

Color Origins: Maroon

Maroon originated in France and is based off of the word "marron", which means "chestnut" in the French language. It represents luxury, responsibility, and control. Maroon is a very common color within religion. According to Canva, "Because of its association with Buddhism, maroon can even conjure feelings of spirituality, wisdom or calm. According to color psychology, maroon is associated with control, responsibility, and thoughtfulness."¹ In Christianity, maroon represents the blood of Jesus. This colour is all over the world of professionalism. It is used in Equestrianism, the sport that involves horse-riding. The Arabian horses of this colour are usually the prettier and most sought after type. In schools around the world, maroon is a popular pick for uniforms, and rightfully so, as it represents uniformity.

To some, it is a dark reddish colour. To others, it looks dark brownish. To music lovers, it may just be the name of a band with a number included. To me, maroon adds luxury and beauty to anything it touches. This colour reminds me of a luxurious silk robe while on vacation in the tropics. At the same time, this colour has me imagining myself in a sharp suit, suited for a king. I can see my car looking more professional with a maroon interior or as an accent color. Maroon can be a complimentary seasonal color as well. In the fall, the leaves change into an irresistible palette of colors, all of which maroon compliments very well. If I have any doubts of what to wear during this season, a full or hint of maroon makes me feel like I'm featured in Vogue. It's also a prominent colour during Christmas season. This darker shade of red is not as strong, but it is just as powerful. My traits for this colour are intensity, passion, loyalty, wisdom. Those traits are irresistible.

¹ <https://www.canva.com/colors/color-meanings/maroon/>