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Episode 28 - The Color Of Shadows

- The best way to understand the color of shadows is to paint from life, painting landscapes outside or still life paintings inside.
- There are 2 types of shadows:
 1. Form Shadows- The shadows on an object caused by light.



Example 1 - A form shadow on the bridge caused by light.

2. Cast Shadows- A shadow cast by an object.



Example 2 - A cast shadow from trees on the ground

- The color and the value of a shadow will change as the form changes.
- Reflective light also effects the color of a shadow.
- Shadows are cooler than the light area, using blues, blue violet , violet, blue green.
- Local color is the normal color of an object. Example: red apple, green trees.

- Local color is effected by sunlight and shadow. Example: a red barn in shadow turns to a red violet and a green tree in shadow turns to a blue green.



Example 3 - A red barn turning to red violet in the shadow)

- Photographs can show shadows as black, lacking color. Shadows should always have at least some reflective light.