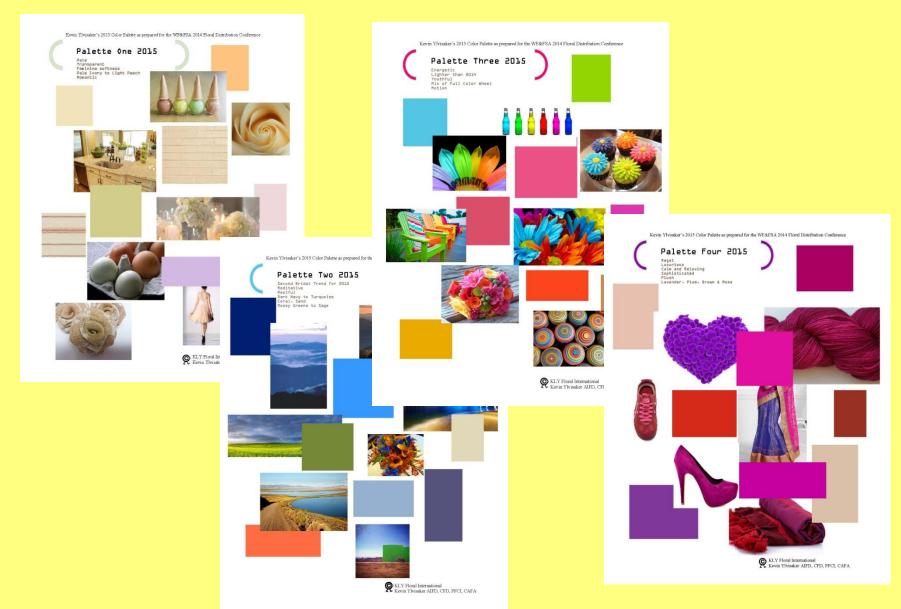
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# **2015 Color Trends**



Kevin Ylvisaker's 2015 Color Palette as prepared for the WF&FSA 2014 Floral Distribution Conference

