

AT HOME

ROSE QUARTZ & SERENITY

The good folks at international colour authority Pantone have done it again. They have looked deep into the secret business of annual colour trends and emerged with their conclusion for 2016 – and it's a surprising one.

For the first time, there are two colours of the year – well, technically, a blend of two: the warm pink of rose quartz and the cool blue of serenity.

These soft hues take us to dreamy places with their fairytale pastel tones, offering a pearlescent perspective that just might function in some ways as a design antidote.

“With the whole greater than its individual parts, joined together serenity and rose quartz demonstrate an inherent balance between a warmer embracing rose tone and the cooler tranquil blue,” says Pantone Color Institute executive director Leatrice Eiseman.

She says the idea of gender equality and new ways of colour expression inspired the two-tone choice.

Leatrice says the duality of rose quartz and serenity reflects connection and wellness, as well as a soothing sense of order and peace.

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The Pantone colour – or colours – of the year always influences other areas of design, including fashion, graphic design and beauty. Indeed, keen trendsetters can already buy light-blue lipsticks. It's also easy to see how this year's choices could fit right into our interiors.

Our home should be our sanctuary and these soft hues – blended together, reminding us of a sunset or hazy pastel sky – offer calming choices in homewares, upholstery and even paint colours.

Ideal for children's rooms, serenity and rose quartz work well in rugs, couch covers and cushions. Items such as vases, crockery and kitchen appliances also look great. The shades will suit textured or gloss finishes.

Celebrate the two colours on their own or try out the look of a blended, misty hue in prints or cushions.

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Sofa cover in cotton, linen and viscose blend in Mineral Blue, \$469; cushion covers \$15 each, from Bemz



Mila textured cushion, \$25, from Target



Stoneware utensil jar, \$32, from Le Creuset



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