

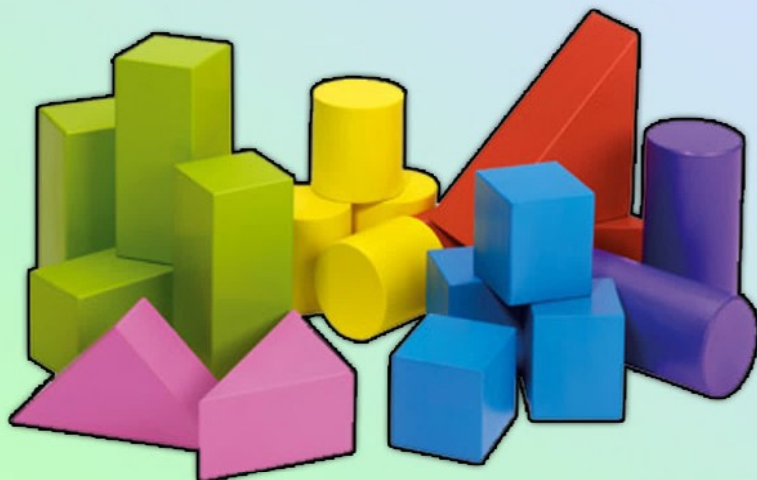
squiggly boi & the persistent boxers



an “infographic meme novel”

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let's talk about blocks



woah! they're colorful and differently shaped!

hmm, now that you mention COLOR...

yes... ok, before we talk about boxes lets talk about colors for a second

it's pretty cool that society has roughly agreed on what color is what isn't it?

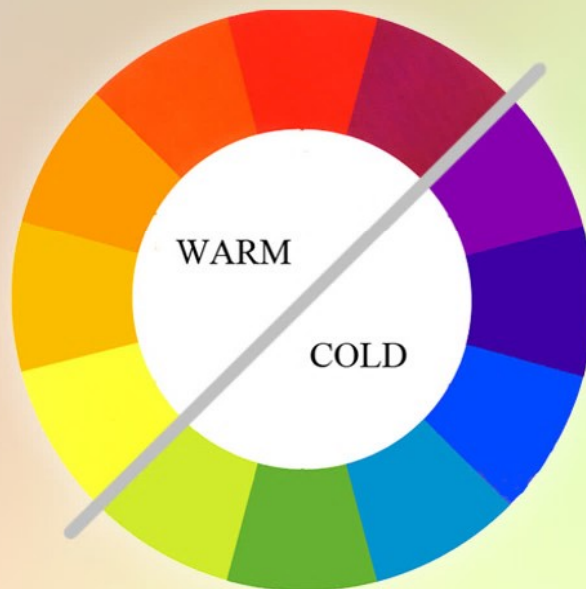
purple	mauve	violet	boysenberry
lavender	plum	magenta	lilac
grape	periwinkle	sangria	eggplant
jam	iris	heather	amethyst

most humans can percieve around 10 MILLION different colors!

humans also sometimes generalize colors, when being more specific isn't important

medium purple	medium purple	dark purple	magenta
light purple	magenta	magenta	medium purple
magenta	light purple	magenta	dark purple
magenta	medium purple	light purple	medium purple

and we can even divide the colors up based on an arbitrary definition



we do these things because doing so helps us communicate ideas more easily.



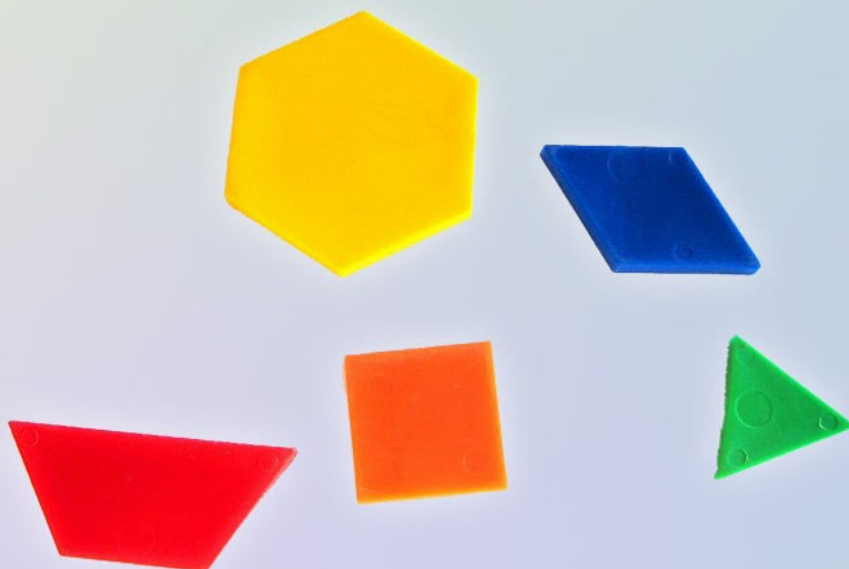
colors can also be
used to convey
ideological properties,
but we won't
get into that now

so if our entire solar system were
suddenly swallowed up by a black hole
would these colors cease to exist?

the spectral frequencies would remain
but the names we give them wouldn't.

ok, colors are cool, but...

