

Sometimes incorporating 'color of the year' can be a bit tricky

So here we are in 2022: I'll be marking the 30th anniversary of my first "AntiqueWeek" byline, Roman numeral fans are no doubt enjoying writing "MMXXII" on their checks, and the 23rd annual "Color of the Year" is a brand-new addition to Pantone's palette. Buckle up!

About that new color: "Very Peri" was introduced at a swanky event on December 8 (to which I was not invited) and then further promoted at a webinar the following morning (to which I was invited). "Very Peri" is "playful and expressive" at a time when we are "reimagining our future." It's described as the "happiest and warmest of blues" thanks to its violet-red undertones. Think Elizabeth Taylor's eyes.

The challenge of "Vintage Style," of course, is to incorporate new things (like "Very Peri") into our lives using old things of a similar shade. As in years past, I recently reached out to some longtime friends of this column, thereby giving me an excuse to contact Bindy Bitterman. For years, Bindy would scour her Chicago-based antique shop ("Eureka!") and look for inspiration using the current Color of the Year. This year's color choice is a bit tricky, and not surprisingly, Bindy drew a blank! On the other hand, even though she's retired from the world of antiques, she's still writing poetry and has a website (www.Bindysverses.com). Maybe next year.

With plan "A" not working, I began think-



ing harder about strategies for incorporating "Very Peri" into everyday life. And I decided that the easiest place to focus would be the dining room table, in light of the fact that dining rooms in general and dining room tables in particular are suddenly earning renewed respect.

Teresa Stone, a very active member of the Vintage Tablecloth Lovers Club, agreed that there are an array of mid-century tablecloths that fit the bill. Start with a tablecloth with periwinkle-colored flowers, and, using a solid-colored charger, separate the patterned cloth from similarly colored floral dinner plates (there are a number of choices that reflect this color). Add a peri-colored Depression glass for water (use clear crystal for wine), and you're looking pretty good.

Moving on. Even though some of us still have yet to untrim the Christmas tree, it's not too soon to be thinking ahead to next year. I have plenty of red, turquoise, and pink glass ornaments (thanks to downsizing my tree), but when I set the table this year for Christmas brunch with Spode "Christmas Tree" china, I became painfully aware that I do not have enough decorated holiday glasses. I'm not talking about fine crystal here; I suspect some of the ones I'm looking for might have been advertising freebies back in the day. Taking inventory, I realized (a bit late) that I have only three holly-decorated glasses, a similar (but non-matching) glass, and a Pepsi-Cola glass ("Jingle Bells"). I can do better, and I shall. Note to antique dealers: Do not put away your Christmas stock too soon.

And then there is the matter of the Christ-



Above: If you make your own greeting cards, it's not too soon to go on the hunt for next year's postcards. Examples like this one with a Dickensian quote might prove to be a bit tricky to find.

Right: A breath of fresh (Washington state) air from Teresa Stone: A vintage tablecloth that reflects "Very Peri" is a great way to update any table setting.

Right: Pantone's "Color of the Year" may be new to the palette, but the makers of this lovely tablecloth had periwinkle in their sights years ago.

mas postcards that I use every year to make greeting cards. This year, my cards were, in my mind, particularly cool. But now I'm back to square one, and I'm once again searching for cards for the dog/cat lovers on my list. I'm on the hunt for something to send a Dickens lover, as well as for the friend whose last name is "Auld." I'm also seeking interesting nativity scenes, souvenirs of Santa's Village, and cards with musical themes. While I'm at it, I'm going to pick up cards for birthdays, Easter, and Thanksgiving: They're good to have on hand.

Finally, there's the calendar thing. This year, we can also use calendars from 1910, 1921, 1927, 1938, 1949, 1955, 1966, 1977, 1983, 1994, 2005, and 2011. Optimists can save this year's calendars for 2033, 2039, 2050, 2062, 2067, and 2078. Can't wait for next year, when my Mom's collection of framed 1905 calendars, illustrated by Maud Humphrey, will once again be "au courant." Happy New Year!



Below: Note to dealers: Don't put away all of your holiday merchandise too soon. Some shoppers are looking for items such as these glasses year-round.



SHOP GUIDE CORRECTIONS

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From Rte. 309 near Schnecksville Fire Co., Go E. on Levans Rd.

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NOTE: Sale #4 will have higher grade collector decoys! See auctionzip.com for full list/photos-auctioneer ID #1921. Watch for future auctions of 100's waterfowl - crow - owl decoys, adv. pcs., firearms, etc.

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