

# Using grattantheme

This vignette explains how to use `grattantheme` to quickly and consistently apply Grattan chart formatting to charts made in R using `ggplot`.

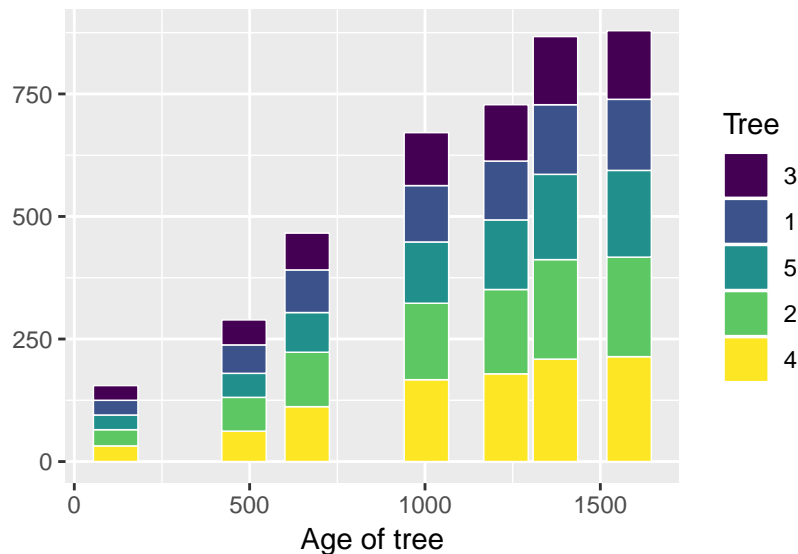
When creating a chart using `ggplot` we have to:

- Choose a dataset;
- Map variables to chart aesthetics `aes()`;
- Choose a `geom_`.

For example, using the `Orange` dataset tracking the growth of five orange trees by age:

```
plot <- ggplot(Orange,
  aes(x = age,
      y = circumference,
      fill = Tree)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
  labs(x = "Age of tree",
      y = "",
      colour = "Tree")
```

This successfully plots the data we want to plot:

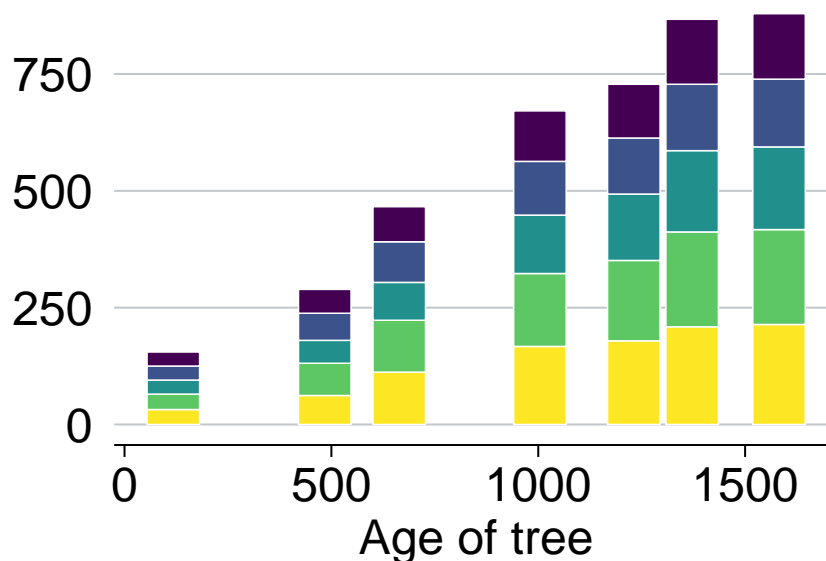


But it doesn't yet *look* like a Grattan chart. To adjust the *look* we adjust 'theme' elements, like `axis.ticks.x = element_line(colour = "black")` to adjust the axis tickmarks on the x axis; `panel.grid.major.x = element_blank()` to turn off vertical gridlines; and so on; and on; and on. We also need to adjust aesthetic colours to the Grattan palette; setting, for example, `fill = "#F68B33"`. The `grattantheme` package contains tools and shortcuts to simplify this process.

