



Tips & Tricks

A proven tea-staining recipe and new color trends

Tea-Staining Recipe

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Annie's Keepsakes is an expert at achieving that vintage look using WoolFelt and tea. She has been creating quick and easy patterns for over 25 years! Below is her proven tea-staining trick that she uses on her *Primitive Stocking* pattern show here.

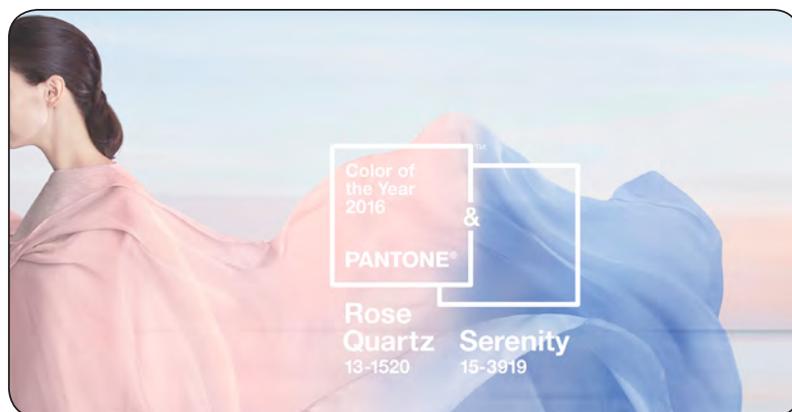
1. Mix 3 tablespoons unsweetened instant tea with 1 cup water in a spray-bottle, like a plant mister.
2. Put plain water in another spray-bottle and spritz WoolFelt to dampen. (Vickie prefers to make project first, then add the tea.)
3. Spray project unevenly with the tea mixture, spritzing with the plain water to spread the tea out a little.
4. Bake in a low-temp (225 degrees) oven until desired color is reached, about an hour. Be sure to check WoolFelt frequently and turn it over occasionally to avoid scorching. Let dry.

Note: Technique works best on WoolFelt colors *Straw* or *Angel Wings*.

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Pantone Predicts Soft Pastels for 2016: *Rose Quartz* and *Serenity*

For the first time since *Pantone's Color of the Year* debuted in 1999, Pantone picked two colors instead of one. Their names are *Rose Quartz* and *Serenity*. It is also the first time in a decade that Pantone picked pastels.



Although these soft pink and light blue colors are already popular in the Quilting, Craft and Hobby Industries, Pantone selected these colors as a psychological antidote to modern day stress. "With the whole greater than its individual parts, joined together *Serenity* and *Rose Quartz* demonstrate an inherent balance between a warmer embracing rose tone and the cooler tranquil blue, reflecting connection and wellness as well as a soothing sense of order and peace," said Leatrice Eiseman, Executive Director of the Pantone Color Institute.



Prettys Pastels

Pink and Light Blue WoolFelt Colors

LEFT: *Cotton Candy*, *Pink Violet*, *Baby Blue*, *Robin's Egg*, *Blue Snow*

RIGHT: *Blushing Bride*, *Pink Grapefruit*, *Pink*

