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Subject: Contour Colors on Maps

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Folks

I just spent a couple of hours puzzling over the colors of a filled contour plot on top of a map projection. I could have spent the time more profitably by reading some of the contouring articles on my web page. :-)

Let me just give you the bottom line, before you go out and publish those beautiful pictures. If you are putting filled contours on \*map projections\* use the CELL\_FILL and not the FILL keyword. If you don't, your colors will surely lead to eventual embarrassment.

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

Cheers,

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Sepore ma de ni thue. ("Perhaps thos speakest truth.")

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