## Formatting theme elements with `theme_grattan()`

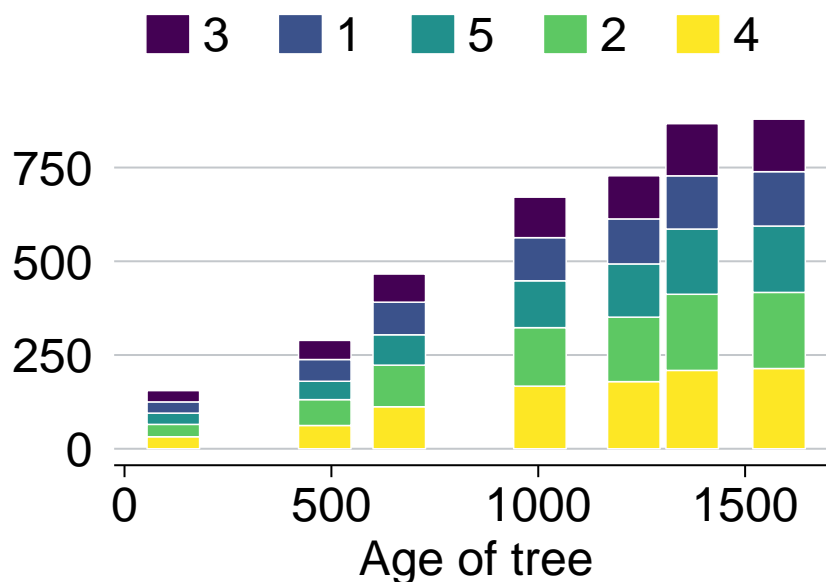
The function `theme_grattan()` contains all of the Grattan theme adjustments in one handy command. Combined with `grattan_colour_manual`, which easily changes colours of aesthetics, your R chart will be ready for a report or a slide in no time.

```
plot +  
  theme_grattan()
```



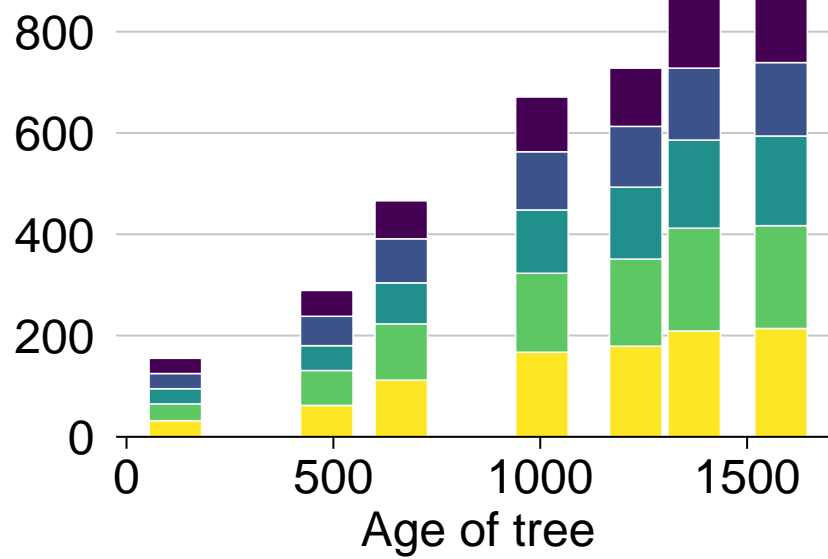
By default, `theme_grattan()` suppresses the legend to allow for clearer on-chart labelling. We can include the legend with the `legend` argument, which takes "off", "top", "bottom", "left" or "right":

```
plot +  
  theme_grattan(legend = "top")
```



