

How do I format colors in Google Sheets?

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The process of formatting colors in Google Sheets involves selecting the desired cells or data, accessing the "Format" menu, and choosing the "Fill color" option. From there, users can select from a variety of preset colors or create custom shades by using the color picker tool. This allows for easy organization and visual enhancement of data within a Google Sheets document. Additionally, users can also use conditional formatting to automatically apply colors based on certain criteria. Overall, the formatting options in Google Sheets make it a versatile tool for creating visually appealing and organized spreadsheets.

Google Sheets Format Colors

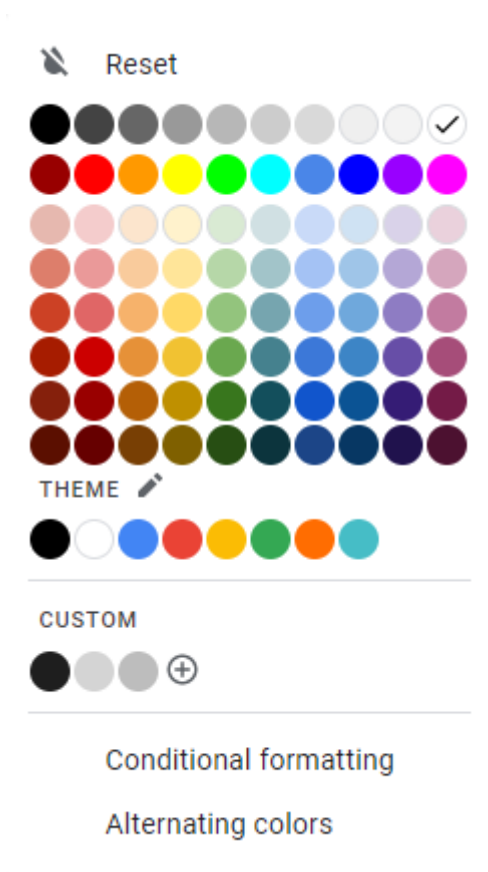
Colors

Colors are specified by selection or by using Hexadecimal (HEX) codes.

Tip: You can learn more about colors and Hexadecimal codes in our [HTML/CSS Colors Tutorial](#).

Theme and Standard Colors

Google Sheets has a set of standard, theme and custom colors available for use. You select a color by clicking on it:



The option with this symbol  allows you to select custom colors.

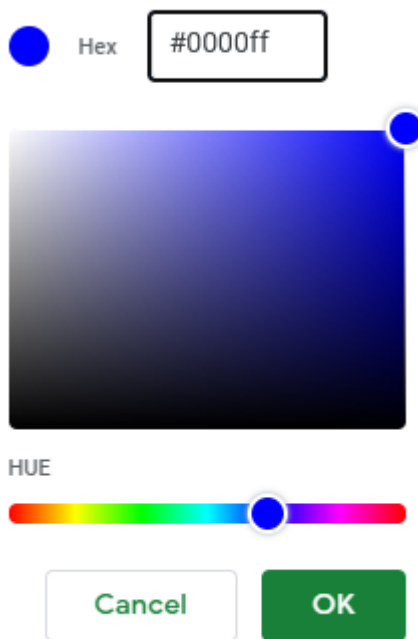
Custom Colors

Google Sheets supports Hexadecimal color codes.

A hexadecimal color code is specified with: `#RRGGBB`.

RR (red), GG (green) and BB (blue) are hexadecimal values between 00 and FF specifying the intensity of the color.

For example, `#0000FF` is displayed as blue, because the blue component is set to its highest value (FF) and the others are set to 00.



Tip: Try W3schools.com color picker to find your color!

