

# Package ‘munsell’

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**Description** Provides easy access to, and manipulation of, the Munsell colours. Provides a mapping between Munsell's original notation (e.g. ``5R 5/10'') and hexadecimal strings suitable for use directly in R graphics. Also provides utilities to explore slices through the Munsell colour tree, to transform Munsell colours and display colour palettes.

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chroma_slice	<i>Plot all colours with the same chroma</i>
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### Description

Plots slices of the Munsell colour system where chroma is constant.

### Usage

```
chroma_slice(chroma.name = seq(0, 26, by = 2), back.col = "white")
```

### Arguments

chroma.name	integer vector of the desired values.
back.col	colour for the background

### Value

ggplot object

### Examples

```
chroma_slice(2)
chroma_slice(18)
# Maybe want to delete text and add axis instead
p <- chroma_slice(18)
p$layers[[2]] <- NULL # remove text layer
p + ggplot2::theme(axis.text = ggplot2::element_text(),
  axis.text.x = ggplot2::element_text(angle = 90, hjust = 1))
# all values
## Not run: chroma_slice(seq(0, 38, by = 2))
```

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complement	<i>Find the complement of a munsell colour</i>
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**Description**

Finds the munsell colour with the same chroma and value but on the opposite side of the hue circle. The complement is not defined for greys (hue == "N"), and the function returns the grey untransformed.

**Usage**

```
complement(col, ...)
```

**Arguments**

col	character vector of Munsell colours
...	deprecated

**Value**

character vector of Munsell colours

**Examples**

```
complement("5PB 2/4")
cols <- c("5PB 2/4", "5Y 7/8")
plot_mnsl(c(cols, complement(cols)))
```

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complement_slice	<i>A vertical slice through the Munsell space</i>
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**Description**

Plot a hue and its complement at all values and chromas

**Usage**

```
complement_slice(hue.name, back.col = "white")
```

**Arguments**

hue.name	character string of the desired hue.
back.col	colour for the background

**Value**

ggplot object

**Examples**

```
complement_slice("5PB")
complement_slice("5R")
complement_slice("10G")
```

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darker

*Make a munsell colour darker*

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**Description**

Decreases the value of the Munsell colour by 1.

**Usage**

```
darker(col, steps = 1)
```

**Arguments**

col	character vector of Munsell colours
steps	number of steps to take in decreasing value

**Value**

character vector of Munsell colours

**Examples**

```
darker("5PB 3/4")
cols <- c("5PB 3/4", "5Y 7/8")
p <- plot_mnsl(c(cols, darker(cols), darker(cols, 2)))
p + ggplot2::facet_wrap(~ names, ncol = 2)
```

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desaturate	<i>Make a munsell colour less saturated</i>
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**Description**

Decreases the chroma of the Munsell colour by one step steps (multiples of 2).

**Usage**

```
desaturate(col, steps = 1)
```

**Arguments**

col	character vector of Munsell colours
steps	number of steps to take in decreasing chroma

**Value**

character vector of Munsell colours

**Examples**

```
desaturate("5PB 2/4")
cols <- c("5PB 2/6", "5Y 7/8")
p <- plot_mnsl(c(cols, desaturate(cols), desaturate(cols, 2)))
p + ggplot2::facet_wrap(~ names, ncol = 2)
```

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hue_slice	<i>Plot all colours with the same hue</i>
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**Description**

Plots slices of the Munsell colour system where hue is constant.

**Usage**

```
hue_slice(hue.name = "all", back.col = "white")
```

**Arguments**

hue.name	character vector of the desired hues. Or "all" for all hues.
back.col	colour for the background

**Value**

ggplot object

**Examples**

```
hue_slice("5R")
hue_slice(c("5R", "5P"))
## Not run: hue_slice("all")
```

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hvc2mns1

*Converts a hue, chroma and value to a Munsell colour*


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**Description**

Takes separate specifications of hue, value and chroma and returns the text specification of that colour.

