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# Living Coral: Pantone's 2019 Color of the Year embraces optimism

Living Coral — a shade of orange with a warm golden undertone — takes us to the depth of the ocean and feeds our desire to connect with nature. “The overriding influence [this year] was the environment,” says Laurie Pressman, vice president of Pantone's color consulting unit. Think coral reefs and the arresting beauty we see in nature: a vibrant mood-lifting shade spotted on fashion runways, in home interiors, on websites and even in tech gadgets.

Design experts share their perspective on Pantone's coral crush, predict how it may influence interiors this year and offer advice on how to use it.

*“Coral will add a burst of life to a room. It is the perfect dynamic complement to neutrals, such as grays or rich browns, but it also makes a fabulous statement when combined with turquoise or its natural environment: ocean blue. It's a wow color. Think good vibes.”* **Interior designer Tess Giuliani, principal of Tess Giuliani Designs Inc. in Ridgewood** [www.tessgiuliani.com](http://www.tessgiuliani.com)



**Left:** “Coral is no stranger to me,” muses interior designer Tess Giuliani, pictured in the high-fashion hue. | **Center:** Giuliani commissioned a faux coral koi fishpond — painted by artist Ornella Muth — in her Ridgewood bathroom.