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A knot in the 3-sphere is slice if it bounds a disk in the 4-ball. Suppose K is p -colorable and slice, with p odd and square-free. Given a slice disk D for K , some p -coloring of K must extend over D . If K is not slice, one can instead ask when some p -coloring of K extends over a surface of genus g in the 4-ball, where g is the smooth 4-genus of K . We investigate this question from a combinatorial and diagrammatic perspective, and give several examples. (Received September 15, 2020)