YELLOW

*ghel-2	*Ghel-wo	*gelwaz	geolo	yelou
Indo-European		Germanic	Old English	Middle English
BRIGHTNESS			BRIGHTNESS	*HUE*
			hue	brightness
to shine (yellow metals)			to shine	*fabrics*
bite/gall			*fine yellow silk cloth*	*yolk*
			linden wood shield	*discolored paper*
				ripe corn
				sun/gold

GREEN

*ghre		*gronjaz	grene	grene
Indo-European		Germanic	Old English	Middle English
			HUE	*HUE*
			BRIGHTNESS	brightness
"to grow"			*herbs & plants*	*grass & herbs*
"to become green"			*grass*	*cloth*
			water	*emerald*
			flashes from gemstones	*unripe corn*

RED

*reudh-1	*roudh	*raudaz	read	reed
Indo-European		Germanic	Old English	Middle English
			HUE	*HUE*
			brightness	brightness
"red"			*roses*	*dyes*
"ruddy"			*blood-reddened cross*	*skin & lips*
			flames	*cloths & garments*
			fire	*wine*
			gold	*ruby*
			sword edges	gold

PINK

purpura	purpure	purple	
Church Latin	Old English	Middle English	
HUE	*HUE*	*HUE*	
shellfish	*purple cloth*	*purple cloth*	*purple*
dye		*purple*	
cloth			

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