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## The Art of Pastels

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Forget muted autumnal shades. As the days get shorter, Good Things is celebrating colours getting sweeter

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Simple Present #563 (Hong Kong), 2011 *Photography by Bert Danckaert*

Pastels are big right now, to be seen in everything from your ice cream sundae to your dress or furniture. We noticed a lot at London Design Festival, and as fans of this washed out palette, we decided to round up our favourite examples of candy-like colours.

Heather Carson chose light as her medium and in her installations, inspired by Josef Albers, there is a beautiful selection of bleached out colours and pastel stripes.



light/LINES: Untitled #1, 2011 *Courtesy of Heather Carson and Ace Gallery*



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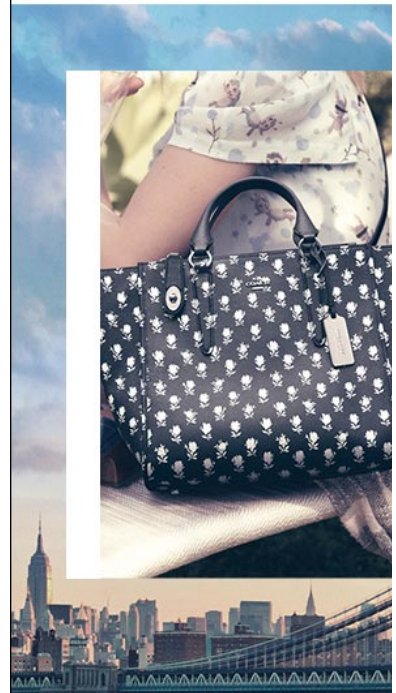
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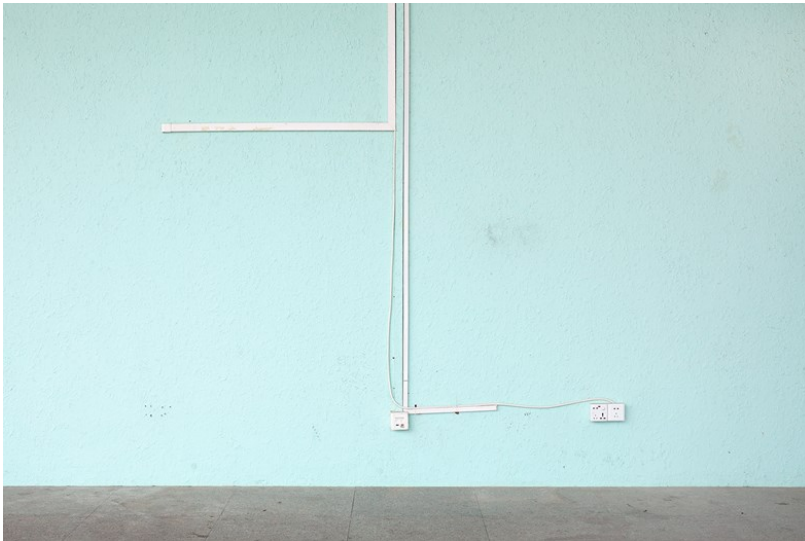
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One of our all-time favourite photographers, [Bert Danckaert](#) has an eye for fantastic palettes in every day buildings. There are 100 to explore on his website.



