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2016 Color of the Year

It's that time again...the Pantone Color Institute has announced the Color of the Year for 2016, except there's more than one color. There's a tie for the color of the year...or perhaps I should say the *Colors* of the Year.

2016 PANTONE COLOR OF THE YEAR ROSE QUARTZ & SERENITY

Pantone suggests that "joined together, Rose Quartz and Serenity demonstrate an inherent balance between a warmer embracing rose tone and the cooler tranquil blue, reflecting connection and wellness as well as a soothing sense of order and peace." Rose Quartz and Serenity are beautiful on their own, but when I look at these colors together, I think baby blankets, infant clothes, and nursery décor. (I guess Pantone shouldn't hire me as an advocate for their color selection.)

Pantone submits that the colors reflect a need in our culture for peace, calm, reassurance, and compassion. Of course, for me, the all-important question is which colored gemstones coordinate?

Rose Quartz is a soft, gentle pink reminiscent of a budding flower on a spring day. Clearly Rose Quartz will be a perfect option ;) as well as some Morganites, Pink Tourmalines or Pink Sapphires.

This 1.36ct Sri Lankan sapphire below is known and revered in the jewelry industry as a Padparadscha Sapphire.



Serenity is a calm, soft blue with a hint of purple undertones. Initially I thought Aquamarine would be the colored gemstone to coordinate but it seems Sapphire and Lolite have the coolness of Serenity.

The 1.16ct Blue Sapphire below is typical for a Cornflower Blue Sri Lankan Sapphire.



lolite can have a purple undertone as does the 6.32ct cabochon cushion below. The rough was purchased in Tanzania on Roger's June 2015 trip.



The *colors* of the year are soft and peaceful, calm and gentle...all that we hope for a new baby...and for a new year!

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