

# ROGER DERY GEM DESIGN



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## 2014 Color of the Year - Radiant Orchid

Just when we've had enough of school closings, delayed flights, snow-blowers, and ice the Pantone Color Institute announced the 2014 Color of the Year - Radiant Orchid! Yeah for color and flowers! Maybe I'm getting a bit ahead of myself... did I mention Michigan is expecting yet another snow storm today?

Radiant Orchid makes my heart sing in all its bright cheeriness and clean saturated color. Of course it helps that Radiant Orchid is a flower color - we haven't seen anything of the like in cold, snowy Michigan since last fall. A bouquet of Orchids is exactly what we need to remind us that spring really is right around the corner.



Radiant Orchid is a saturated combination of pink, purple and fuchsia that shines as an accent color! It is interesting to note that it is almost exactly across the color wheel from the 2013 Color of the Year, Emerald. The Color Institute states, "Radiant Orchid inspires confidence and emanates great joy, love and health. It is a captivating purple, one that draws you in with its beguiling charm."

Lucky for me two of my favorite gemstones occur in the Radiant Orchid hue. Do you have customers who love Pink Sapphire and Spinel too? While in Sri Lanka this past December, Roger and I purchased this Pink Sapphire to recut. Roger tweaked the faceting to result in a 2.40 ct oval / cushion combination cut.



Spinel occurs in many shades. One of my favorite is an intense Pink Spinel from the Mahenge region of Tanzania. Roger procured the rough for this 2.17 ct spinel during his October 2013 trip to Tanzania. He faceted it using a rectangular cushion design.



Radiant Orchid will be everywhere, from makeup to home interiors, and clothing to gemstones. Spring flowers anyone? Makes it feel almost tropical amidst the towering mountains of leftover snow!

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