

**Blue**, (*bluu*), *n.* [Fr. *bleu*; A.S. *bleo*, *bleoh*, *bleow*; O. Ger. *blāw*, livid, sky-blue.] The color which the sky exhibits; a cerulean hue; one of the seven primary colors of the rays of light when refracted through a glass prism.

(*Dyeing.*) Blues are generally dyed with indigo, or with Prussian blue; in the latter case, the stuff is steeped successively in solutions of a salt of peroxide of iron and of ferrocyanide of potassium. Aniline blue is also much employed for silk and woollen fabrics, solved in sulphuric acid. — See COLORS; BLUE CARMINE; BLUE OCHRE; PRUSSIAN BLUE; LITMUS; BLUE VERDITER; INDIGO BLUE; KING'S BLUE; &c.