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# The cultural meaning of colors

A single color can have different meanings in different countries. According to Benjamin Whorf's Linguistic Relativity Hypothesis a person's language determines and limits what the person experiences. Not all concepts can be expressed in some languages.

This language barrier can affect one's perception of color. For example, the Shona language in Zimbabwe and the Boas language in Liberia have no words which distinguish red from orange.

Therefore, people fail to perceive different colors because of language limitations. When color terminology in different cultures is compared, certain patterns are observed consistently. All languages have designations for black and white. If a third hue is distinguished, it is red.

Let's see how red is interpreted all over the world:

#### China

- the color of good luck and celebration
- · vitality, happiness and long life
- · used as a wedding color
- used in ceremonies from funerals to wed dings and festive occasions
- traditionally worn on Chinese New Year to bring luck and prosperity

#### India

- color of purity, fertility, love and beauty
- wealth, opulence and power
- · used in wedding ceremonies
- a sign of a married woman
- · also color of fear and fire

### **Thailand**

• color for Sunday

#### Japan

- life
- anger and danger

#### Cherokees

· success and triumph

#### South Africa

· color of mourning

#### Nigeria

- · usually reserved for ceremonies
- worn by chiefs

#### Russia

- means beautiful in Russian language
- often used in marriage ceremonies

#### Australian Aborigines:

- · represents the land and earth
- · ceremonial color

#### Hebrew

· sacrifice and sin

#### Christian

· sacrifice, passion and love

#### Western

- · energy, excitement and action
- danger, anger, love and passion
- · a warning to stop
- Christmas combined with green
- · Valentine's Day

### Eastern

- prosperity
- good fortune
- worn by brides
- · symbol of joy when combined with white













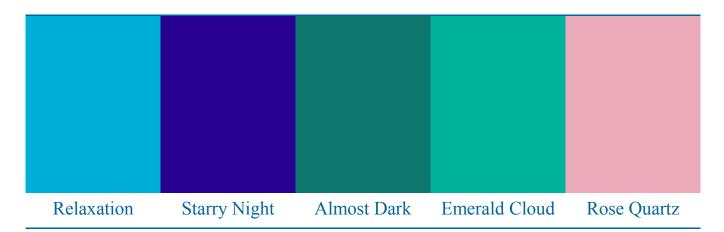


## The Global Colors Trends palettes are consisting of:

- The Dream Skies
- Down to Earth
- The Flower Field
- The Urban Variations
- A Mix of Inspirations

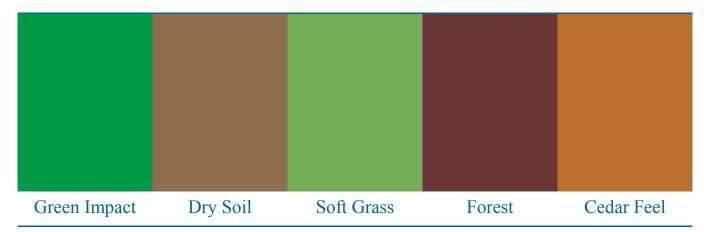
### The Dream Skies

Imaginary views of summer skies are expressed in this palette. Visions of almost unreal skies are embraced.



### Down to Earth

Warm, soft and woody images are implied. The Down to Earth palette expresses notions of well-being and naturalness.



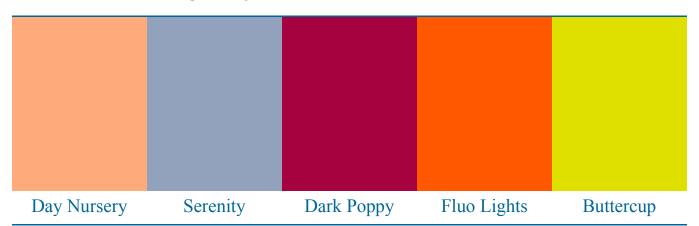
## The Flower Field

Fragrances and bright perceptions are evoked. The Flower Field creates joyful and optimistic moods.



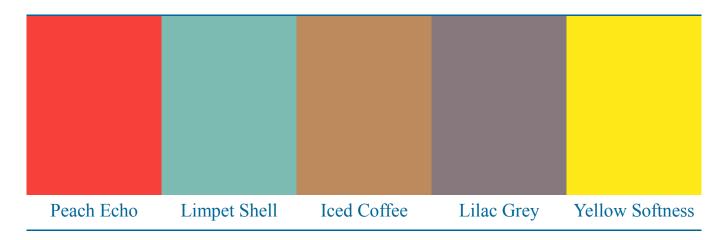
## The Urban Variations

Naturally connected sense of space, sunshine and lighthearted attitudes are embraced by the Urban Variations. The sense of modern touch is prevailing.



## A Mix of Inspiration

Playful and earthy shades are mixed with a sense of softness and relaxation.



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