

VALUE AND TEMPERATURE

Temperature and Value are two different properties of color. The scales below show how colors can have the same value but a high contrast in temperature. The Red in the middle of the scale is the same value as the Blue, however the Red is warm and the Blue is cool. The entire scale shows this concept. The scale to the right is an achromatic version of the scale to the left. Compare the two and you will also see that each color has an intrinsic value (also referred to as a local value). This refers to the natural value of a color in its pure state. Violet in its pure state is a dark valued color, Red in its pure state is a middle valued color and Yellow is a lighter valued color.

