The Color Blue

MATERIALS
- Paints (watercolor, acrylic, tempera, or gouache)
- Pen or pencil
- Small paintbrush
- Mixing palette (a plastic plate will do)
- Cup of water
- Paper towel
- Tissue paper
- Watercolor paper

STEP ONE
Use your pen or pencil to draw a grid on your watercolor paper of sixteen boxes; four rows and four columns.

STEP TWO
Fill your brush with the color blue, and fill in the first square of your grid. Use your tissue paper to dab away extra water or color if you want.

STEP THREE
Now add a bit more of your blue paint onto your mixing palette. Add a tiny dab of red and mix it up.

STEP FOUR
Fill in your second square with your new blue (it might look a little purple).

STEP FIVE
Put some fresh blue on your palette. Add a tiny dab of yellow and mix it up.

STEP SIX
Fill in the third square with your newest blue (it might look a little green).

STEP SEVEN
Now fill in all the squares, mixing blue with a little more or less of the yellow and red, even dab in a bit of all three.

STEP EIGHT
See how many colors you can make that still look like “blue”.

STEP NINE
Tip: use your tissue paper to clean off your palette between colors.

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