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Sets the emissive color of shapes’ surface material.

The `emissiveMaterial()` color sets a color shapes display at full strength, regardless of lighting. This can give the appearance that a shape is glowing. However, emissive materials don’t actually emit light that can affect surrounding objects.

`emissiveMaterial()` can be called three ways with different parameters to set the material’s color.

The first way to call `emissiveMaterial()` has one parameter, `gray`. Grayscale values between 0 and 255, as in `emissiveMaterial(50)`, can be passed to set the material’s color. Higher grayscale values make shapes appear brighter.

The second way to call `emissiveMaterial()` has one parameter, `color`. A `p5.Color` object, an array of color values, or a CSS color string, as in `emissiveMaterial('magenta')`, can be passed to set the material’s color.

The third way to call `emissiveMaterial()` has four parameters, `v1`, `v2`, `v3`, and `alpha`. `alpha` is optional. RGBA, HSBA, or HSLA values can be passed to set the material’s colors, as in `emissiveMaterial(255, 0, 0)` or `emissiveMaterial(255, 0, 0, 30)`. Color values will be interpreted using the current `colorMode()`.

Note: `emissiveMaterial()` can only be used in WebGL mode.

Examples

```
// Click and drag the mouse to view the scene from different angles.

function setup() {
  createCanvas(100, 100, WEBGL);

  describe('A red cube drawn on a gray background.');
```

```
function draw() {
  background(200);

  // Enable orbiting with the mouse.
  orbitControl();

  // Turn on a white ambient light.
  ambientLight(255, 255, 255);

  // Add a red emissive material using RGB values.
  emissiveMaterial(255, 0, 0);

  // Draw the box.
  box();
}
```

Syntax

- `emissiveMaterial(v1, v2, v3, [alpha])`
- `emissiveMaterial(gray)`
- `emissiveMaterial(color)`

Parameters

v1	Number: red or hue value in the current <code>colorMode()</code> .
v2	Number: green or saturation value in the current <code>colorMode()</code> .
v3	Number: blue, brightness, or lightness value in the current <code>colorMode()</code> .
alpha	Number: alpha value in the current <code>colorMode()</code> .
gray	Number: grayscale value between 0 (black) and 255 (white).
color	<code>p5.Color</code> <code>Number[]</code> String: color as a <code>p5.Color</code> object, an array of color values, or a CSS string.

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