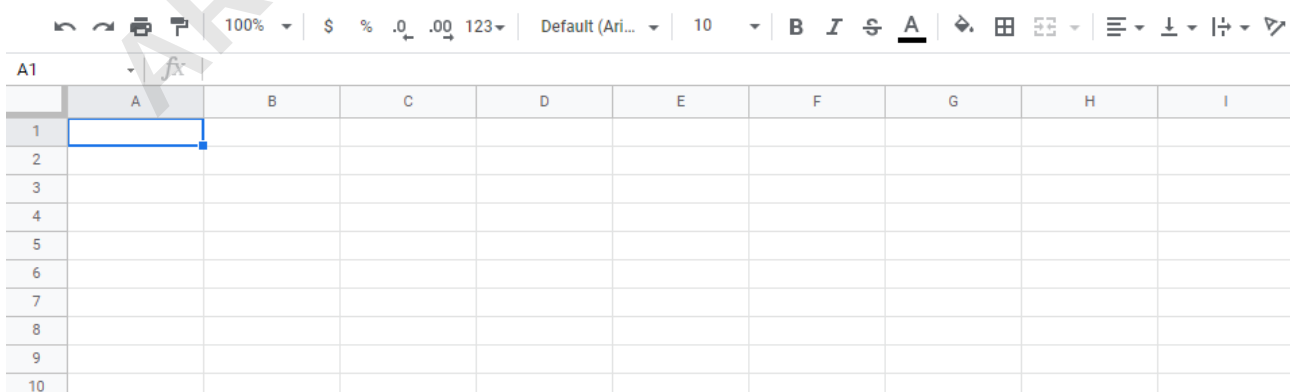
Applying colors

Colors can be applied to cells, text and borders.

Colors are applied to cells by using the "**Fill color**" function.

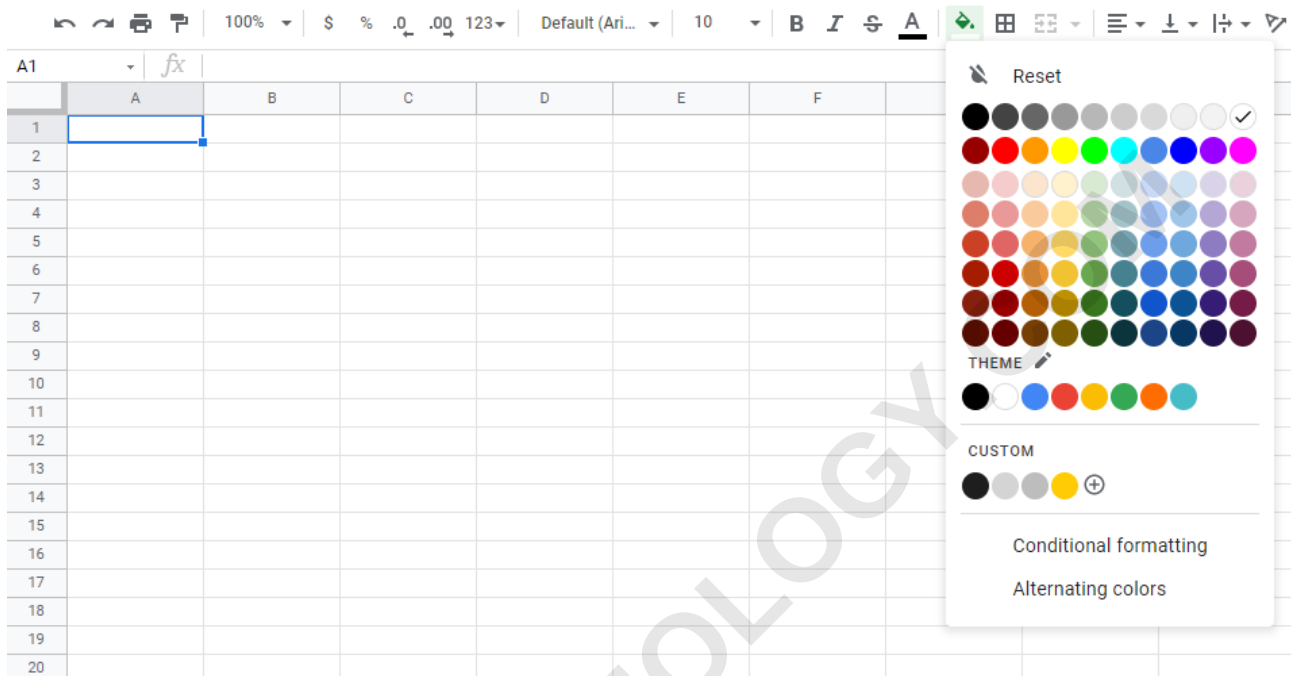
Apply colors to cells step by step:

Select range

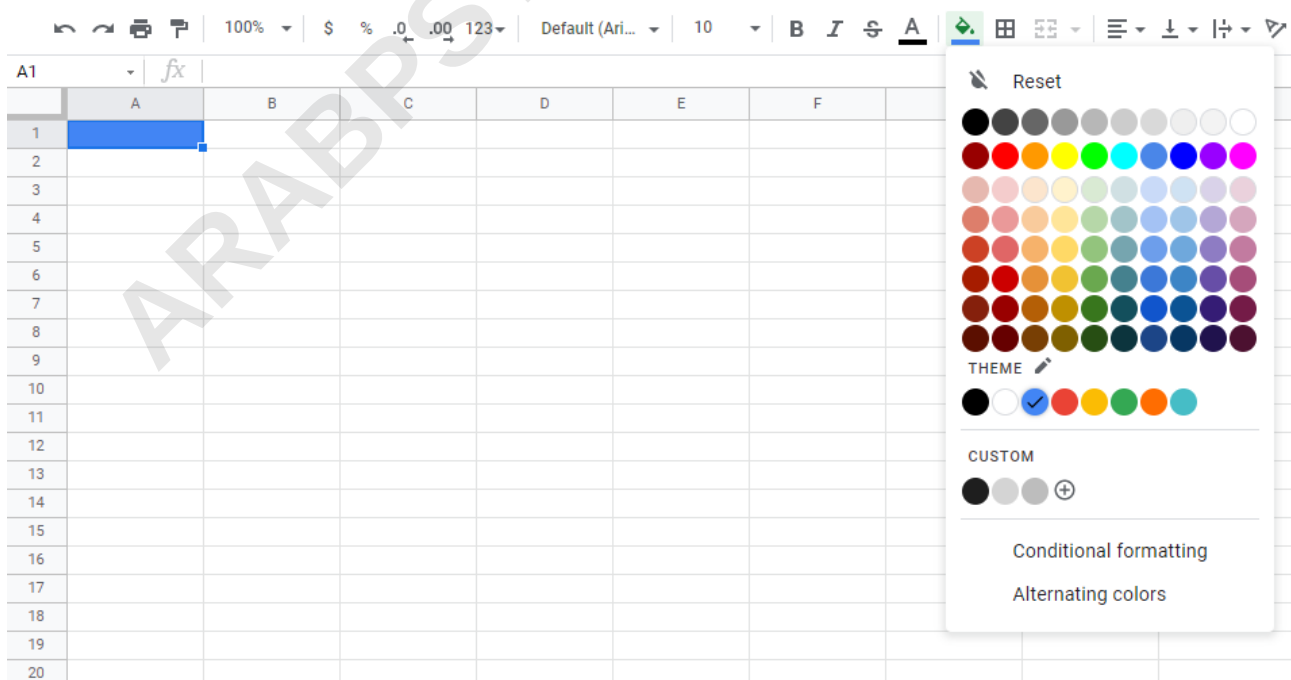




Click on **Fill color** () icon on the **Quick Access Toolbar**



Select color



The "**Fill color**" button remembers the color you used the last time.

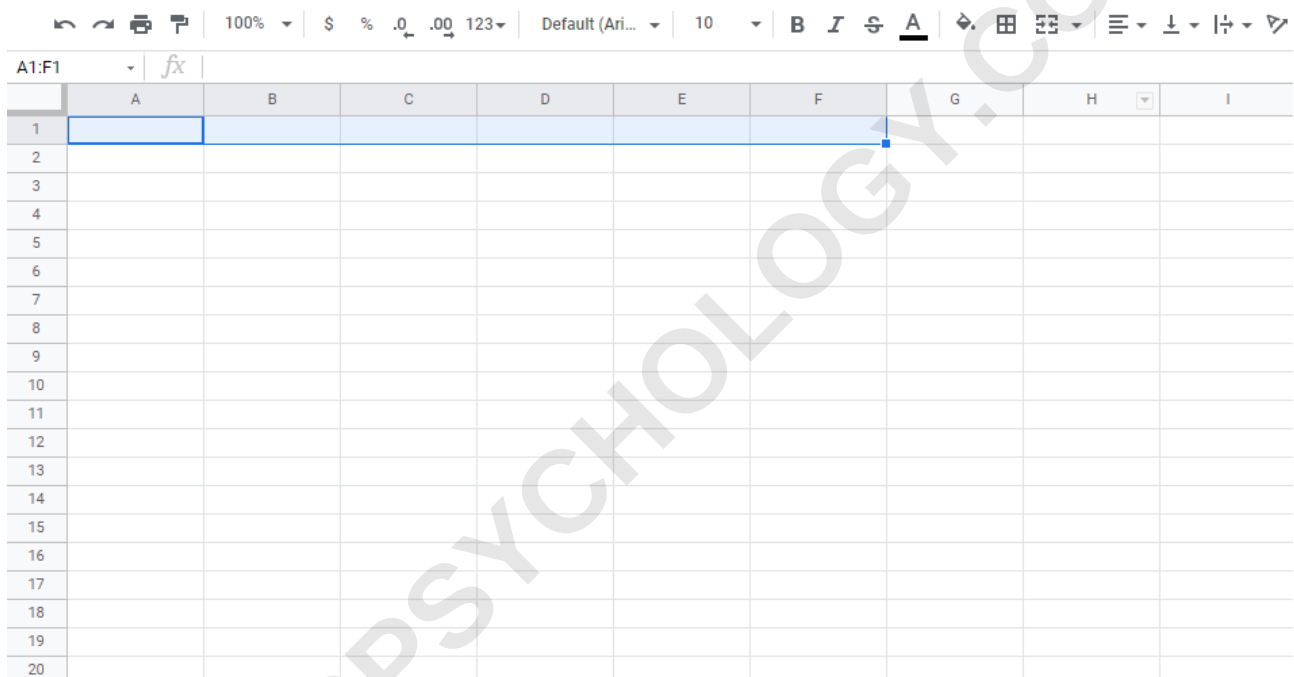
The **Fill color** command allows selection of theme colors, standard colors or use of HEX codes by