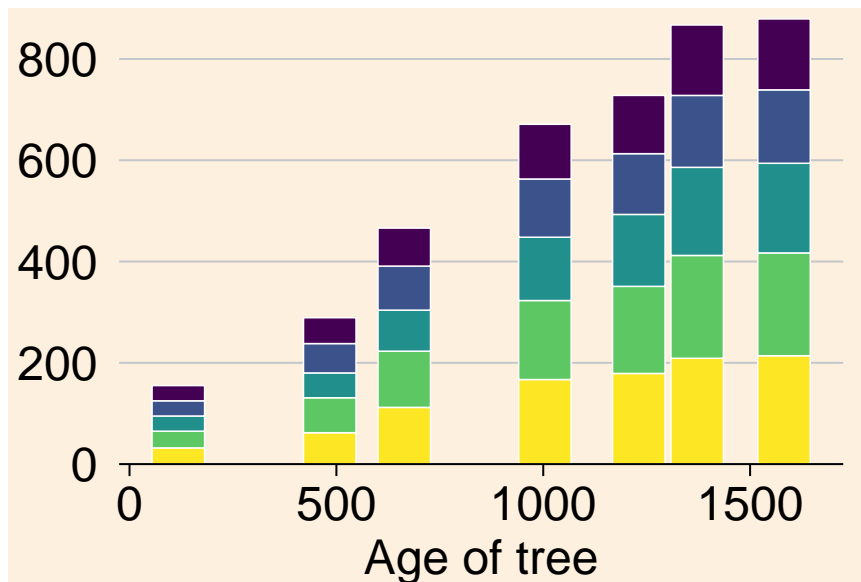
To align the y-axis with zero, change the y scale with `scale_y_continuous()`:

```
plot +  
  theme_grattan() +  
  scale_y_continuous_grattan()
```



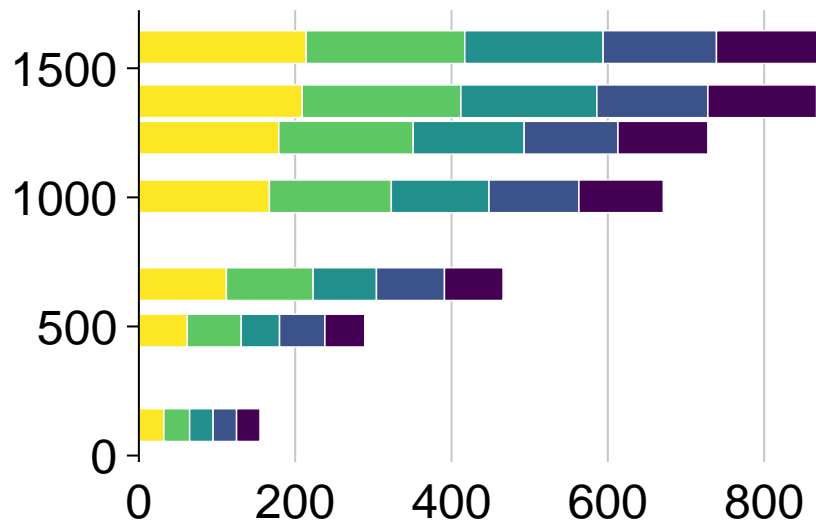
Sometimes we'll want a chart for a box in a report. We can change the background colour with the `background` argument:

```
plot +
  theme_grattan(background = "orange") +
  scale_y_continuous_grattan()
```



