



Powder and Apricot Seated Nude by Caroline Boykin, 24 x 30

The Pantone Color Institute recently bucked their own tradition and named two hues as the colors of the year for 2016. Rose Quartz, a soft, warm pink, and Serenity, a muted, tranquil blue, are more reminiscent of a watercolor sunset than a baby shower, and usher in pastels and calming tones on the runways, fashion racks, and into fine art and home décor.

Rose Quartz and Serenity ideally marry gender-specific colors to create a palette that will please both spouses in a home, and the pastel hues can take center stage or act as understated pops of color. As the name suggests, both colors boast the ability to bring serenity and rosiness to your room, as Charlotte-based interior designer Cathy Austin knows. “Whether in soft or hard surface material, the pairing of Rose Quartz and Serenity brings calm and relaxation,” she says.

In fine art, Raleigh-based artist Caroline Boykin has combined the shades to create stunning pieces featuring the female figure. More traditional landscapes, like those by Millie Gosch, showcase the headline colors in gorgeous display. Amy Dixon

Pantone Colors of the Year Add Serenity to Your Home

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Lilac and Peach Seated Nude by Caroline Boykin, 36 x 36

combines the two tones into pastoral portraits of cattle, farmhouses and chickens. Charles Ross’ colorful abstracts highlight the beauty that takes shape when Rose Quartz and Serenity shades are melded together on canvas.

Whether they are introduced in large ways – like painting an entire room – or more subtly with a

new piece of fine art, Rose Quartz and Serenity are sure to be a valuable investment, lovely, on trend, and timeless.

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