

What's hot in 2012?

Soft Kitty, tangerine tango and Timeline, just to name a few

The hot new color for 2012 is Tangerine Tango

The color czars have issued a decree for 2012: Tangerine Tango is *THE* hot hue for next year.

What about 2011's Honeysuckle? Remember that? Or Turquoise in 2010? Move on.

The people at Pantone – a global authority on color for the design industries – say that the reddish orange Tangerine Tango builds upon this year's Honeysuckle. See, this is how it works: Honeysuckle encourages us to face our trouble with verve and vigor while Tangerine Tango gives us the energy boost we need to recharge and move forward.

"Sophisticated, but at the same time dramatic and seductive, Tangerine Tango is an orange with a lot of depth to it," said Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute. "Reminiscent of the radiant shadings of a sunset, Tangerine Tango marries the vivaciousness and adrenaline rush of red with the friendliness and warmth of yellow, to form a high-visibility, magnetic hue that emanates heat and energy." Expect to see the sunny shade in the spring collections of Adrienne Vittadini, Cynthia Steffe, Tommy Hilfiger, Elie Tahari and Nanette Lepore. A bit exotic (but friendly and non-threatening) for cosmetics, the color is expected to show up on lips, cheeks and nails.

It is flattering as an eye shadow for women with blue or green eyes (paired with brown eyes, it can bring out an amber cast).

Pantone is partnering with Sephora for a new

color collection (eye shadow, lipstick, lip gloss, nail polish) launching in March of 2012, so this isn't the last you'll hear about that.

Even your home will be juiced with home accessories such as pillows, bedspreads, tabletop accessories in Tangerine Tango for a pop of color. Home Goods sent a facebook message to its followers this week, extolling the virtues of the hue. Can appliances and electronics be far behind?.

By Rod Hagwood/Sun Sentinel (MCT)

Big Bang Theory 'Soft Kitty' collectible debuts

In one unforgettable TV moment, CBS's Big Bang Theory created an instant pop culture hit. Genius physicist Sheldon, played by Jim Parsons, teaches next-door neighbor Penny, played by Kaley Cuoco, lyrics to a song his mom sang him when he was sick. The infectious song instantly became viral sensation and fan favorite – and a recurring theme on the show when Sheldon is feeling bad.

It has now been captured by Stylin Online, the largest online pop culture apparel retailer, which has released a Soft Kitty singing plush toy and t-shirt. The officially licensed Big Bang Theory Soft Kitty t-shirt was released earlier this year and quickly became a top seller. Now this 100% cotton screen-printed shirt, offering soft stretchy form-fitting style, is available separately or together with a brand new Soft Kitty plush – one that sings the song featured in the classic episode.



In "The Pancake Batter Anomaly," when Sheldon (Jim Parsons) gets sick, Leonard and the boys know what's in store and avoid him like the plague, leaving an unsuspecting Penny (Kaley Cuoco) to nurse the world's worst patient back to health, on The Big Bang Theory on the CBS Television Network. The result is the beginning of the Soft Kitty phenomenon. Photo: Monty Brinton/CBS

Just press the paw and Soft Kitty will sweetly sing the tune: "Soft kitty, warm kitty, little ball of fur. Happy kitty, sleepy kitty, purr, purr, purr" – just like on the show.

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Timeline is here, like it or not

Facebook's long-delayed massive overhaul to user profiles, dubbed Timeline, is finally available for all of the social network's more than 800 million users worldwide.

Timeline, which CEO Mark Zuckerberg first showed off in September, is a complete rethinking of a user's profile page. It attempts to use the data already inside Facebook as a sort of digital scrapbook.

Facebook users can now

easily scroll back to previous years and see what they were saying and what they were doing.

For some, this will be a nostalgic trip through a social network that has captured much of who we are. For others, it will be a bit terrifying to see posts from the early days of Facebook, when it was limited to college students who often shared way too much.

Here's a look at nine things to know about the new Facebook.

■ There's a seven-day review period. Once Facebook is upgraded,

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From a whimsical plush and t-shirt from television's hit show, Big Bang Theory, to the newest hit color, tangerine tango, 2012 should be a great year. The Soft Kitty t-shirt and plush women's combo sells for \$44.99 at www.stylinonline.com.