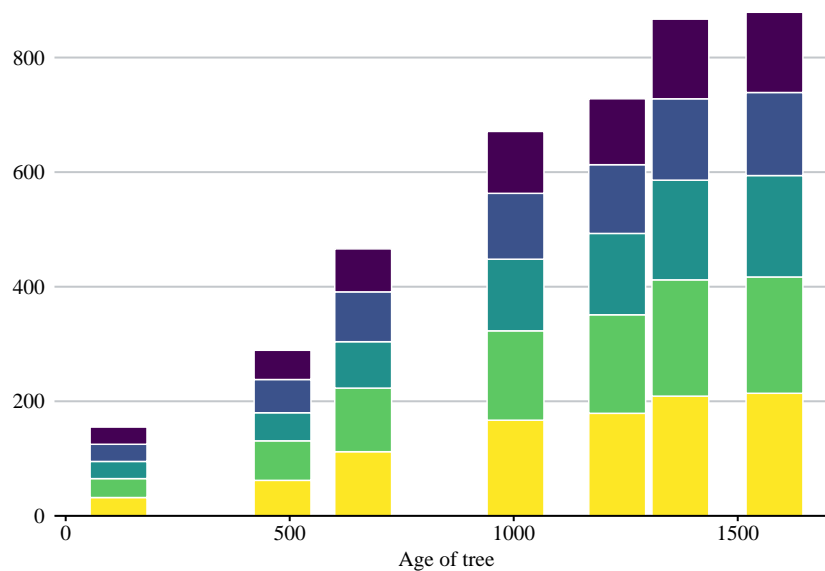
The standard Grattan rules for `x` and `y` axes flip if the chart is a horizontal bar chart. The `x` axis then follows the rules of the `y` axis, and vice-versa. If we are using a 'flipped' chart (implemented with `coord_flipped()`), we can tell `theme_grattan` this is the case using the argument `flipped` set to `TRUE`.

```
plot +
  coord_flip() +
  theme_grattan(flipped = TRUE) +
  scale_y_continuous_grattan()
```



The final adjustments we can specify with `theme_grattan` are the font size and font family. The defaults meet Grattan formatting requirements, but if we do need to change them we can:

```
plot +
  theme_grattan(base_size = 8, base_family = "serif") +
  scale_y_continuous_grattan()
```



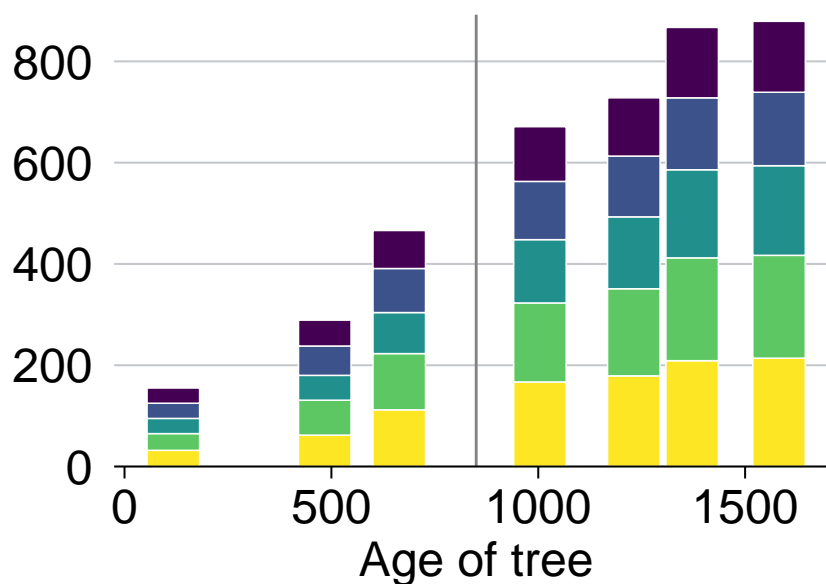
## Using Grattan colours

Grattan's colours are loaded with `grattantheme`. The HEX codes for individual Grattan colours can be called using `grattan_[colourname]`, eg `grattan_lightorange`. Colours names are taken from the chart-guide and are:



