Working with Color

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knitCompanion Modes

Every project has its own Main Knitting page so you can have many projects going at once and never lose track!

knitCompanion provides three modes for you to work with:

1. **Knit**: Where you will be knitting your project. *See the Getting Started guide for more information*.
2. **Edit**: Customize your project using tools to add highlights and notes, customize markers and counters, add project info, etc. **Named Colors** can be accessed from **Edit** and are covered in this guide. *See the Edit Mode guide for information on other Edit features.*
3. **Setup**: Overcome challenges such as joining charts together, adding reminders, repeats, and shaping. Setup is also where you add a one-tap marker. *See the Setup guide for more information*.

You can switch between Knit, Edit, and Setup modes anytime.

- Tap [knit | edit | setup] to change the mode.
- Access to Edit Mode requires a subscription or that the project was created using a kCDesign.
- To enter Edit Mode, tap **Edit** [knit | edit | setup] .

Because of the smaller width of the phone screen or when using slide over and split screen, use the Mode button ⋮ to switch between Knit, Edit, and Setup.

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Color Picker

Within knitCompanion, there are numerous areas where you can apply color. For example, your preferred highlight color, row marker color, or colors you are using in a chart.

To apply color, use the **Color Picker**, which provides unlimited color choices.
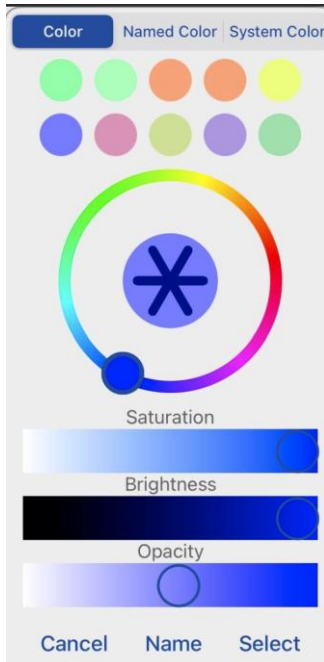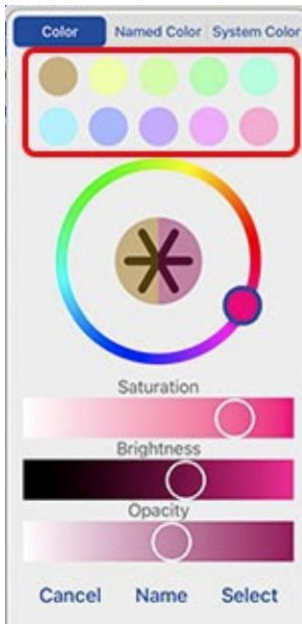

Use the Color Picker to:

- Select a recently used color.
- Use the Color Wheel to select a color and set its Saturation, Brightness, and Opacity.
- Create Named Colors

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Recent Colors

The Color Picker is preloaded with ten colors, the color circles shown at the top above the Color Wheel.

To select a Recent Color:

1. Tap the **Color button** to open the Color Picker.
2. Tap any of the **Recent Color** circles to apply a color and close the **Color Picker**.

Use the Color Wheel

To select a color using the Color Wheel:

1. Tap the **Color button** to open the Color Picker.
2. Slide the **Color Selector** around the Color Wheel and select your color.
3. Set the **Saturation, Brightness, and Opacity** of your chosen color.

   A sample of your color appears in the center of the Color Wheel.
4. Tap **Select** at the bottom to apply your color.

   On some screen configurations you may need to scroll down.

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Compare Colors

When you make additional color selections, both the new and existing colors are displayed in the center of the Color Wheel for comparison. The new color is shown on the right.
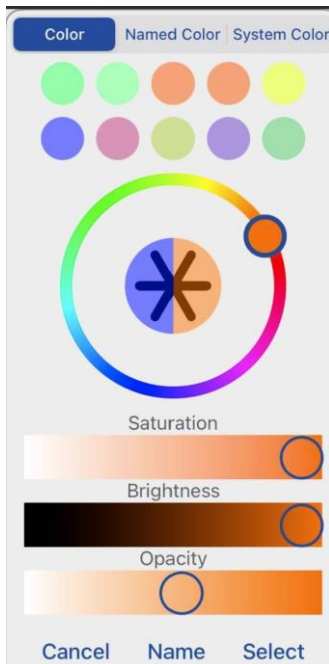
- To apply the new color (the color shown on the right), tap **Select**. The new color is applied and added to Recent Colors at the top. The Color Picker closes.
- To apply the old color (the color shown on the left), tap **Cancel** and choose the color again.

