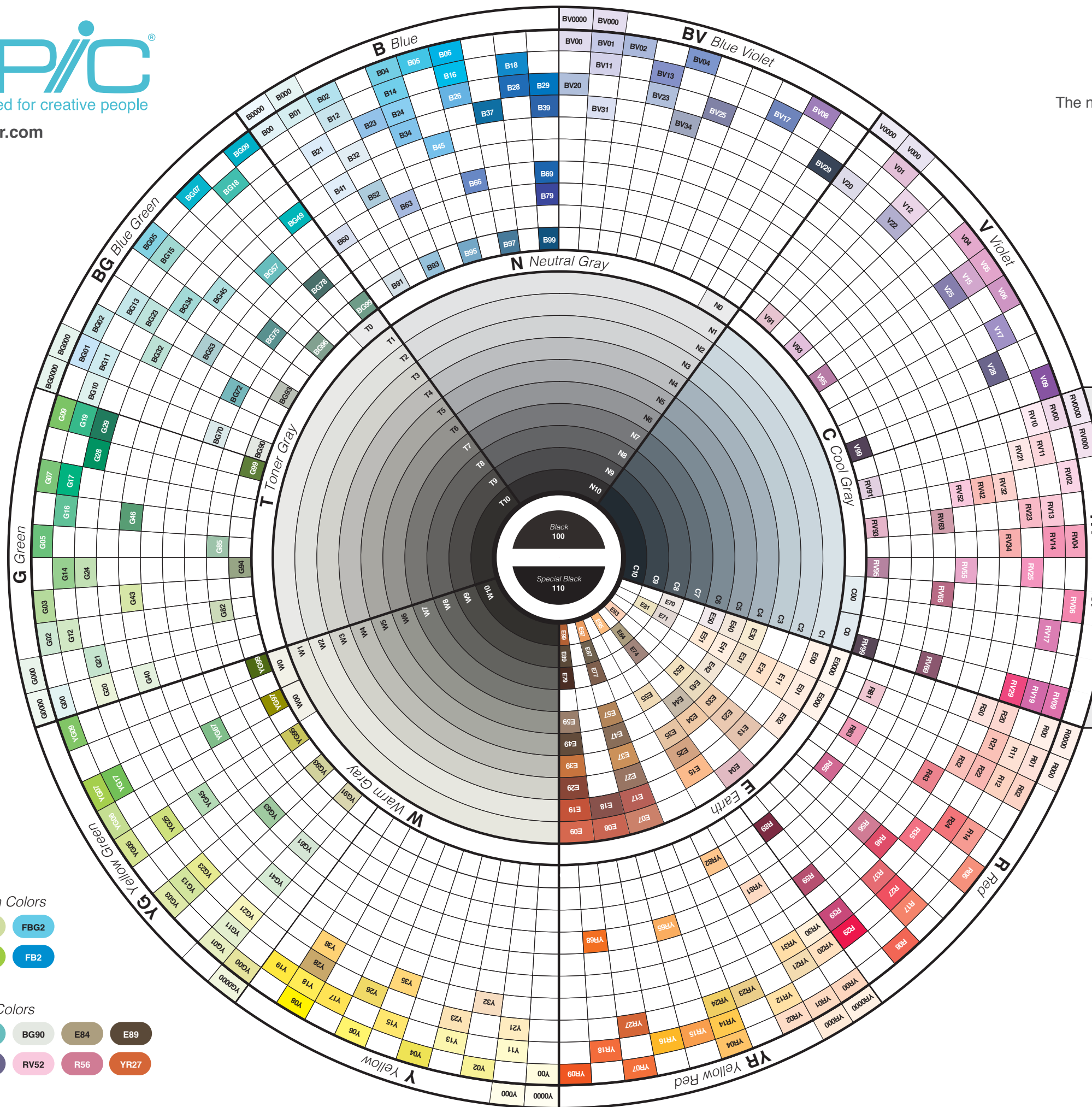
Saturation Number
Colors range from 0 (more saturated) to 9 (less saturated)

Color Family
BG = Blue Green

Brightness Number
Colors range from 0 (lighter) to 9 (darker)

Color Name

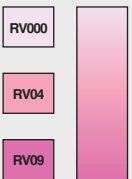
BG05
Holiday Blue



Picking Blending Colors

To determine if a color will blend evenly with the next darker or lighter shade:

Match the color letters.
(Keep the color family the same.)



Match the middle number.
(This will keep the tone the same.)

The last number indicates how light or dark the shade is.
For highlights, pick a last number with a value of 0, 1, 2, or 3. For mid tones, choose numbers 4, 5, or 6. For shadows, choose colors with a last number of 7, 8, or 9. For best results, try to keep a 2 or 3 digit difference between your colors.

The color/number system helps you choose colors that will blend nicely to create depth in your color range.

Use more colors to achieve smoother blends.

This blend was created with 3 markers:



For a smoother gradient, use more colors. Notice how much more the pale and dark shades stand out when blended with more colors.



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