BUT WHAT ABOUT



BLOCKS!

well, complex things need many labels to describe, and you could think of people, as being made up of many different shapes and colors, which can be put together and arranged in a lot of ways... surely our conceptualization of each other should likewise need many expressions

introducing...



the freeform model of blocking

where the arrangement of a person's "blocks" is respected for who they are, and nobody tells anyone else who they should be



hello fren!
i am squiggly boi
i <3 the freeform
model of blocking
it lets me be free
to be myself :3

hello squiggly boi,
i like squiggly bois
but my friends don't
:-(



oh hello flatface,
i don't know
how both of
those things can
be true but ok



greetings, my
flatfaced friends,
i have come up
with a new
invention
and with it
we can get rid
of squigglyness
in our society

i say!
a new
invention?

well, i
don't like
squigglyness
come to mention it



i too am intrigued
but what about all
the squiggly bois
who live here?

i have just
the thing!



see, we *can*
ALL fit into
the boxes







oh stop being
so dramatic
it's for your
own goood, nobody
likes a squiggly boi out
and about, squiggling

i have ptsd now, wtf



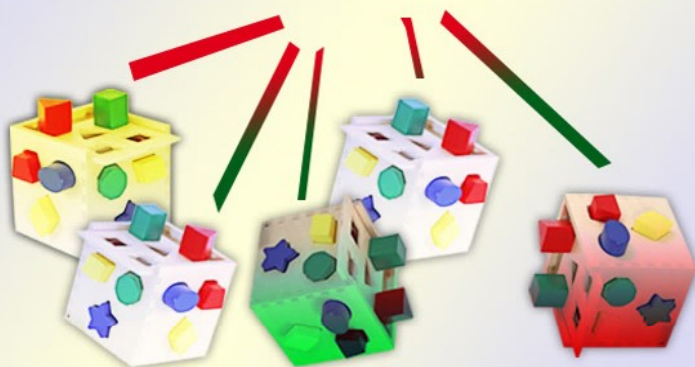
you make a
great box,
much better
sweety,
now shh...

many generations
of boxing later...

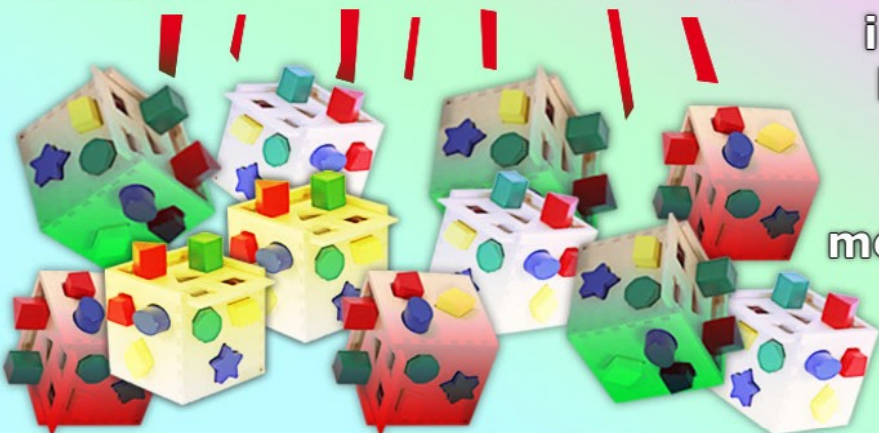
i've got to try and
be a better box but i
have squiggly parts
that don't fit,
being a box
is hard



i've got to try and be a better
box but i have squiggly parts
that don't fit, being a box is hard



i've got to try and be a better box but i have
squiggly parts that don't fit, being a box is hard



i am what the ideal
box looks like, you
may not like it but
if you don't like it
meet my coerce-saw



i'd rather die being put back
into a box than keep living one
more moment in one by choice



with the freeform model everyone is accepted,
no shapes are hated and no parts cut off.
if everyone stopped cutting pieces off those
who are different people will be free to be
themselves without fear of getting boxed again



some of us who have broken our boxes still have to
wear them every time we go out because of the
credible threat of harm or death to us if we don't,
we have been cut so many times already, it hurts,
so extend compassion & support to us squiggles



say NO to
the box model



we don't come pre-made as boxes anyway