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Subject: Re: specialized color tables

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Mark writes:

> I've worked on this a bit and I've found that its hard to come up with  
> 6-8 distinct colors which have 6-8 distinct shades. I was wondering  
> if anyone knew of such a color set that accomplishes this. The Brewer  
> color tables do this pretty well for 3-4 colors, but I'm going to  
> require more base colors than that.....

I've displayed some Brewer color tables with 16  
shades in this article:

[http://www.dfanning.com/color\\_tips/brewer.html](http://www.dfanning.com/color_tips/brewer.html)

I think if you do the same thing with 8 colors  
(instead of the 16 I used), you might have 8  
fairly distinct colors.

Cheers,

David

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Coyote's Guide to IDL Programming ([www.dfanning.com](http://www.dfanning.com))

Sepore ma de ni thui. ("Perhaps thou speakest truth.")

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