**Usage**

```
hvc2mns1(hue, value = NULL, chroma = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

hue	a character vector of Munsell hues, or a 3 column data frame containing the hue value and chroma levels
value	a numeric vector of values
chroma	a numeric vector of chromas
...	passed on to <a href="#">check_mns1</a> . Use <code>fix = TRUE</code> to fix "bad" colours

**Details**

Munsell colours are specified by hue, value and chroma. They take a form like "5PB 5/10" where the first characters represent the hue, followed by a space then the value and chroma separated by a "/". In this package value should be an integer in 0:10 and chroma an even number at most 24. Note that not all possible specifications result in representable colours. Regular recycling rules apply.

**Value**

a character string specification of a hex colour

**See Also**

[check\\_mns1](#), [mns12hex](#)

**Examples**

```
hvc2mns1("5PB", 5, 10)
# All values of 5PB with chroma 10
hvc2mns1("5PB", 1:9, 10) # note some are undefined
plot_mns1(hvc2mns1("5PB", 1:9, 10))
```

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lighter	<i>Make a munsell colour lighter</i>
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**Description**

Increases the value of the Munsell colour.

**Usage**

```
lighter(col, steps = 1)
```

**Arguments**

col	character vector of Munsell colours
steps	number of steps to take in increasing value

**Value**

character vector of Munsell colours

**Examples**

```
lighter("5PB 2/4")
cols <- c("5PB 2/4", "5Y 6/8")
p <- plot_mnsl(c(cols, lighter(cols), lighter(cols, 2)))
p + ggplot2::facet_wrap(~ names, ncol = 2)
# lighter and darker are usually reversible
lighter(darker("5PB 2/4"))
# unless you try to pass though white or black
lighter(darker("5PB 1/4"))
```

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mnsl	<i>Converts a Munsell colour to hex</i>
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**Description**

Take a character string representation of a Munsell colour and returns the hex specification of that colour

**Usage**

```
mnsl(col, ...)
```

**Arguments**

col	a character string representing a Munsell colour.
...	passed on to <a href="#">in_gamut</a> . Use <code>fix = TRUE</code> to fix "bad" colours

**Details**

Munsell colours are specified by hue, value and chroma. They take a form like "5PB 5/10" where the first characters represent the hue, followed by a space then the value and chroma separated by a "/". In this package value should be an integer in 0:10 and chroma an even number at most 24. Note that not all possible specifications result in representable colours.

**Value**

a character string specification of a hex colour

**See Also**

[check\\_mns1,in\\_gamut](#), [hvc2mns1](#)

**Examples**

```
mns12hex("5PB 5/10")
# use a munsell colour in a plot
plot.new()
rect(0, 0, 1 ,1 , col = mns1("5R 5/10"))
```

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mns12hvc

*Converts a Munsell colour to a hue, chroma and value triplet*


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**Description**

Takes a text specification of a Munsell colour and returns the hue, chroma and value triplet.

**Usage**

```
mns12hvc(col, ...)
```

**Arguments**

`col` a character vector of Munsell colours  
`...` passed on to [check\\_mns1](#). Use `fix = TRUE` to fix "bad" colours

**Details**

Munsell colours are specified by hue, value and chroma. They take a form like "5PB 5/10" where the first characters represent the hue, followed by a space then the value and chroma separated by a "/". In this package value should be an integer in 0:10 and chroma an even number at most 24. Note that not all possible specifications result in representable colours.

**Value**

a data frame with named columns hue, value and chroma containing the hue, value and chroma levels.



**See Also**

[check\\_mns1](#), [hvc2mns1](#)

**Examples**

```
mns12hvc("5PB 5/10")
hvc2mns1(mns12hvc("5PB 5/10"))
```

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mns1\_hues

*Munsell hues*

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**Description**

Returns a character vector of the Munsell hues in hue order starting at 2.5R and excluding grey ("N").

**Usage**

```
mns1_hues()
```

**Value**

a character vector containing the hue values.

**Examples**

```
mns1_hues()
```

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pbgyr

*Change the hue of a munsell colour*

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**Description**

Moves the hue of a munsell colour in the direction purple->blue->green->yellow->red->purple

**Usage**

```
pbgyr(col, steps = 1)
```

**Arguments**

col                    character vector of Munsell colours  
 steps                number of hue steps to take

**Value**

character vector of Munsell colours

## Examples

```
my_red <- "2.5R 4/8"  
pbgyr(my_red)  
plot_mnsl(c(my_red, pbgyr(my_red, 2), pbgyr(my_red, 4)))
```

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plot\_closest

*Plot closest Munsell colour to an sRGB colour*

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## Description

Take an sRGB colour and plots it along with the closest Munsell colour (using [rgb2mns1](#) to find it)

## Usage

```
plot_closest(R, G = NULL, B = NULL, back.col = "white")
```

## Arguments

R	a numeric vector of red values or a 3 column matrix with the proportions R, G, B in the columns.
G	numeric vector of green values
B	numeric vector of blue values
back.col	colour for the background

## Value

ggplot object

## See Also

[rgb2mns1](#)

## Examples