Named Colors

Named Colors are project specific. You can name a color and give it a description.

Each project has its own Named Colors. These project-level Named Colors are included in your project just like all your other settings, notes, progress, etc.
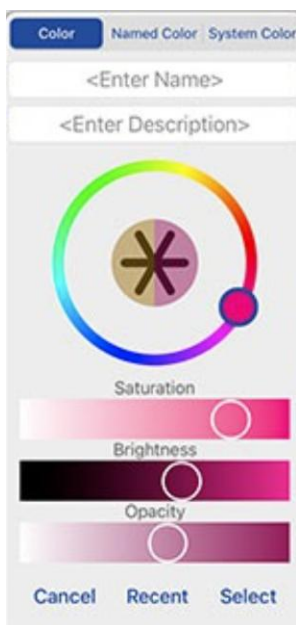
Create Named Colors

There are two ways to create Named Colors:

1. From the Color Picker
2. From Edit > Named Colors

From the Color Picker

To create a Named Color from the Color Picker:

1. From the Color Picker, tap **Name** at the bottom.

   On some screen configurations you may need to scroll down.

2. Set the **Color, Saturation, Brightness, and Opacity**.

3. Enter a **Name** and **Description** in the fields at the top. The description can be multiple lines and is optional.

   Pro Tip: To enter a multi-line description for your color go to **Named Color Descriptions** later in this guide.
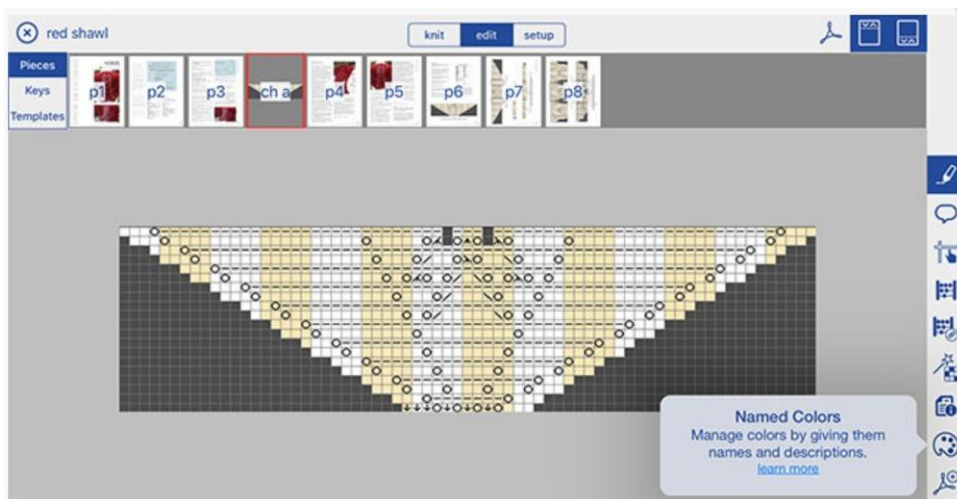
   Pro Tip: Toggle back to view recent colors by tapping **Recent** at the bottom.

4. Tap **Select** at the bottom. The current color is saved as a Named Color in your project.
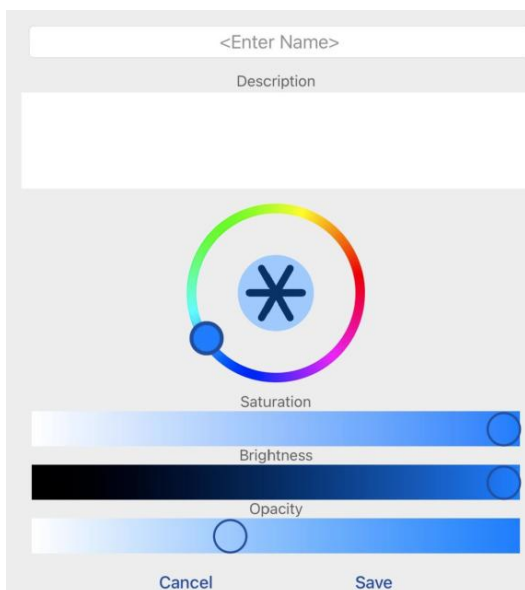
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From Edit > Named Colors

To create a Named Color from the Edit > Named Colors:

1. Tap **Edit** at the top.

2. Tap **Named Colors** on the right.

3. Tap the 3 dots at the upper right and select **Make New Color**.

4. Set the **Color, Saturation, Brightness, and Opacity**.

5. Enter a **Name** and **Description** in the fields at the top. The description can be multiple lines and is optional.

   Pro Tip: To enter a multi-line description for your color go to **Named Color Descriptions** later in this guide.