#### Palette One 2015

Pale Transparent Feminine softness Pale Ivory to Light Peach Romantic



















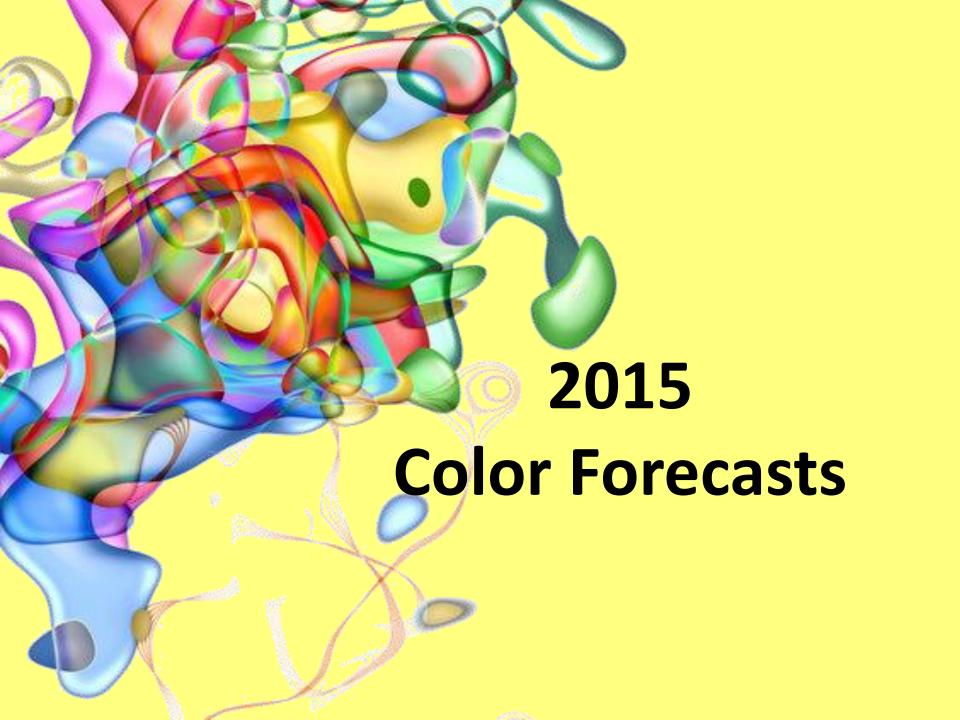








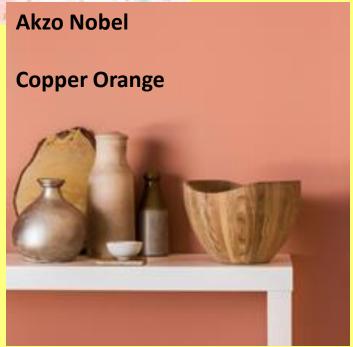




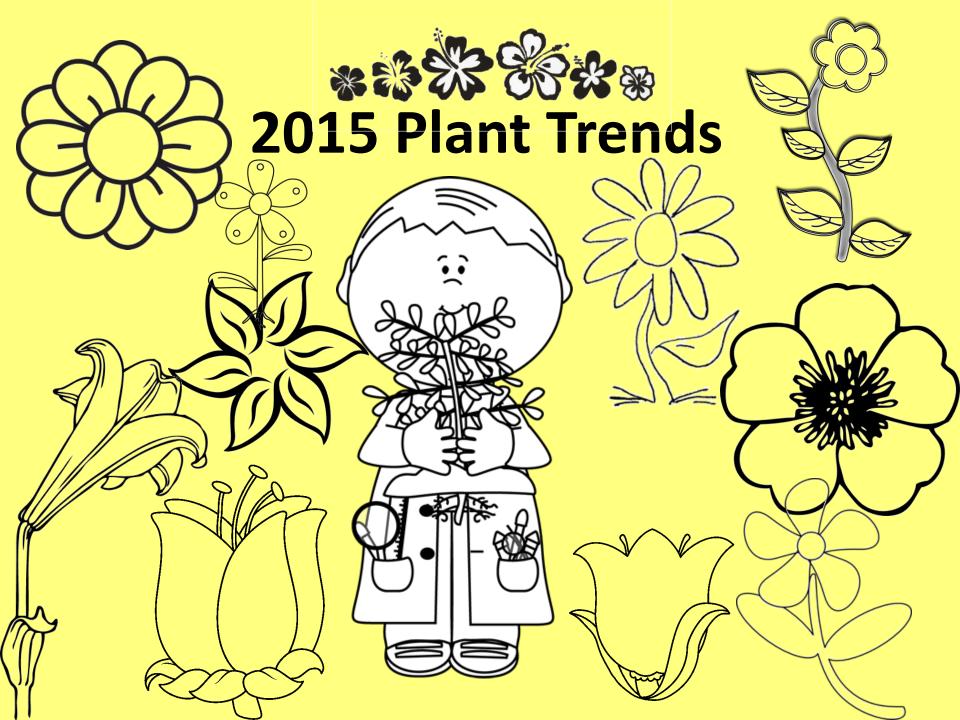
#### **Color Marketing Group 2015+ World Color Forecast**







**Benjamin Moore Guilford Green (HC-116)** 







# **Vertical Gardens**





## **Plant Trend**

**Continued from 2014** 







# 2015 Buying Trends

Price Waterhouse Coopers this Retail Forward Retailing 2015: New Frontiers

#### Consumer

#### **Baby Boomer**

- Will affect ability of retailer to grow & prosper.
  - "Help me" replaces "DIY".
  - Smaller households.
  - Smaller products.

#### Consumer

#### Gen Y

- •Everything is connected, everything is available.
- Extremely diverse.
- Harder to reach with conventional media, marketing & formats.
- Challenge treadtional retailing.

# Consumer Millenials (Teens)

- Technology is part of their DNA.
- •Will affect how retailers grow & prosper.

#### Consumer

#### **New Consumer**

- Wants personalization.
- Wants next new thing, next best thing.
- Wants green friendly manufacturers.
- Multi Cultural.
- Concern about people and planet will no longer be a fad, it's a way of life.
- •Buys less of what's popular and more of what suits me.

#### Retailer

#### Locations

- Fewer conventional malls.
- Shaking out marginal malls.
- •Trend Neighborhood centers where people can go to eat, entertain, live and not just shop.
- •Due to technology you no longer need a physical footprint to have a market presence.

#### Retailer

#### **Doing Business**

- "Now you see it now you don't"
  Provide limited editions, fast fashion & customization NOT "stack it high and let it fly".
- •Downsize lines Size does not equal success in 2015. Less SKU's.
- •Define yourself by the customer you serve, rather than the product you sell.

#### **Products**

- •US Made not as important because of global awareness.
- Private brands become the trend.
- Smaller limited quantities of product.