```
plot_closest(0.1, 0.1, 0.3)  
plot_closest(matrix(c(.1, .2, .4, .5, .6, .8), ncol = 3))
```

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plot_hex	<i>Plot hex colours</i>
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**Description**

Quick way to look at a set of hex colours.

**Usage**

```
plot_hex(hex.colour, back.col = "white")
```

**Arguments**

hex.colour	character vector specifying colours in hex form
back.col	specification of background colour of display

**Value**

A ggplot object

**Examples**

```
plot_hex("#000000")  
plot_hex(c("#000000", "#FFFFFF"))
```

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plot_mnsl	<i>Plot a munsell colour</i>
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**Description**

Takes munsell text specifications and plots colour squares of them.

**Usage**

```
plot_mnsl(cols, back.col = "white", ...)
```

**Arguments**

cols	character vector specifying colours in Munsell form
back.col	specification of background colour of display
...	passed to <a href="#">check_mnsl</a> . Add fix = TRUE to fix "bad" colours()

**Value**

A ggplot object

## Examples

```
plot_mns1("5R 5/6")
plot_mns1("5R 5/6", back.col = "grey40")
p <- plot_mns1(c("5R 6/6", "5Y 6/6", "5G 6/6", "5B 6/6", "5P 6/6"),
  back.col = "grey40")
p
# returned object is a ggplot object so we can alter the layout
summary(p)
p + ggplot2::facet_wrap(~ num, nrow = 1)
```

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rgb2mns1

*Converts an sRGB colour to Munsell*

---

## Description

Finds the closest Munsell colour (in LUV space) to the specified sRGB colour

## Usage

```
rgb2mns1(R, G = NULL, B = NULL)
```

## Arguments

R	a numeric vector of red values or a 3 column matrix with the proportions R, G, B in the columns.
G	numeric vector of green values
B	numeric vector of blue values

## See Also

[plot\\_closest](#)

## Examples

```
rgb2mns1(0.1, 0.1, 0.3)
rgb2mns1(matrix(c(.1, .2, .4, .5, .6, .8), ncol = 3))
plot_closest(matrix(c(.1, .2, .4, .5, .6, .8), ncol = 3))
```

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`rygbp`*Change the hue of a munsell colour*

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**Description**

Moves the hue of a munsell colour in the direction red->yellow->green->blue->purple->red

**Usage**

```
rygbp(col, steps = 1)
```

**Arguments**

`col` character vector of Munsell colours  
`steps` number of hue steps to take

**Value**

character vector of Munsell colours

**Examples**

```
my_red <- "10R 4/8"  
rygbp(my_red)  
plot_mnsl(c(my_red, rygbp(my_red, 2), rygbp(my_red, 4)))
```

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`saturate`*Make a munsell colour more saturated*

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**Description**

Increases the chroma of the Munsell colour by `steps` (multiples of 2).

**Usage**

```
saturate(col, steps = 1)
```

**Arguments**

`col` character vector of Munsell colours  
`steps` number of steps to take in increasing chroma

**Value**

character vector of Munsell colours

## Examples

```
saturate("5PB 2/4")
cols <- c("5PB 2/2", "5Y 7/6")
p <- plot_mnsl(c(cols, saturate(cols), saturate(cols, 2)))
p + ggplot2::facet_wrap(~ names, ncol = 2)
```

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seq\_mnsl

*Generate a sequence of Munsell colours*

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## Description

Generates a sequence of Munsell colours. The sequence is generated by finding the closest munsell colours to a equidistant sequence of colours in #' LUV space.

## Usage

```
seq_mnsl(from, to, n, fix = FALSE)
```

## Arguments

from	character string of first Munsell colour
to	character string of last Munsell colour
n	number of colours in sequence
fix	Should colours outside of the gamut be fixed? Passed on to <a href="#">fix_mnsl</a>

## Value

character vector of Munsell colours

## Examples

```
seq_mnsl("5R 2/4", "5R 5/16", 4)
plot_mnsl(seq_mnsl("5R 2/4", "5R 5/16", 4))
plot_mnsl(seq_mnsl("5R 5/6",
  complement("5R 5/6"), 5))
```

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value_slice	<i>Plot all colours with the same value</i>
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**Description**

Plots slices of the Munsell colour system where value is constant.

**Usage**

```
value_slice(value.name = 1:10, back.col = "white")
```

**Arguments**

value.name	integer vector of the desired values.
back.col	colour for the background

**Value**

ggplot object

**Examples**

```
value_slice(2)
value_slice(c(2, 4))
# all values
## Not run: value_slice(1:10)
```

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