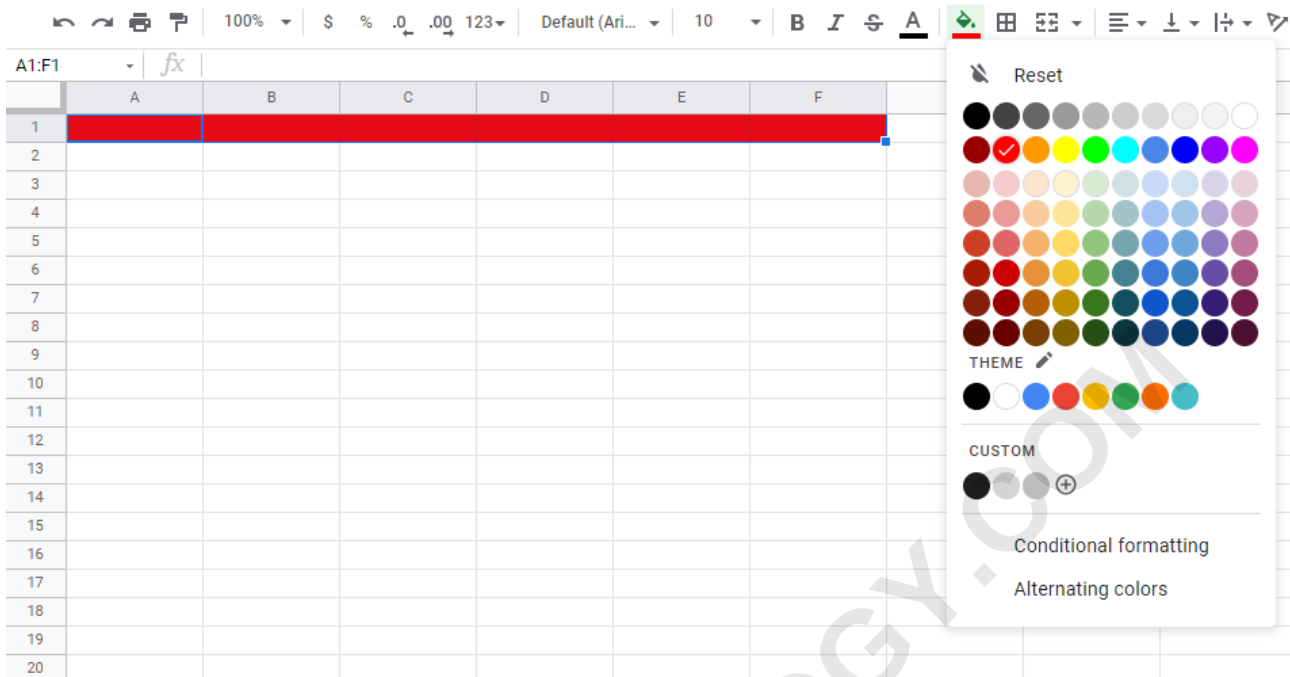


clicking on the option:

Let's try some examples.

