

# COLOUR ME CORAL

Set the tone for the year with a peachy orange called Living Coral, says Pantone, the global authority on colour. Here's how you can use this hue in your home.

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Those who have experienced marine life often narrate tales of a mesmerising kaleidoscope of colours under water. This year Pantone took its inspiration for the colour of year from what lies under the sea and gave the world Living Coral. This peachy shade of orange with a golden undertone brings in warmth and positivity to living spaces. "With consumers craving human interaction and social connection, the humanising and heartening qualities displayed by Living Coral hit a responsive chord," says Leatrice Eiseman, executive director, Pantone Colour Institute.

The best part about this hue is that depending on how you use it, coral can be prominent or subtle. If a bold statement is more your thing, then paint all the walls of the room in this

amazing hue. However, remember to contrast it with neutral tones of grey, beige, white, cream or brown. Coral bath accessories add drama in the powder room, while in the foyer a console in this colour makes the space stand out. But if you are looking for subtle sophistication, then coral furnishings, be it cushions and rugs or bed linen and curtains, are the way to go. However, use this colour in moderation if you want your interiors to look aesthetically pleasing. In the living room a coral couch or an armchair makes a statement, while in a child's room you can use it on just about anything to make the space feel soothing and calm. The good news is that the market is full of designs in this special shade. So, here's a quick round-up of what's in stores.

1. Jayla Napkins from Good Earth, ₹1,800; 2. Bean Chair from Peekaboo Patterns, ₹4,750; 3. Navab Cushion from Shades of India, ₹3,500; 4. Chevron Printed Bedset from LAAH, ₹7,596; 5. Hans Papa Bear Chair and Ottoman from Ansava, price on request; 6. Glass Top Table from IDUS, ₹65,000; 7. Oddeli Sofa from Alankaram, ₹1.2 lakh; 8. Coral and Hem Cushions from Script by Godrej and Boyce, ₹1,080



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**A**nupriya Sahu believes that designs should combine aesthetics, ergonomics, strength and utility. With this as her basis, she started furniture studio Alankaram in October 2015. "We make furniture in Indian (such as teak wood) as well as imported (such as white oak) wood using wood joinery techniques that not only to make the pieces strong but also add to the aesthetics of the furniture," she says.

**WOODEN WONDERS** Furniture featured here ranges from small multi-purpose stools for casual seating, a hand-painted lounge chair and a high chair with hand-embroidered fabric to large storage cum book cabinet in teak wood painted in different colours.

**PRICE** ₹10,500 onwards (chair), ₹60,000 onwards (sofas)

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