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Tangerine Tango is the 2012 Color of the Year

Last year it was Honeysuckle, this year it's Tangerine Tango. Last year was bright, this year is spicy. Last year it was a reddish-pink, this year is reddish-orange. I'm talking about the 2012 Color of the Year designated by Pantone, the fashion color trend forecasting company.

"Sophisticated but at the same time dramatic and seductive, Tangerine Tango is an orange with a lot of depth to it," said Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute®. "Reminiscent of the radiant shadings of a sunset, Tangerine Tango marries the vivaciousness and adrenaline rush of red with the friendliness and warmth of yellow, to form a high-visibility, magnetic hue that emanates heat and energy."

Basically we're talking orange, not Howard Johnson's or A & W orange, but one that is radiant and appealing. Tangerine Tango, err orange, has a hint of exoticness perfect for spring which is right around the corner. The warmth of Tangerine Tango also assures it a solid place in the fall fashion forecast alongside the traditional autumn colors adding a depth and spiciness.

Of course, my question is: what gemstones are available in Tangerine Tango? Mexican Fire Opal certainly fits the bill! Here's a Rose Cut Round weighing 1.87ct.



Mexican Fire Opal 1.87 ct.

Spessartite Garnet from Nigeria can occur in many shades. Here's a Square Antique Cushion from rough Roger bought last January. It weighs 3.09ct.



Spessartite Garnet 3.09 ct.

One of my personal favorites is Sphalerite because of its incredible dispersion! This round weighs 2.30ct.



Sphalerite 2.30ct.

Tangerine Tango, 2012 Color of the Year...look for it everywhere!

Regards,

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