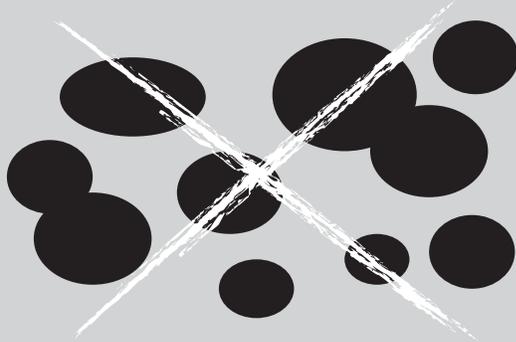


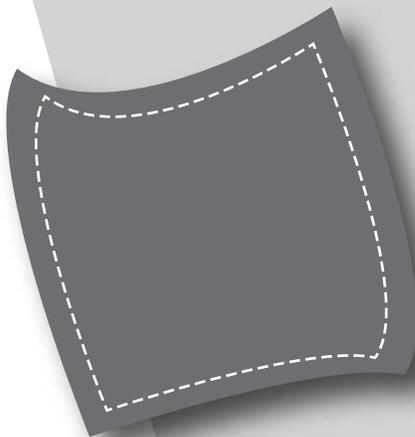
# Extroverted Color-

Have you tried to use a bold gemstone color like Ultramarine, Ruby, or Emerald only to find that the color totally takes over and dominates the entire image?

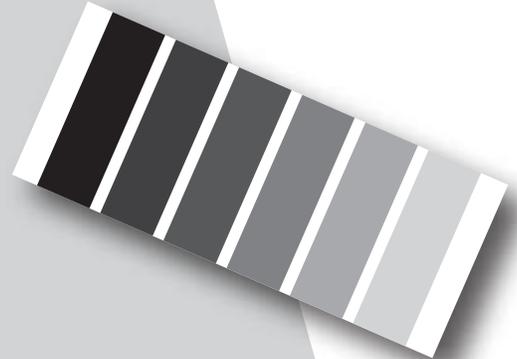
You're not alone! Most people favor extrovert colors and it's natural to want to include them in your coloring projects. The trick is to balance your loud colors; let's explore how.



**1. MINIMIZE** - Because it's a color we love, we want to use it everywhere. Instead, think of your bold colors like Tobasco sauce- a little is great but too much is a problem! Use your gem tones wisely and sparingly!



**3. NEUTRALIZE** - Add a variety of neutral grays, soft browns, or beiges to the color palette. Neutral colors match everything but they're also a calming presence. A good neutral is like a soft blanket, giving the eyes and brain a place to rest. Avoid black though- black seems to increase the intensity and vibrancy of gem tones.



**2. DESATURATE** - For some reason, most colorers try to balance their gem tones with additional gem tones; adding more bold colors to the color palette. This creates a Crayola circus where the riot of color becomes obnoxious. Instead, take your bold color and add white! Think of the paint chips you find at the paint store with several versions of one color. You'll get a large range of useful colors that emphasize your fabulous color without detracting from it!



**4. TEMPER** - Every color has a temperature, either warm or cool. If you're working with a hot color, cool it off by adding cooler colors to the project color palette. Again, think Tobasco because you don't need a lot. A little dab of the opposite temperature

The biggest tip I can give is that experimentation and practice pays! Professional artists create several "color studies" or dry-run samples before starting any major project. They test the color palette before they waste time and supplies. The more you play with your color palettes, the better you will understand how to treat each unique color personality!