Starting with **theme** and **standard** colors:

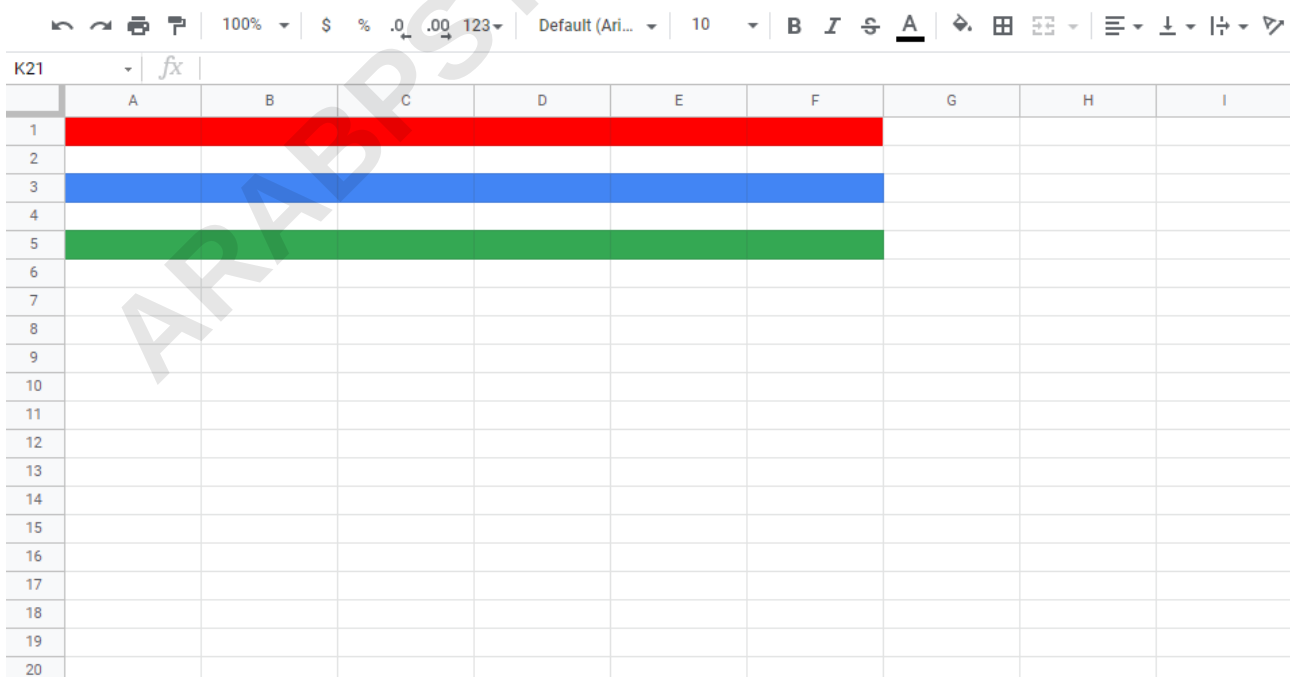




Great!

Try to apply the following colors:

Theme color blue to range A3:F3. Theme color green to range A5:F5.



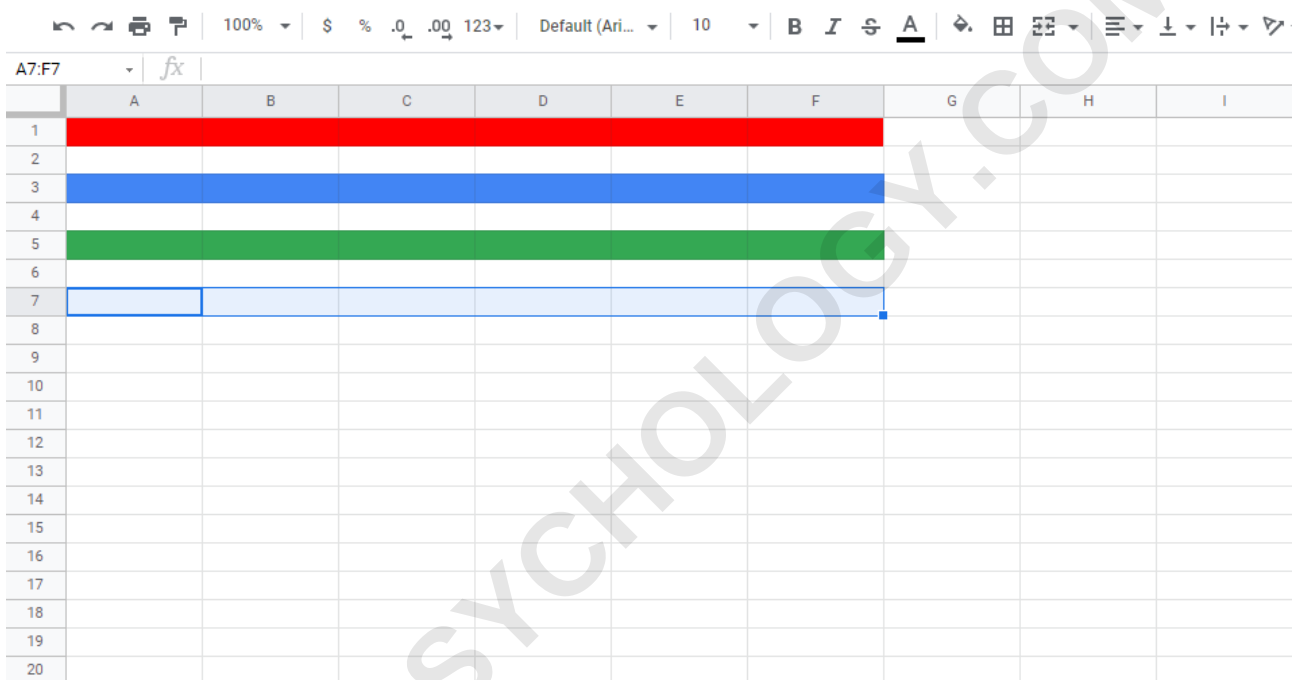
Did you make it?

