

# Desert sand (color)

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**Desert sand** is a brilliant tan color. It may also be regarded as a deep tone of beige.

Desert sand was used by General Motors, along with "rosewood", as a paint color for their early Cadillacs.

In 1998, *desert sand* was made into a Crayola crayon color.<sup>[1][2]</sup>

The color shown at right matches the palest of the three colors in the 3-color Desert Camouflage Uniform of United States armed forces,<sup>[3]</sup> which in 1990 began to replace the 6-color Desert Battle Dress Uniform.<sup>[4]</sup>

## Desert Sand

### Color coordinates

<b>Hex triplet</b>	#EDC9AF
<b>sRGB<sup>B</sup></b> (r, g, b)	(237, 201, 175)
<b>CMYK<sup>H</sup></b> (c, m, y, k)	(0, 15, 26, 7)
<b>HSV</b> (h, s, v)	(25°, 26%, 93%)
<b>Source</b>	Crayola

**B**: Normalized to [0–255] (byte)

**H**: Normalized to [0–100] (hundred)

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## Variations of desert sand

### Sandy brown

The web color **sandy brown** is displayed at right.

As its name suggests, *sandy brown* is a shade of brown which is similar to the color of some sands.

## Sandy Brown

### Color coordinates


<b>Hex triplet</b>	#F4A460
<b>sRGB<sup>B</sup></b> (r, g, b)	(244, 164, 96)
<b>CMYK<sup>H</sup></b> (c, m, y, k)	(0, 33, 61, 4)

<b>HSV</b>	<b>(h, s, v)</b>	(28°, 61%, 96 <sup>[5]</sup> %)
<b>Source</b>		X11
	<b>B:</b>	Normalized to [0–255] (byte)
	<b>H:</b>	Normalized to [0–100] (hundred)

## Earth yellow

The color **earth yellow** is displayed at right.

*Earth yellow* is one of the twelve official camouflage colors of the United States Army.<sup>[7][8]</sup>

Earth Yellow	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #E1A95F;"></div>	
<b>Color coordinates</b> 	
<b>Hex triplet</b>	#E1A95F
<b>sRGB<sup>B</sup> (r, g, b)</b>	(225, 169, 95)
<b>CMYK<sup>H</sup> (c, m, y, k)</b>	(0, 25, 58, 12)
<b>HSV (h, s, v)</b>	(34°, 58%, 88 <sup>[6]</sup> %)
<b>Source</b>	Internet ( <a href="http://www.xs4all.nl/~gurth/afv/merdc.html">http://www.xs4all.nl/~gurth/afv/merdc.html</a> )
	<b>B:</b> Normalized to [0–255] (byte)
	<b>H:</b> Normalized to [0–100] (hundred)

## Sand

**Sand** is a color that resembles the color of beach sand. In fact, another name for this color is **beach**,<sup>[10]</sup> an alternate color name in use for this color since 1923.<sup>[11]</sup>


The first recorded use of *sand* as a color name in English was in 1627.<sup>[12]</sup>

The San Diego Padres of Major League Baseball currently use Sand as one of their team colors.

The source of this color is: ISCC-NBS Dictionary of Color Names (1955)--Color Sample of Sand (color sample #90) (<http://tx4.us/nbs/nbs-s.htm>).

## Desert

**Desert** is a color that resembles the color of the flat areas of a desert.

Sand	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 15px; background-color: #C2B280;"></div>	
<b>Color coordinates</b> 	
<b>Hex triplet</b>	#C2B280
<b>sRGB<sup>B</sup> (r, g, b)</b>	(194, 178, 128)
<b>CMYK<sup>H</sup> (c, m, y, k)</b>	(0, 8, 34, 24)
<b>HSV (h, s, v)</b>	(45°, 34%, 76 <sup>[9]</sup> %)
<b>Source</b>	ISCC-NBS ( <a href="http://tx4.us/nbs/nbs-s.htm">http://tx4.us/nbs/nbs-s.htm</a> )
	<b>B:</b> Normalized to [0–255] (byte)
	<b>H:</b> Normalized to [0–100] (hundred)

Desert
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The first recorded use of *desert* as a color name in English was in 1920.<sup>[13]</sup>

The source of this color is: ISCC-NBS Dictionary of Color Names (1955)--Color Sample of Sand (color sample #76) (<http://tx4.us/nbs/nbs-d.htm>).

## Sand dune (Drab)

**Sand dune** is a color that resembles the color of a sand dune composed of dark colored sand.

Two other alternate names for this exact color are **drab** and **mode beige**,<sup>[15]</sup> in use, respectively, since 1686<sup>[16]</sup> and 1928.<sup>[17]</sup>

The first recorded use of *sand dune* as a color name in English was in 1925.<sup>[18]</sup>

## Field drab

The color **field drab** is displayed at right.

*Field drab* is one of the twelve official camouflage colors of the United States Army.<sup>[7][8]</sup>

The source of this color is: ISCC-NBS Dictionary of Color Names (1955)--Color Sample of Field Drab (color sample #95) (<http://tx4.us/nbs/nbs-f.htm>)

Color coordinates	
<b>Hex triplet</b>	#C19A6B
<b>sRGB<sup>B</sup> (r, g, b)</b>	(193, 154, 107)
<b>CMYK<sup>H</sup> (c, m, y, k)</b>	(0, 20, 45, 24)
<b>HSV (h, s, v)</b>	(33°, 45%, 76%)
<b>Source</b>	ISCC-NBS ( <a href="http://tx4.us/nbs/nbs-d.htm">http://tx4.us/nbs/nbs-d.htm</a> )
	<b>B:</b> Normalized to [0–255] (byte)
	<b>H:</b> Normalized to [0–100] (hundred)

Sand Dune	
Color coordinates	
<b>Hex triplet</b>	#967117
<b>sRGB<sup>B</sup> (r, g, b)</b>	(150, 113, 23)
<b>CMYK<sup>H</sup> (c, m, y, k)</b>	(0, 24, 85, 41)
<b>HSV (h, s, v)</b>	(43°, 85%, 59 <sup>[14]</sup> %)
<b>Source</b>	ISCC-NBS ( <a href="http://tx4.us/nbs/nbs-s.htm">http://tx4.us/nbs/nbs-s.htm</a> )
	<b>B:</b> Normalized to [0–255] (byte)
	<b>H:</b> Normalized to [0–100] (hundred)

Field Drab	
Color coordinates	
<b>Hex triplet</b>	#6C541E
<b>sRGB<sup>B</sup> (r, g, b)</b>	(108, 84, 30)
<b>CMYK<sup>H</sup> (c, m, y, k)</b>	(0, 22, 72, 57)
<b>HSV (h, s, v)</b>	(42°, 72%, 42 <sup>[19]</sup> %)
<b>Source</b>	ISCC-NBS ( <a href="http://tx4.us/nbs/nbs-f.htm">http://tx4.us/nbs/nbs-f.htm</a> )

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## Desert sand in human culture

### Fashion

- *Earth yellow* is a popular color for women's handbags, as can be ascertained by entering the words "earth yellow" into Google Images.<sup>[20]</sup>

### Interior design

- The tones of *desert sand* are called *desert colors* because they suggest the colors of the landscape of and of the design of the Native American cultures of the Southwestern United States. The *desert colors* are widely used (with both tones of sky blue or turquoise and tones of maroon to complement them) in *Southwest Design*.<sup>[21]</sup>

### Military

- The colors *desert sand*, *earth yellow*, *sand*, and *field drab* are all on the list of the twelve standard camouflage colors used by the United States Department of the Army.<sup>[7][8]</sup>

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## See also

- List of colors

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