6. Tap **Save**. The current color is saved as a Named Color in your project.

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Edit a Named Color

1. Tap **Edit** at the top.

2. Tap **Named Colors** on the right.

3. Tap next to the color you want to edit.

4. Make your modifications.

5. Tap **Save**.

    Changes to Named Colors will be reflected across your project.

    For example, if you change the k2tog color from red to purple, all the places that k2tog is used within the project will show the new purple color.

Delete a Named Color

Caution: Delete is permanent.

1. Tap **Edit** at the top.

2. Tap **Named Colors** on the right.

3. Tap next to the color you want to delete.

4. Tap **Delete**.

    Once a Named Color is deleted, the name and description are no longer associated with the color. However, the color is still in place within your project.

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Named Color Descriptions

Would you like to view the description for a stitch symbol while knitting? You can!
Pro Tip: Enter the stitch definition or steps in the Description field.

When using a Named Color for a Magic or Custom Marker and the Named Color has a description, you can see the description for a stitch by tapping on the stitch.
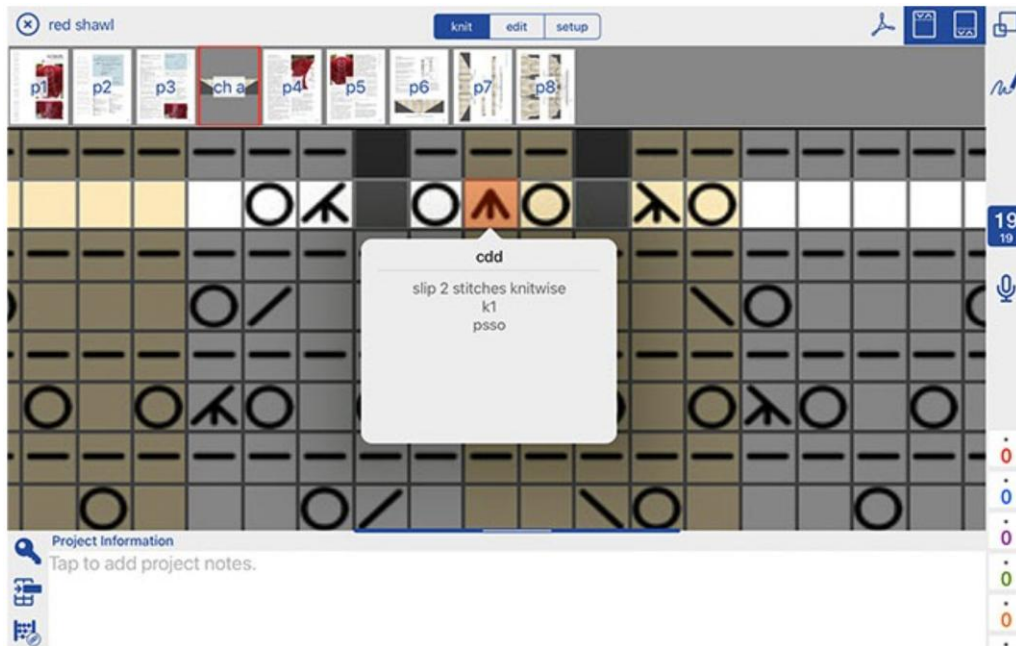
This feature can be used in various ways, such as quickly referencing the steps to create a specific type of stitch. Above we see that CDD is the stitch name followed by the steps for the stitch, which were entered in the Description field. Another example is to provide specific instructions to indicate which type of bead to use in a multi-bead project.

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System Colors

System Colors can be used across multiple projects. System Colors are Named Colors that are stored outside of a specific project so you can use them across all your projects. This enables efficient management of colors across multiple projects.

If you add a System Color to your project, it becomes a Named Color within your project.

- If you change or delete the System Color, it does NOT impact the project's Named Color.
- If you change the Named Color within your project, it will NOT impact the System Color.