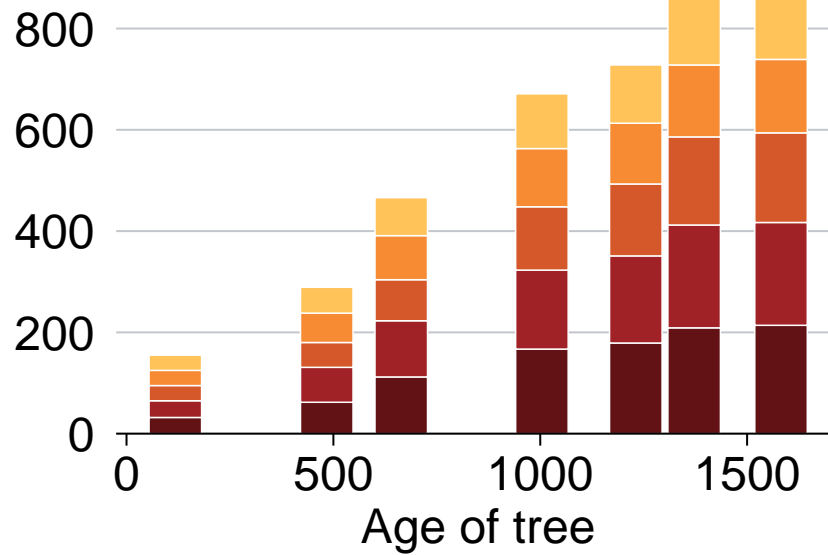
We can call a single colour:

```
plot +  
  geom_vline(xintercept = 850, colour = grattan_grey3) +  
  theme_grattan() +  
  scale_y_continuous_grattan()
```



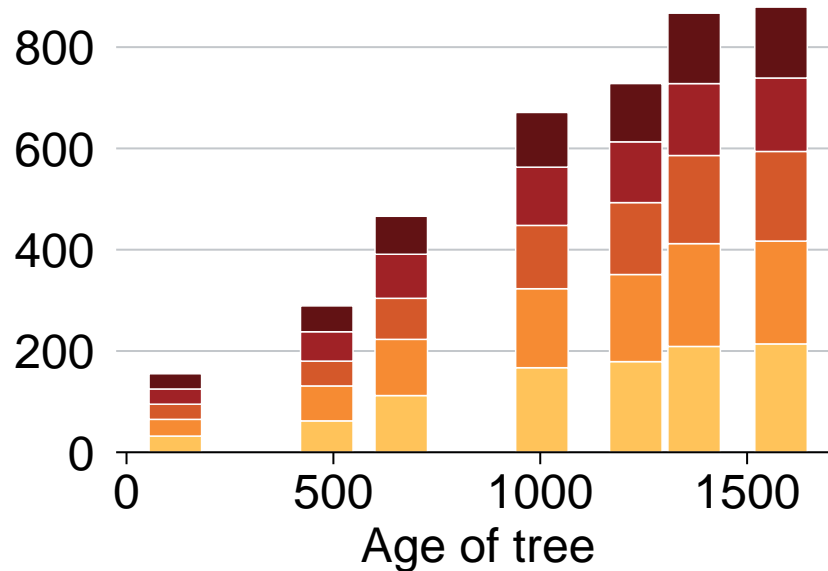
We can also use the `grattan_fill_manual()` or `grattan_colour_manual()` functions to change the colours of our fill or colour *aesthetics*. In our example, we have five different trees each represented by a colour, so we set the number of colours to five: `grattan_fill_manual(n = 5)`:

```
plot +  
  theme_grattan() +  
  scale_y_continuous_grattan() +  
  grattan_fill_manual(n = 5)
```



We can reverse the order of the fill colours using the `reverse` argument:

```
plot +
  theme_grattan() +
  scale_y_continuous_grattan() +
  grattan_fill_manual(n = 5, reverse = TRUE)
```



Note that if you do not specify *enough* colours, will receive an error:

```
plot +
  theme_grattan() +
  scale_y_continuous_grattan() +
  grattan_fill_manual(n = 3)
#> Error: Insufficient values in manual scale. 5 needed but only 3 provided.
```

