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Pantone Graphics Products Re-formulated to Use Eco-friendly Materials

In December 2022, Pantone released an expansion of the Pantone Matching System® (PMS) color collection in five new eco-friendly base mixing inks, and replaced the base inks used in previous editions of the Pantone Formula Guide and Color Bridge.

What's in the new base inks? Soy and other vegetable oils. What's not in the new base inks? Any reportable levels of hazardous substances, as defined by OSHA, the EU, California Proposition 65, and the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labeling of Chemicals (GHS).

Designers can also be assured that the Uncoated paper used in Pantone Graphics Guides is sourced responsibly. Pantone Uncoated paper is made with a mixture of materials from FSC-certified forests, recycled materials, and/or FSC-controlled wood. The Forest Stewardship Council operates the world's most trusted forest certification system, and Pantone is proud to support responsible forestry through its product sourcing. Additionally, the fan guide inserts used in Pantone Graphics Guides and Pantone Fashion Home + Interiors (FHI) system products are made from 100% recyclable and reusable plastic. Manufacturing products with recycled plastic produces less waste and a lower carbon footprint. This type of plastic is also lightweight, which can help reduce CO2 emissions during transportation.

Pantone FHI Products Use
Recycled Paper and Energy-efficient



Pantone continues to implement sustainable practices in the FHI and Textile Paper Green (TPG) system as well. Pantone TPG formulations meet the European Union's REACH regulations, which aim to reduce the amount of harmful lead chromates in the environment.

Other sustainable practices include utilizing recycled paper in the printing plant, recycling water in the textile dyehouse, and using Oeko-Tex® approved dye formations in many of their colors.

The FHI textile color system and TPG formulations use Hunstman's AVITERA® SE dyes, which reduce energy usage during production by over 50%.

Pantone x TEALEAVES Partnership Calls Attention to Biodiversity Issues

Part of the Pantone sustainability commitment also includes partnering with organizations to raise awareness for environmental issues and mobilize for change. Most recently, the Pantone Color Institute partnered with TEALEAVES to create the official Color of Biodiversity (PANTONE 1775 C) in support of United Nations Biodiversity (CBD). The color acted to educate and engage the public on biodiversity issues ahead of the 2022 UN Biodiversity conference.

In addition to Biodiversity, Pantone has created many other environmentally-focused colors including "Glowing, Glowing, Gone," a trio of colors that support coral reef protection, "Forevergreen" in partnership with Lacoste and The Everglades Foundation (wetland restoration), SHEBA® Hope, a luminous turquoise created in honor of World Oceans Day to support the Sheba Hope Coral Reef Restoration project, 'The Color of Dirty Water' (clean water access) in partnership with Charity: Water and "The Vanishing Color" in collaboration with coffee brand Lavazza as part of its Amazonian conservation and reforestation efforts.

Pantone embraces the challenge and responsibility of using its color platform to call attention to environmental issues, and looks forward to collaborating with more change-making organizations.

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In the meantime, Pantone remains dedicated to implementing environmentally conscious standards across its product lines, from formula guides to textiles to paper products. Shop sustainable Pantone products below.





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