Categorize System Colors

System Colors can be categorized. For example, you may want to create categories for Lace, Cablework, Brioche, etc. This makes it easier to manage a larger number of colors, across many categories of crafting.

Create a Category

1. From the Home Page, tap **Settings** on the right.
2. Select **System Colors** on the left.
3. Tap the 3 dots at the upper right and select **Manage Categories**.
4. Tap the **blue+** upper right.
5. Create a new category and tap **Add**.

Edit a Category

1. From the Home Page, tap **Settings** on the right.
2. Select **System Colors** on the left.
3. Tap the 3 dots at the upper right and select **Manage Categories**.
4. Tap and rename the category.
5. Tap **Rename**.

Delete a Category

Caution: Delete is permanent.

1. From the Home Page, tap **Settings** on the right.
2. Select **System Colors** on the left.
3. Tap the 3 dots at the upper right and select **Manage Categories**.
4. Tap 🗑 to delete the category.
5. Tap **Delete**.

Notes:

- When deleting a Category, Named Colors in the category are not deleted. Instead, they are placed in the Uncategorized category.
- View these from System Colors. Tap **Category** and select **Uncategorized**.

Create System Colors

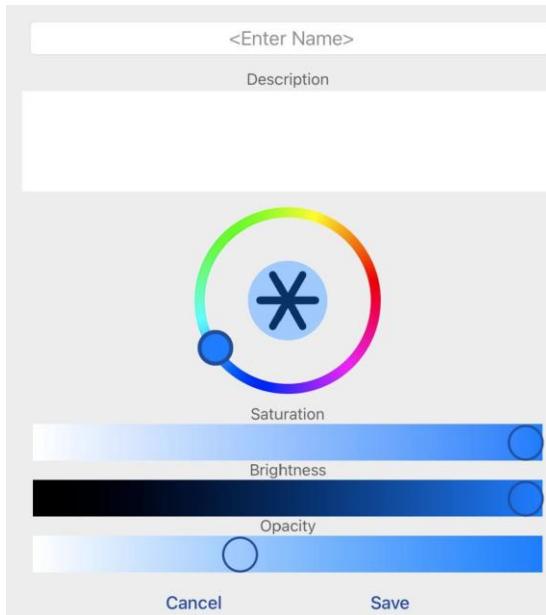There are two ways to create System Colors.

1. From Settings
2. From within a Project

From Settings

To create a System Color from Settings:

1. From the Home Page, tap **Settings** on the right.
2. Select **System Colors** on the left.
3. Tap the 3 dots at the upper right and select **Make New Color**.

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4. Set the **Color, Saturation, Brightness, and Opacity**.

5. Enter a **Name** and **Description** in the fields at the top. The description can be multiple lines and is optional.

   Pro Tip: To enter a multi-line description for your color go to **Named Color Descriptions** above.

6. Tap **Save**. The current color is saved as a System Color.

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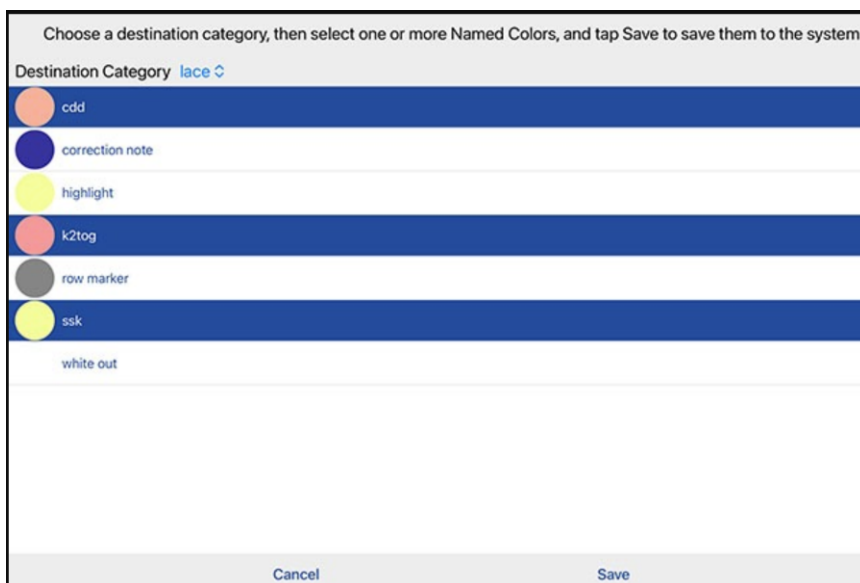
From a Project

