

TANTALIZING TURQUOISE COLOR OF THE YEAR

Every year has its color. Last year, brides were being told to shop for grey and yellow. This year, Leatrice Eiseman of the Pantone Color Institute says turquoise is the color to watch.

A soothing blend of blue and green, turquoise symbolizes serenity, hope and optimism. In many cultures, turquoise is also seen as a protective color. In Greece and some Mideast countries, a bright blue eye is worn as a charm to protect from the evil eye.

For our purposes—outfitting the bridal party—turquoise is flattering to most skin tones and hair colors. Adding some pieces of Native American-inspired jewelry can give a unique look.

Although we think of turquoise as a spring or summer shade, it can be used all year around, depending on the accessories and flowers.

Imagine a winter wedding with turquoise dresses offset with silver shoes, bag, and jewelry. The tables can be covered in turquoise tablecloths or toppers, then accented with miniature Christmas trees trimmed in turquoise and silver balls or ribbon, or a silver charger could hold an assortment of turquoise, white and silver candles accented with silver snowflakes.

In autumn, use turquoise as the background for accents of fall shades of deep purple, oranges, or golds in the bouquets, as well as golden accessories for a beautiful look for your bridesmaids.

In spring, accent with purple, lilac, or spring shades of green, and in summer add a jolt of color with pink and orange gerbera daisies. Or, for a crisp summer look, go all turquoise and white.

If you want to use the always trendy black for your bridesmaids, add a bright turquoise sash and evening bag to bring in the look of the year. Or dress up the basic black dresses with turquoise jewelry.

