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Chartreuse (Yellow-green)

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Chartreuse is a color midway between yellow & green that was named due of its resemblance to the green color of one of the French liqueurs called green chartreuse, introduced in 1764.

Etymology

The French word *chartreuse* means "charter house". The monasteries that the monks of the Carthusian order (who started producing Chartreuse liqueur in 1764) live in, the first one of which was established in 1082 by Saint Bruno, are called charter houses because they were chartered—and given generous material support—by the Duke of Burgundy known as Philip the Bold when he took over the area in 1378. Philip the Bold's elaborately decorated tomb was initially installed at a Carthusian charter house when he died in 1404.



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Variations of chartreuse

There are many yellow-greens.

Mindaro

The first use in English of the color name mindaro was in 2001, when it was formulated as one of the colors on the Xona.com Color List.

Lime

Lime is a color that is a representation of the color of the citrus fruit called limes.

The first recorded use of lime green as a color name in English was in **1890!**

Pistachio

The color pistachio, also called pistachio green, a representation of the color of the interior meat of a pistachio nut. It is also a representation of the color of pistachio ice cream (one of the flavors of ice cream in spumoni), and of pistachio pudding.

The first recorded use of pistachio green as a color name in English was in 1789.

Other visual examples of Chartreuse can be found in Figure 1, Figure 2, and Figure 3.

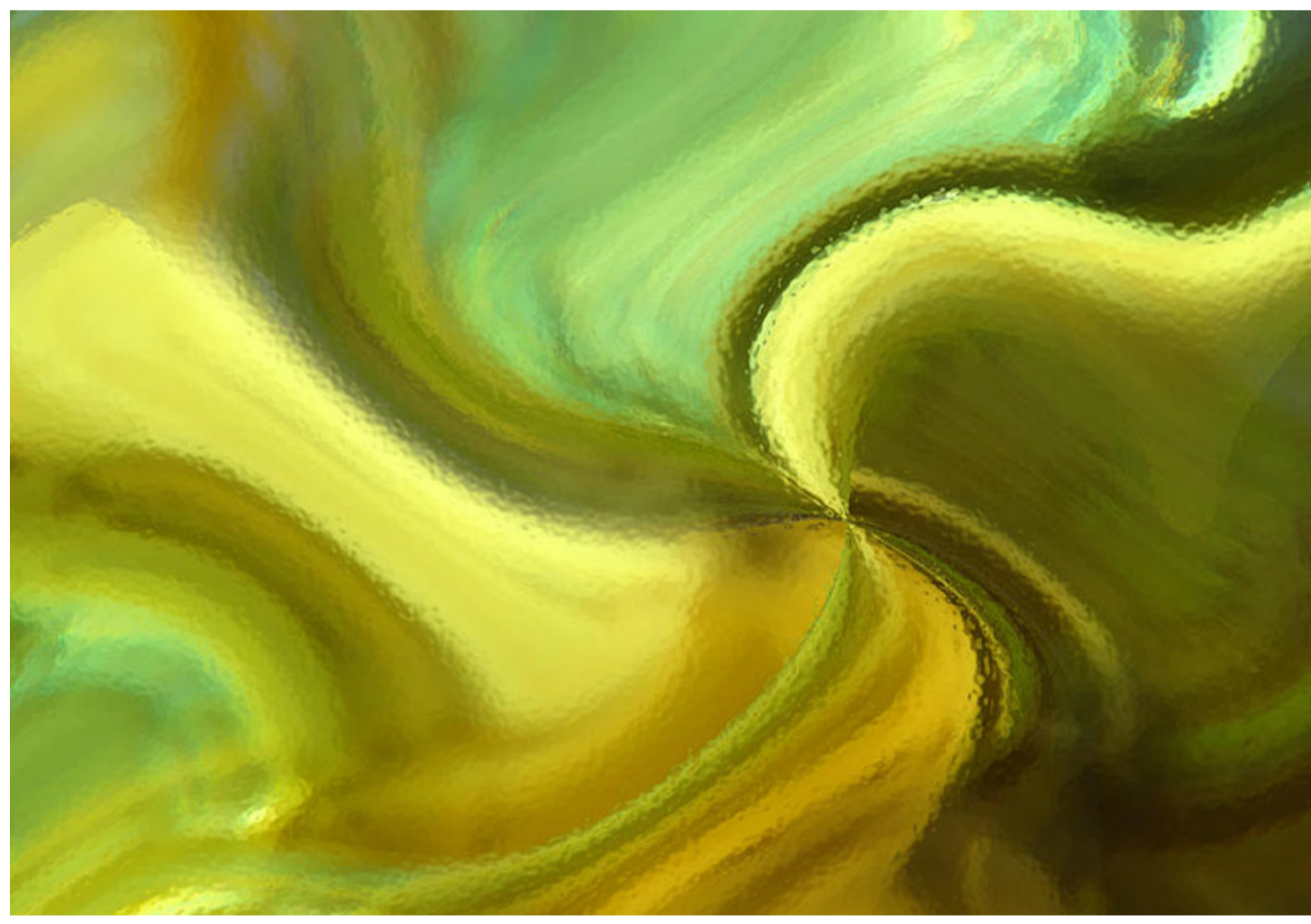


Figure 1. Chartreuse Series Abstract VII by Ginny Schmidt



Figure 2. Chartreuse Dress by John Wu



Figure 3. The famous Chartreuse liqueur, "the only liqueur in the world with a completely natural green colour"

Chartreuse (web color)

The web color chartreuse is the color *precisely* halfway between green and yellow, so it is 50% green and 50% yellow.

See the 1930s version of "Chartreuse green" in the index and color samples, a color not as green as the web color chartreuse, but greener than chartreuse yellow—actually it is a representation of the actual color of green chartreuse liqueur. The first recorded use of chartreuse green as a color name in English was in 1926.

Color coordinates

Hex triplet
#7FFF00
RGB
(127, 255, 0)
CMYK
(50, 0, 100, 0)
HSV
(90°, 100%, 100%)

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