

334 Color Wheel

Understanding the Copic Color System

The numbers and letters on your marker represent the following:

Intermediate Classification
Color number within color type.
Variation 0-9

Broad Classification
Shows color type

**Specific Classification/
Brightness #**
Specific variation of color within
the intermediate classification.
Variation 0-9
(Based on 1-10 with neutral gray brightness)

Color Name

BG05
Holiday Blue

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

How to pick blending colors:
To instantly tell if a color will blend evenly with the next darker or lighter shade, choose markers like this:

1. Match the color letters, keeping the color family the same.
2. Match the middle number, this will keep the tone the same.

The last number tells you 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 the last number of 7, 8, or 9. Also try to keep a 2 or 3 digit difference between your colors.

Using more colors achieves smoother blends!

This blend was created with 3 markers:
BG000 BG05 BG09



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

BG000 BG02 BG05 BG07 BG09



New Colors for 2009
YG0000, G0000, BG0000
B0000, C00, W00
BV0000, V0000, RV0000
R0000, YR0000

F (Fluorescent)