Let's apply colors using HEX codes.

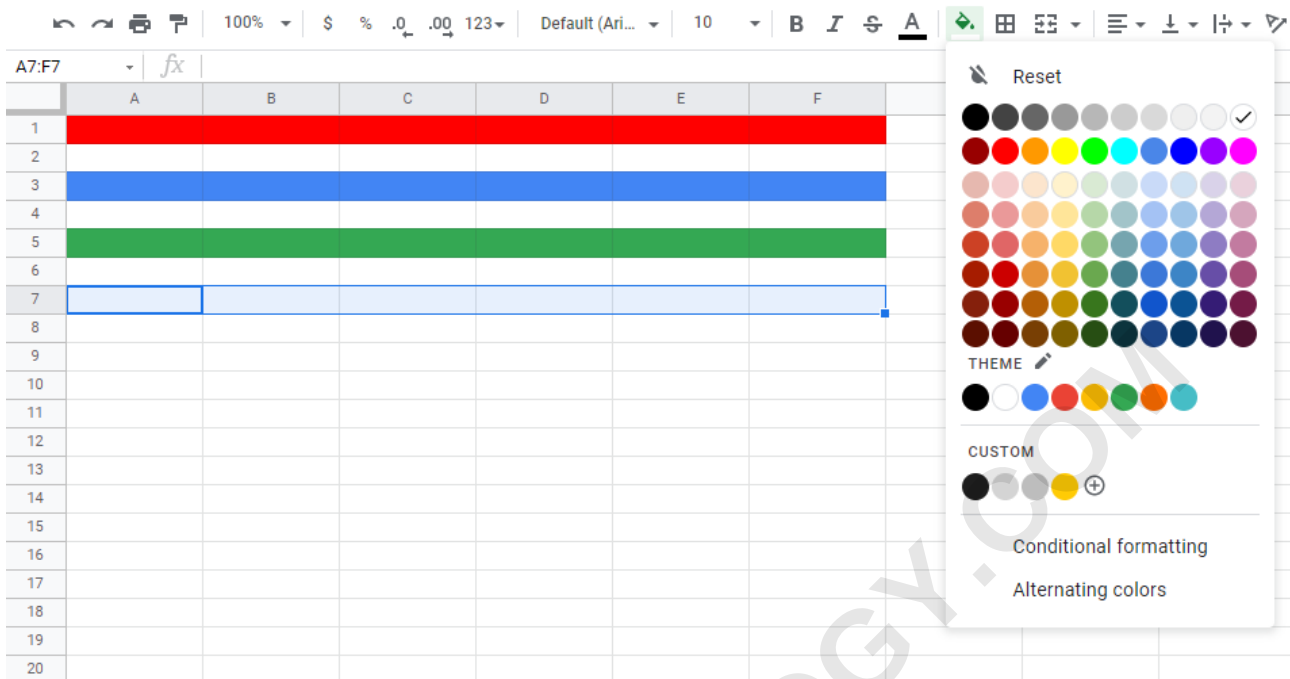
Apply HEX code #ffcb05 to range A7:F7:

Step by step:

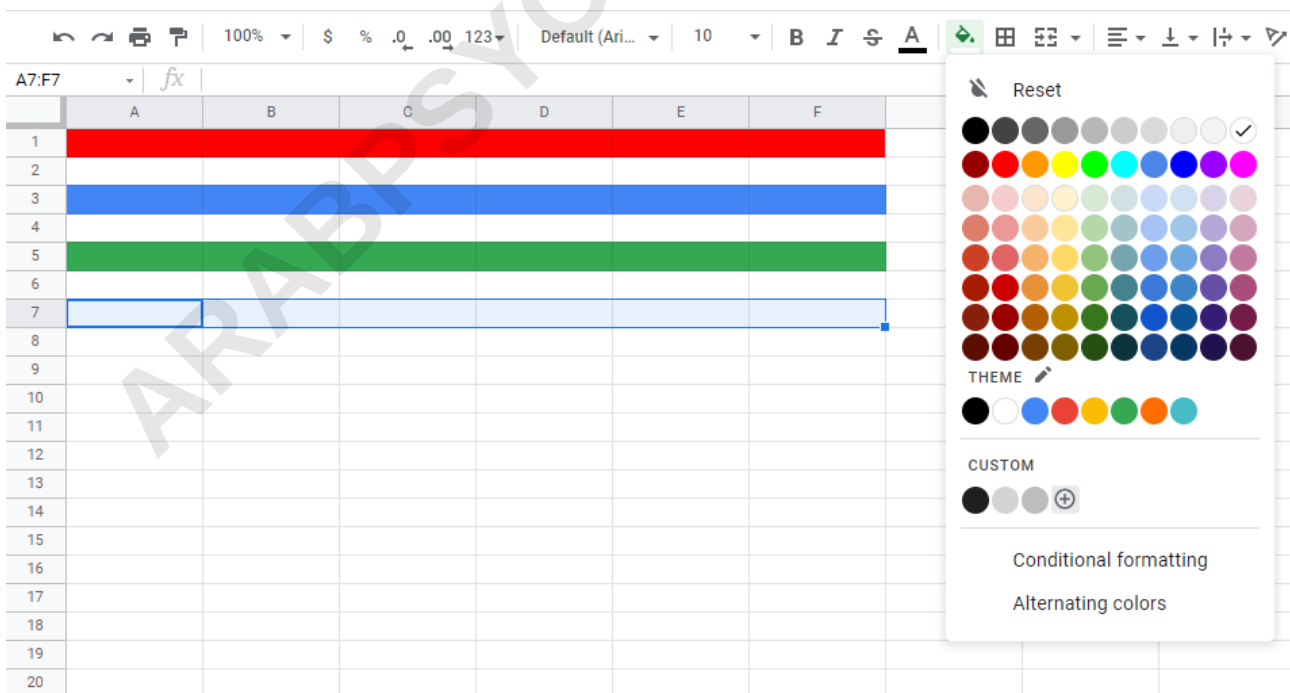
Select range A7:F7



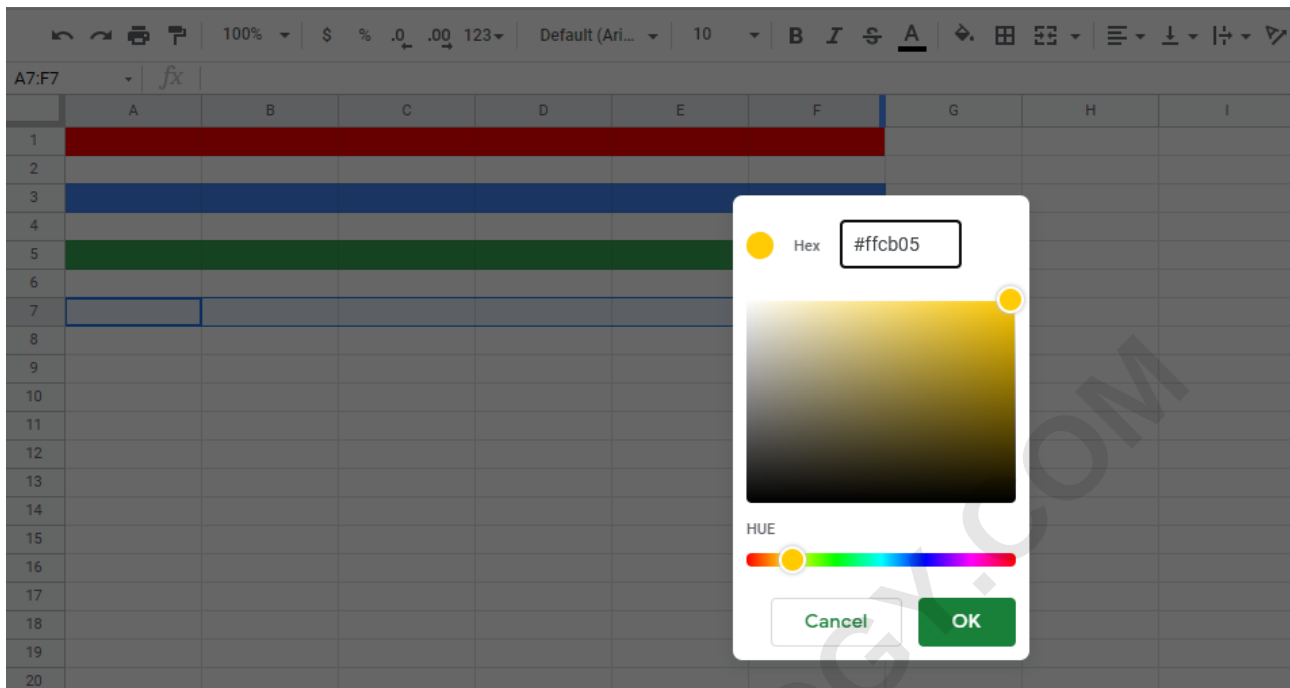
Open color options



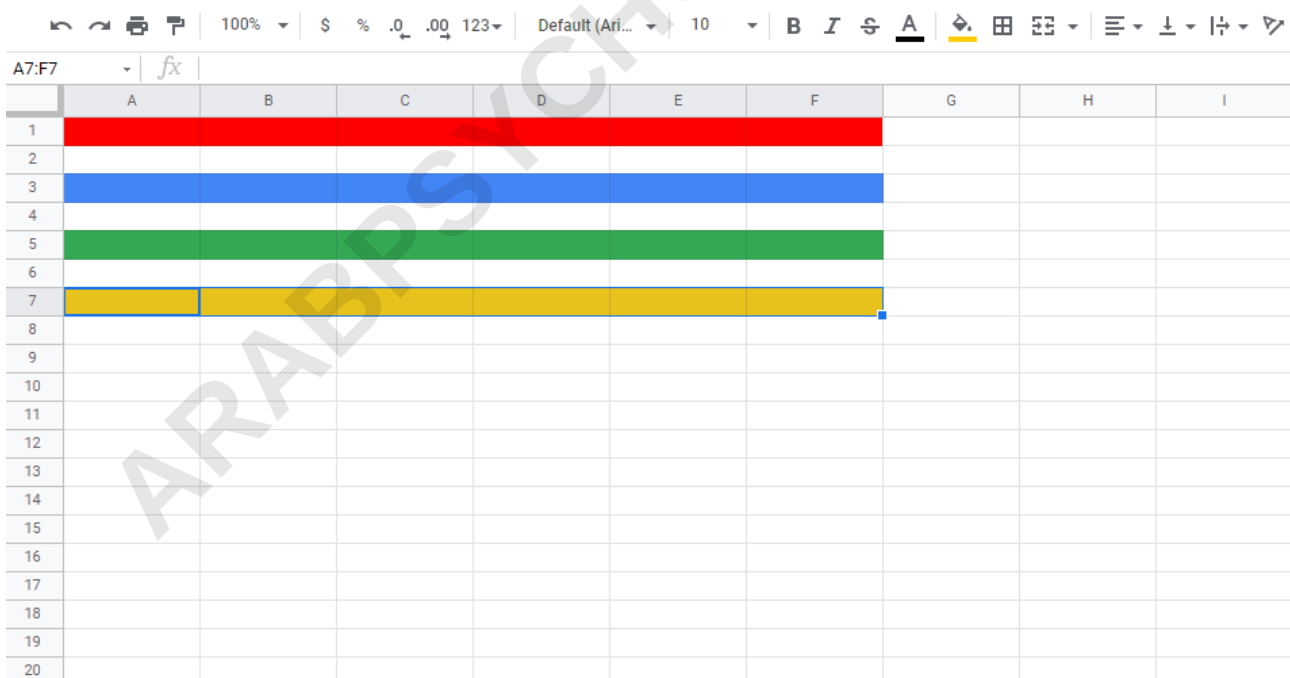
Click on



Insert #ffcb05 in the **HEX** input field



Hit Enter



Notice that entering the HEX code shows you where the color is positioned on the color map.

Well done! You have successfully applied colors using the standard, theme and HEX codes.

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