To create a System Color from within a Project:

1. Tap **Edit** at the top.

2. Tap **Named Colors** on the right.
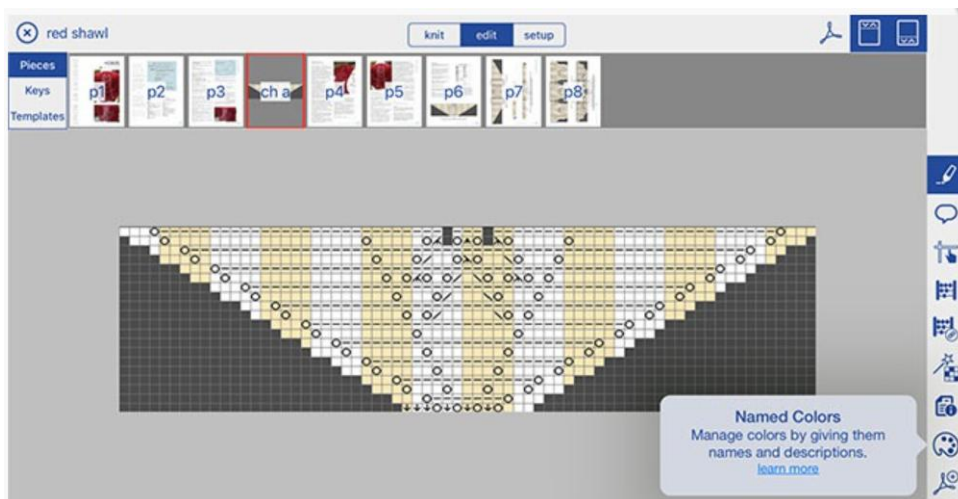
3. Tap the 3 dots at the upper right and select **Save to System**.

4. Select a **Category** to add your Name Color.

   For example, the Destination Category selected below is Lace. All Named Colors you select will be added to the Lace category.

5. Tap each Named Color you wish to include in the chosen category. Multiple colors can be selected.

6. Tap **Save**. The current color is saved as a system color.

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Edit a System Color

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- If you change a System Color, it does NOT impact the project's Named Color.
- If you change a Named Color within your project, it will NOT impact the System Color.

1. From the Home Page, tap **Settings** on the right.
2. Select **System Colors** on the left.
3. Tap and make your modifications.
4. Tap **Save**.

Delete a System Color

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1. From the Home Page, tap **Settings** on the right.
2. Select **System Colors** on the left.
3. Tap to delete.
4. Tap **Delete**.

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Use System Colors

To use a System Color in your project:

1. Tap the color to open the Color Picker.
2. Tap **System Color** at the top.
3. Optionally, select the appropriate category.
4. Tap the desired **System Color**.
   The System Color is added to your project and is now a Named Color in your project.

Important!

- Once a System Color is used in a project, there is not a link between the System Color and Project/Named Color.
- Changing a System Color does not impact the Project/Named Color and vice versa.
- This means you can alter the System Color without worrying about how it will affect projects, and you can alter the Named Color in your project without worrying about how it affects the System or other projects.

Sync Between Devices

System Colors can be synced between devices using iCloud, Dropbox, email, any cloud, Airdrop/Nearby Share, Google Drive, etc.

If you are using iCloud to sync your projects, System Colors will also be kept in sync across devices (note that iCloud is great for sync but it is not a backup).

Pro Tip: If you have created a large collection of System Color*s, be sure to back up your System Colors in a safe place.*

To backup or sync your System Colors using a method other than iCloud:

1. From the Home Page, tap **Settings** on the right.

2. Select **System Colors** on the left.

3. To export/share from your current device, tap the 3 dots at the upper right and select **Export to Dropbox** or **Share**.

4. To import/receive onto another device, use your device's built in share or select **Import from Dropbox** from the menu in step 3.

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED:

- Keep a backup of your System Colors file. That way if you have created a more extensive list of colors across many categories you always have a safe copy.

- We recommend using Dropbox for this, as Dropbox also automatically keeps a 30 day history of any changes you make to the file.

File Name

- System Colors are stored in a file named SystemColors.kccol.

- *Caution!* Do not edit this file manually.

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