

Lospec Palette List

ID	GP-009
Type	Palette Library
Category	K. Gaming and Pixel Art
Source	https://lospec.com/palette-list
Licence	Site content © Lospec; each palette is credited to its creator. Hex values are shown as facts here; swatches are our own render
Commercial use	Colour values: yes (OURS)
Attribution	Credit the palette creator (courtesy)
Redistribution	Don't mirror the site; values are fine
Delivery	Website; per-palette JSON/PNG/GPL/PAL/HEX
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Notes

Database of pixel-art palettes, from old-hardware palettes (Game Boy, PICO-8) to artist-made sets (Endesga 32), with downloads as .png, .pal, .gpl, .hex and .json.

Our analysis

Our capture of the Lospec Palette List: dark page, filter panel (number of colours, tag, sort) and a long list of palette strips with name, author and download count. Strength: hardware-accurate and artist palettes in one place, each downloadable as JSON, PNG and editor formats. Risk: popular palettes are everywhere, so pick one and adjust it to make your game's own.

Best practices

- Choose the palette before you draw and lock your tools to it (OURS).
- Download the .json or .gpl so the exact values reach your code and editor (OFFICIAL formats on <https://lospec.com/palette-list>).
- Credit the palette and its creator in your credits when you use an artist palette such as Endesga 32 (OURS courtesy).
- Check UI text contrast inside the palette: PICO-8 white #FFF1E8 on dark blue #1D2B53 is 13.0:1, but red #FF004D on black only 5.0:1 (our WCAG 2 calculation).

How to use

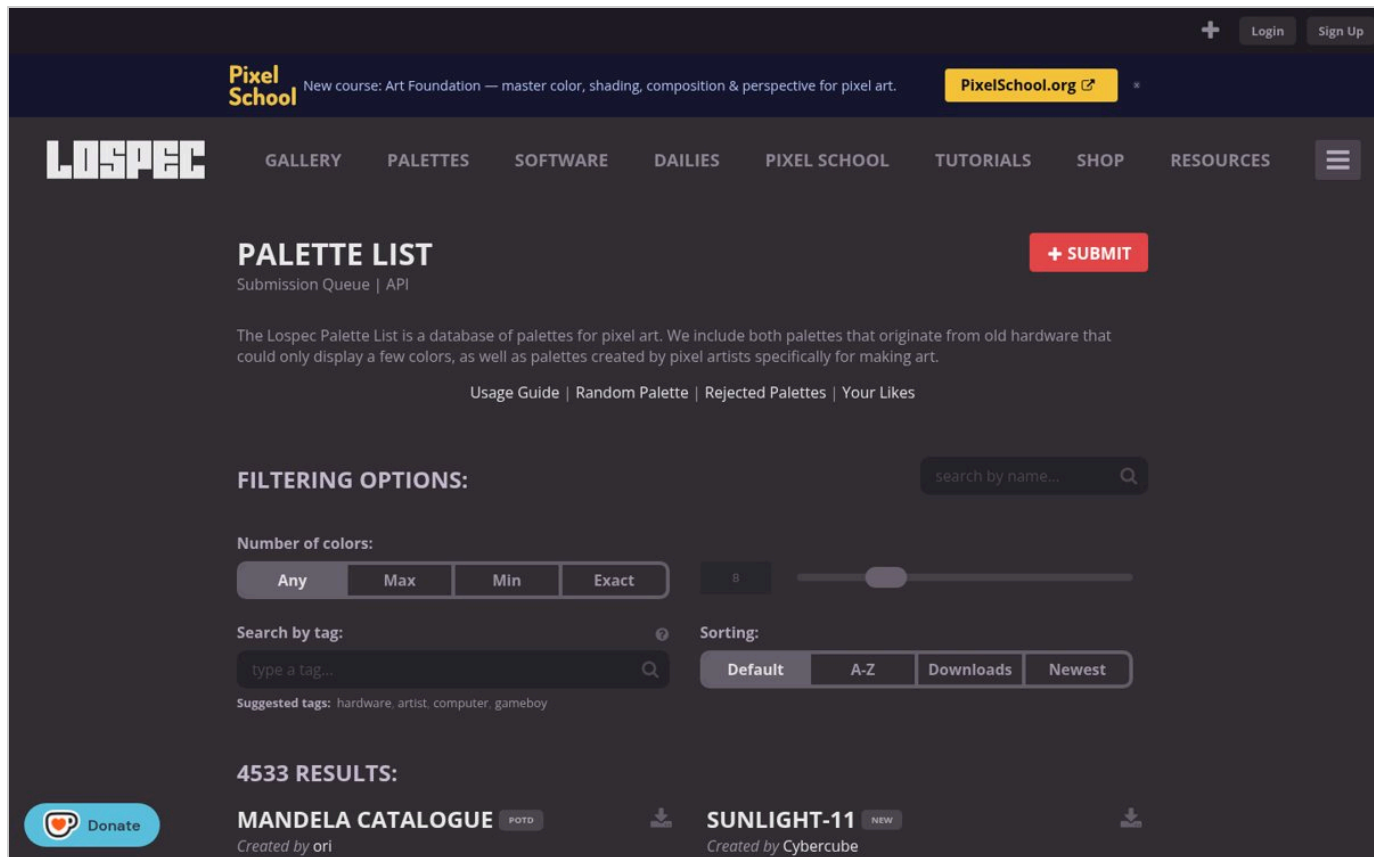
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JSON per palette: https://lospec.com/palette-list/pico-8.json
:root{--p8-0:#000000;--p8-1:#1D2B53;--p8-2:#7E2553;--p8-3:#008751;--p8-8:#FF004D;--p8-9:#FFA300;--p8-10:#FFEC27;--p8-12:#29ADFF}
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Figures and reference captures



