Grade: First
Lesson: "Caterpillar Collage"

Elements: Shape & Color
Principles: Movement
Materials:

- ☐ 12" x 18" colored construction paper
- ☐ 9" x 12" colored construction paper
- ☐ Newsprint
- ☐ Tempera paint OR crayons
- ☐ Paper plate & brushes (if using paint)
- ☐ Glue stick
- ☐ Scissors

Instructions:

1. Show the art **sample** and the work of **Eric Carle** (see below). Explain that the kids will be cutting out circles and painting or coloring them to create a caterpillar collage.

2. Use the colored paper to have students **cut out multiple circles** (at least 7 or 8) **about the size of their palms.**

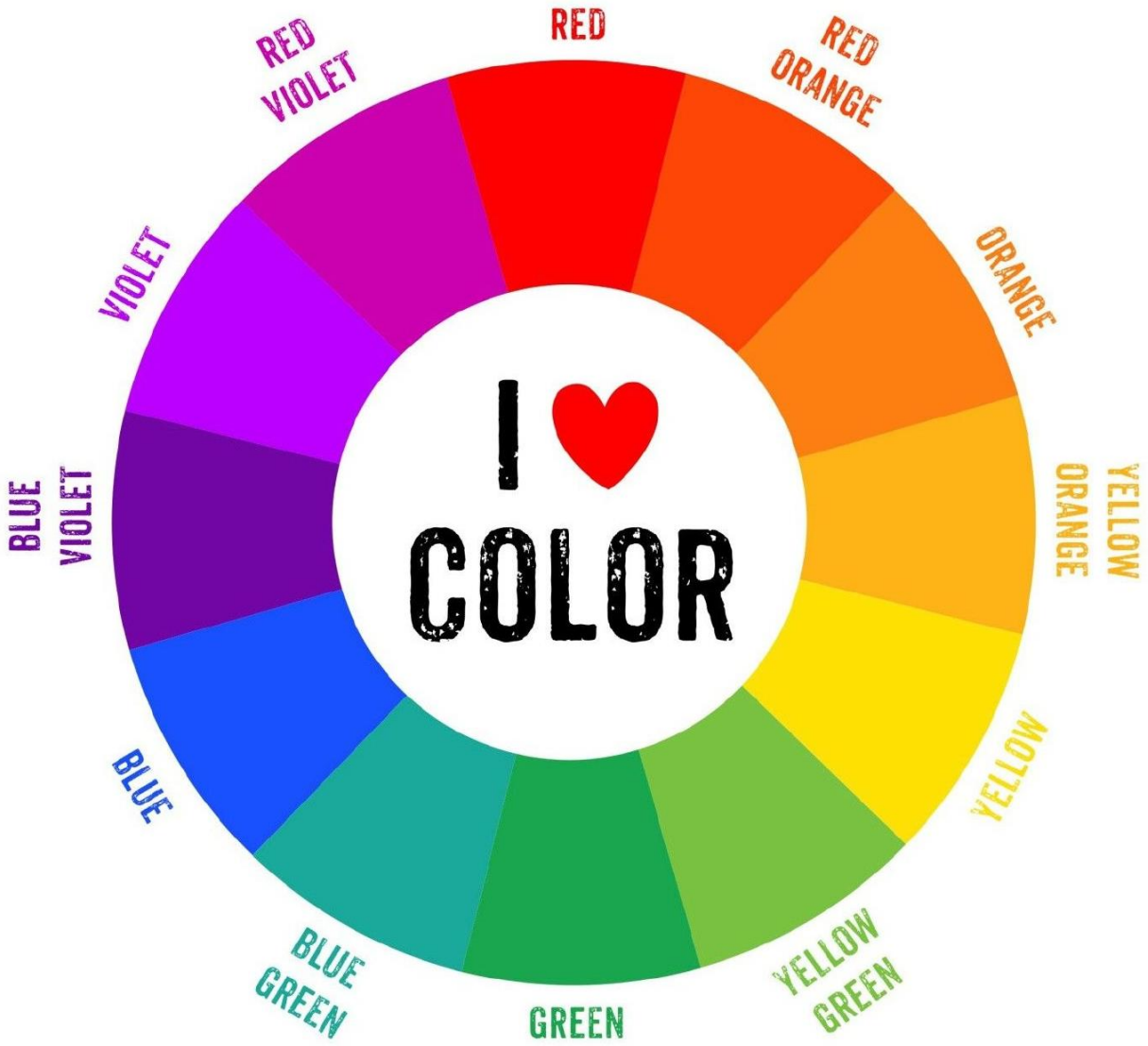
3. Have them **paint or color designs onto the circles**. Emphasize that they don't need to cover the entire circle with color, just aim for about half coverage, so the base color shows through. Remind the students that to create **contrast** they can select colors that are opposite one another on the **color wheel** (see below).

4. Have them **cut a large newsprint leaf** and tear a few holes in it, like the caterpillar ate some of it.

5. Students can then **glue** down their leaf and caterpillar circles, taking care to make their caterpillar look as if it is climbing on the leaf to create the sense of **movement**.

6. Once all the pieces are glued down, **have students use scraps to make antennae, eyes, and feet, and glue** those down as well. If running short on time these can also be painted or colored on.

7. Have students put their names on the art and help clean up.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