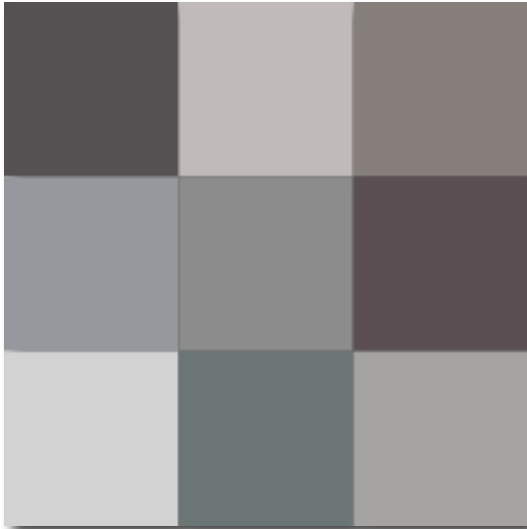


8. Color Your World



Yes, gray is a color (and grey is a colour). After losing so much weight, I needed a whole new wardrobe. I thought style would be simplest if I restricted my new clothing to black and white and gray. Who knew there were so many grays?

At the simplest level, grays are distinguished as being warm (with a percentage of yellow, orange, or red) or cool (with a percentage of blue, green, or violet). When there is no

cast at all, it is referred to as “neutral” or “achromatic grey.” In web colors, represented as a hex triplet (with 16,777,216 possible combinations), there are actually 254 true grays. Any two colors are considered complementary if gray is produced when they are combined. Gray is its own complement.

“Grays” is a term used pejoratively to describe those who like granite, concrete, and other city materials, as opposed to the term “Greens.”

The Gray Panthers are an activist group that focuses on senior citizen issues.

Nobody likes gray weather.

Gray language connotes cursing.

“The Gray Lady” is the nickname of *The New York Times*.

In a moral sense, gray is used positively to balance an all-black or all-white view, as in shades of gray represent magnitudes of good and bad OR to describe situations that have no clear moral value.





There's *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde and *The Man in the Gray Flannel Suit* by Sloan Wilson and the Good Gray Poet (Walt Whitman).

Grissaile (from the French *gris*) is a term for any painting executed entirely in monochrome.

Common connotations for gray include boredom, reality, seriousness, neutrality, dullness, mediocrity, undefinedness, pessimism, cursing, tragedy, grumpiness, and old age.

And all I was looking for was a dress!



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Christ and the Woman Taken in Adultery by Pieter Bruegel



Wistful Glance by Gemini

