

HAIL TO THE REEF

The warm, fresh pinks and oranges of a coral reef suggest a tropical holiday, full of sun and sand. For Autumn/Winter 2012, northern hemisphere designers infuse their collections with coral tones in textiles from soft wool to sculptural gazar. Colour forecasting courtesy of WGSN.com, text by Anna Loren

RESENE DESIRE

Resene Desire is a heated up dynamic pink, full of eagerness and sensual appetite. Canadian designer Erdem Moralioglu used Resene Desire to great effect in his Fall/Winter collection, inspired by an artist's wife who comes unhinged, rips up her husband's floral paintings and refashions them into garments.



Coral gemstones are said to have healing qualities, enhance feelings of calm and ward off fears and tensions. In many cultures, coral is worn as a talisman to protect the wearer against evil spirits. Northern hemisphere designers have harnessed the uplifting powers of coral in their Autumn/Winter collections, utilising shades from soft blush to deep orange in a range of fabrics. In Paris, Lanvin's collection featured a show-stopping range of cocktail dresses in delicate, romantic peaches and pinks, while in London, Erdem incorporated the rich, vibrant shades of red coral into a modern floral print. Worked into collections inspired by such diverse muses as an artist's deranged wife and an East African tribesman, the unifying coral colour theme brought freshness and life to the winter runways.

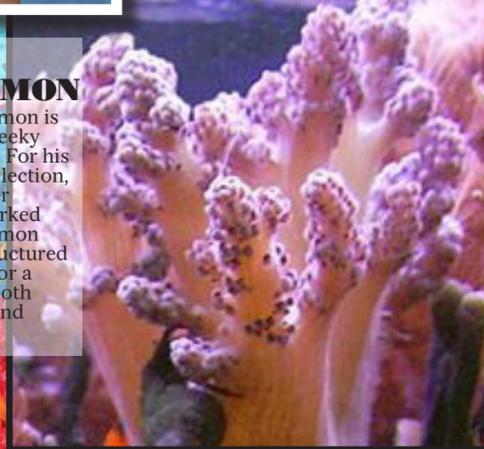
RESENE STICKY FINGERS

Márcio Zanini's collection for Roëhas was inspired by one word: 'chic'. His sweetly tailored, Audrey Hepburn-esque coat, rendered in Resene Sticky Fingers, a fruity orange, was a flash of whimsy in a collection otherwise dominated by black, white and midnight blue.



RESENE PERSIMMON

Resene Persimmon is a ribald and cheeky hot orange red. For his Fall/Winter collection, Lanvin designer Alber Elbaz worked Resene Persimmon into sleekly structured gazar dresses for a look that was both sophisticated and playful.



RESENE MONA LISA

Marni designer Consuelo Castiglioni said her Fall/Winter show was inspired by a mantra of "severe elegance", simplicity and discipline. Structured coats and knee-length skirts were given a playful edge with the use of energetic prints and Resene Mona Lisa, an enigmatic pastel pink.



RESENE FLAMINGO

Designer Thakoon Panichgul described his collection as "fanciful, yet pavement", drawing inspiration from both the costumes of Versailles and Kenyan tribesmen's garments. This tailored down jacket, a mixture of function and frivolity, was shown in Resene Flamingo, a dynamic Art Deco inspired hot pink.



RESENE HIT PINK

Resene Hit Pink is a cheeky merging of hot pink and bright yellow. New York designer Daryl K worked this cheerful hue into an otherwise understated, primarily black and brown collection, showcasing the downtown cool for which she made her name

- 1) Resene Desire
- 2) Resene Persimmon
- 3) Resene Mona Lisa
- 4) Resene Hit Pink
- 5) Resene Flamingo
- 6) Resene Sticky Fingers

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