

Spectral Gems, Inc.
Gemstone and Color Forecast Spring/Summer 2010

Outside the snow is falling, blowing and drifting. The sky is dark and gray. While we weave through the wonderland of winter, here's a little perspective to ponder for the sunshine ahead!

Roger is just back from Tanzania, his tenth trip to Africa. This trip yielded rough Rhodolite and Zircon. There was an abundance of yellow, blue green and chrome green Tourmaline. Tsavorite Garnet was plentiful as was Tanzanite (yeah)! He's been pondering some of the rough for days, waiting for the inspiration of the cut that will unlock the beauty within.

In Tanzania it is summer. On Roger's trip the landscape was green and lush. The sun rose over the horizon with a yellowish green tint until it was high overhead. Bright, tropical flowers were everywhere and often found when least expected. All this brilliance was set against the sand, dirt and rock of the landscape.

This spring the colors will be much like the landscape of Tanzania. Vibrant brights will add a sense of excitement especially when set against practical neutrals. Bright, bold colors like yellow, turquoise and almost acidic orange will be a driving force when paired with functional, everyday basics.

Energy and technology are the buzzwords of the season paired with optimism and progress. Colors reflect the experimentation, chemical elixirs and energy charged infusions. Energy surges through the colors to infuse them with warmth. Yellow-green, coral, warm reds, ochre, clay and deep violet predominate.

Neutrals this season have their own story. They're basic and functional yet sometimes intense in a softened-in-the-washing-machine way. They're muffled and grayed, soft and serene. The neutrals are perfect as the background and solid base for bright, vibrant colors.

As Roger is cutting this spring it will be with the memory of the Tanzanian landscape colliding with the technology that allows him to unlock the beauty in a piece of Tanzanian rough. Energy and experimentation will be his buzzwords as he pushes the limits of creativity.

Experience a bit of Tanzania this spring with bright, bold colors and soft diverse neutrals. Roger's gemstones this spring will include the boldness of Zircon, Tsavorite and Spessartite Garnet, Tourmalines in unexpected hues of yellow-green, orange and brown as well as the soft, yet strong, hues of Morganite, Aquamarine and Scapolite.

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