# Supplier - Wholesaler

 Suppliers will gain back some of the power they have ceded to retailers in the past decade. With the internet, consumers will have visibility into the full supplier offer – not just what is on the retail shelf. The next step for suppliers will be to provide consumer access - anything they can see they can buy.

## Supplier - Wholesaler

- •More suppliers will set up shop as retailers.
- •Suppliers will need to work with retailers to determine exactly where a product fits within the retail mix and how that product will help drive sales.
- •Rapid delivery "Today is too late" in 2015.

# Supplier - Wholesaler Kevin's Side Note

- •In 2015 every salesperson needs to know how to use everything in the wholesale house.
- •The wholesaler needs to educate the retail florist through Email, Facebook, Design Shows and Classes.
- You are are our source for education.

#### Manufacturer

- •Too many companies have focused on making BETTER products, when real advantage comes from making DIFFERENT products.
- •Innovators in 2015 will replace mass production with extremely limited products, extremely limited availability.

## Technology

Retailer, Wholesaler & Manufacturer

- Real Time Ordering.
- Point of Purchase.
- •Shoppers will have infinite visibility into product choice.
  - Access from the raw material supplier to end user and back again is on the horizon.



# Who

# 150 Florists Surveyed

(132 Responses)

**Traditional Retail Florists** 



# 1. What Is Your Number One Wedding Color For 2015

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- 1. Blush
  - 2. Blue
- 3. Coral
- 4. Purple
- 5. White

2. What Flowers Do You Need Your Local Wholesaler To Be Able To Get For The 2015 Wedding Season?

Peonies
Succulents
Dahlias
Champagne Roses
Garden Roses

# 3. What Is Your Local Wholesaler Missing In Their Cooler?

Quality Flowers
Soft Colors
Tropicals
More Variety In Foliages
More Orchid Varieties

# 4. What is your best selling everyday container, plastic, glass, ceramic, other?

- 1. Clear Glass (71%)
- 2. Colored Glass (17%)
  - 3. Ceramic (9%)
- 4. Natural Pottery (2%)
  5. Other (1%)

## 5. What is your average everyday design selling price?

\$40 to \$60

## TIP .... Why is this important to the wholesaler

\$40.00 Design
25% Labor Charge
Retail florist can spend:
\$8.50 Wholesale

(\$10 Labor, \$30 Retail Product = \$40)

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#### **How does this work?**

## \$8.50 Wholesale Purchase \$4 Container

 $$4 \times 2.5 = $10.00 \text{ retail}$ 

\$5.75 Flowers & Foliage

 $$5.75 \times 3.5 = $20.15 \text{ retail}$ 



- 6. Do you buy "most" of your flowers from your local wholesaler or direct from a grower, auction etc?
  - 1. All Local (80%)
  - 2. All except Roses (10%)
- 3. All except Event & Wedding (5%)
  4. All Direct (5%)

7. Do you buy "most" of your hardgoods from your local wholesaler or direct from a manufacturer or supplier?

- 1. All (Most) Local (91%)
  - 2. Half & Half (7%)
    - 3. All Direct (2%)

## 8. Do you attend one of the major gift shows, where?

- 1. Dallas (51%)
- 2. Atlanta (37%)
- 3. Chicago (10%)
- 4. Minneapolis (1%)
  - 5. Toronto (1%)

- 9. If you attend one of the gift shows, why and what are you looking for that isn't available locally?
  - 1. Unique Containers2. Trends
  - 3. Christmas Themes
  - 4. Permanent Flowers, Foliages

### 10. What could your local wholesaler do better for you?

- 1. Fresher Product (No Dry Pack)
  - 2. Lower Prices on Hardgoods
- 3. Volume & Early Order Discounts
  - 4. Design Shows & Classes
- 5. New Advertised Products in Stock
- 6. Longer Hours Can order direct 24 hours
  - 7. Trend Merchandising

Most people think "SELLING" is the same as "TALKING," but the most effective salespeople know that LISTENING is the most important part of their job.

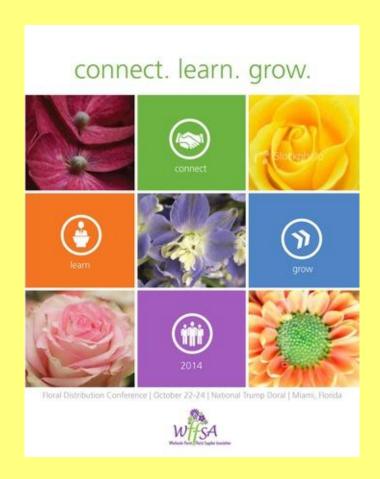
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