COLOR THEORY: Week 5 Exercise — Transparency

Make a composition which creates the illusion of transparency

Materials: Parts of four 6" x 9" sheets of different hues (One must be gray)

Scissors Glue stick

Exercise: In order to create a convincing illusion of transparency using the colors provided, it is necessary to do the following:

- 1. Split your background into two parts and use gray for one part of the background.
- 2. Select one primary for the other part of your background (red in the image below).
- 3. Design a shape that will cross both/all parts of the background. The part of the shape against the gray background will be another primary color. The part of the shape against the primary background (red below) needs to be the secondary color (orange below) that the two primaries create.

Here are the color options from which you can select:

Primaries = Secondary
Red + Yellow = Orange
Yellow + Blue = Green
Blue + Red = Purple

If you weren't limited by the color papers provided, you could mix any two colors to make a third. You wouldn't have to choose mixing primaries (which always make a secondary color).

