

COLOR --Subprogram

COLOR

## Format

## Pattern Mode

CALL COLOR(character-set,foreground-color,background-color[,....])

## Sprites

CALL COLOR(#sprite-number,foreground-color[,....])

## Cross Reference

CHAR, DCOLOR, GRAPHICS, PALETTE, SCREEN, SPRITE, TCOLOR

## Description

The COLOR subprogram enables you to specify the colors of characters or sprites.

The types of parameters you specify in a call to the COLOR subprogram depend on whether you are assigning colors to characters or to sprites.

In general, each character has two colors. The color of the pixels that make up the character itself is the foreground-color; the color of the pixels that occupy the rest of the character position on the screen is the background color.

When you enter MYARC Advanced Basic, the foreground-color of all the characters is white; the background-color of all characters is blue. These default colors are restored when your program ends (either normally or because of an error, stops at a breakpoint, or changes graphics mode).

If a color is transparent, the color actually displayed is the color specified by the SCREEN subprogram.

See Appendix F for a listing of available colors and their respective codes.

## Pattern Mode and Bit Mapped Modes

In these modes (i.e. Graphics(1,1),(2,2),(2,3),(3,2),(3,3), the 256 available characters are divided into 32 sets of 8 characters each. When you assign a color combination to a particular set, you specify the colors of all 8 characters in that set.

The character-set is a numeric-expression whose value specifies the number (0-31) of the 8 character set.

Fore-ground-color and background-color are numeric-expressions whose values specify colors that can be assigned from among the 16 available colors.

In the 256 color mode(2,2), the colors are 1-256. In the 4 color mode(3,2) the colors are 1-4.

CALL COLOR(#0,foreground-color) sets the MOUSE color.

See Appendix D for available characters and character sets in Pattern Mode.