Figure 1. Swatches drawn by Design Library from the hex values in Lospec's public palette JSON (fetched 2026-10-24). PICO-8 palette: Lexaloffle Games; Endesga 32: ENDESGA; DMG-01 Accurate: bloo. Hex values are facts; the swatch artwork is ours.

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Lospec Palette List: deep dive

Gaming & Pixel Art deep dive, checked 2026-10-24 (UTC+8). OFFICIAL = stated on the cited official page, README, licence or package file; ESTIMATED = measured by Design Library (file sizes, counts, contrast); OURS = our interpretation, not legal advice. Earlier pages hold notes, analysis, best practices and captioned figures with sources.

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What it is OFFICIAL

- ‘The Lospec Palette List is a database of palettes for pixel art’, covering palettes from old hardware and palettes made by pixel artists.
- Lospec’s About page calls these art forms ‘digitally restrictive art’ (<https://lospec.com/about>).

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Palettes we rendered OFFICIAL

- PICO-8 (16): 000000 1D2B53 7E2553 008751 AB5236 5F574F C2C3C7 FFF1E8 FF004D FFA300 FFE227 00E436 29ADFF 83769C FF77A8 FFCCAA; ‘PICO-8 is a virtual video game console created by Lexaloffle Games’.
- Nintendo Gameboy (BGB) (4): 081820 346856 88C070 E0F8D0. DMG-01 Accurate (4, by bloo): 1B2A09 0E450B 496B22 9A9E3F.
- Endesga 32 (32, by ENDESGA): the full list is in our PDF and figure.

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Contrast inside the palettes ESTIMATED

- Our WCAG 2 calculations: PICO-8 #FFF1E8 on #1D2B53 13.0:1; #FF004D on #000000 5.0:1; Game Boy #E0F8D0 on #081820 16.5:1; #88C070 on #081820 9.2:1.

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Pitfalls and lessons OURS

- Hardware palettes give instant era cues; artist palettes give better ramps. Either way, test UI text contrast in the palette.

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