Simple Present #580 (Hong Kong), 2011 *Photography by Bert Danckaert*



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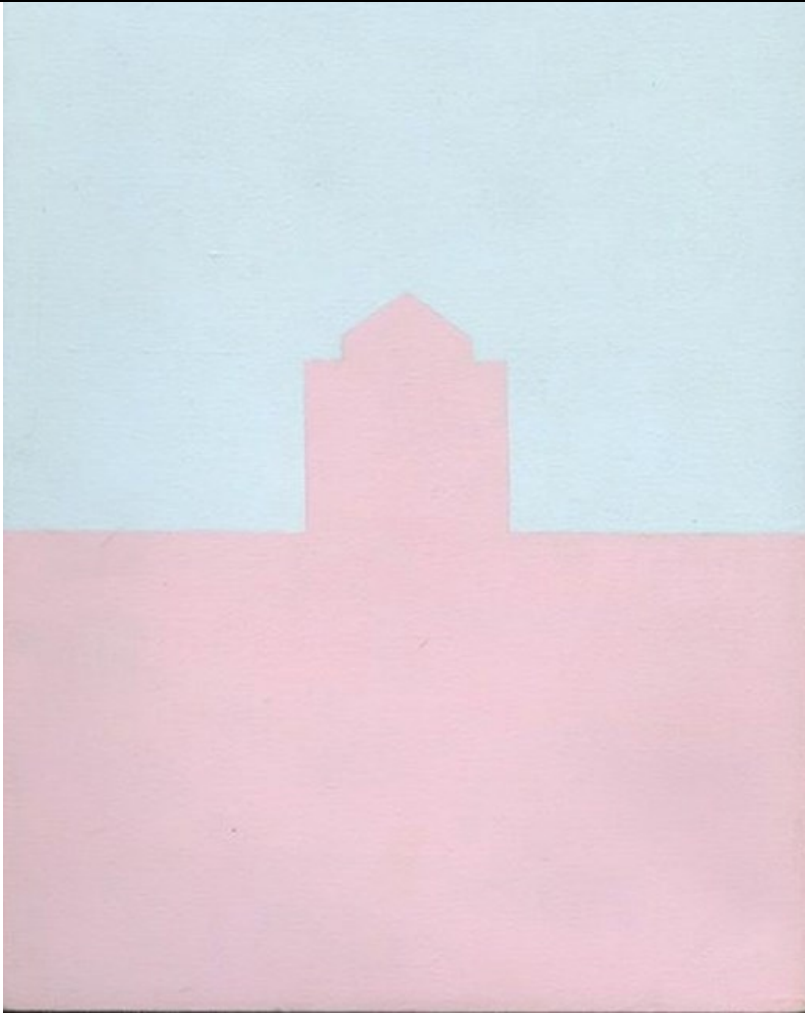


Simple Present #549 (Hong Kong), 2011 *Photography by Bert Danckaert*

Olivia Boudet's pastel canvases depict the simplest silhouettes of rooftops, chimneys, towers and houses turning these views into something far dreamier than they are in reality.

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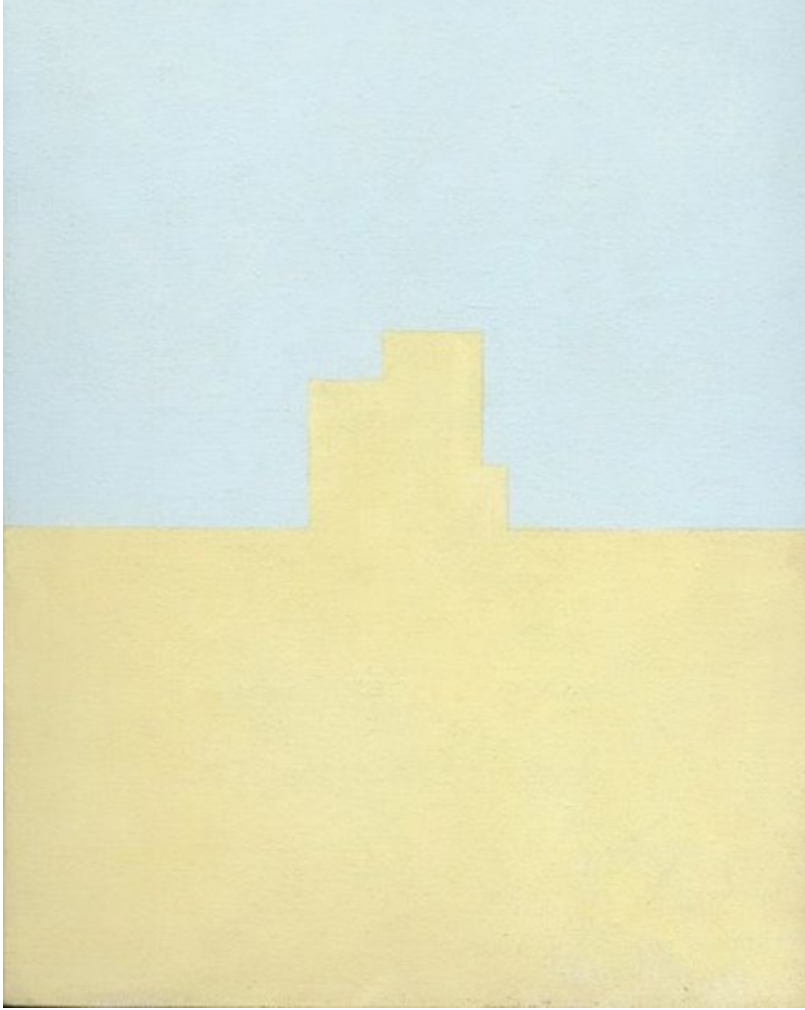
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Olivia Boudet, number 100, 1997 *Courtesy of the artist and Fred Torres Gallery*

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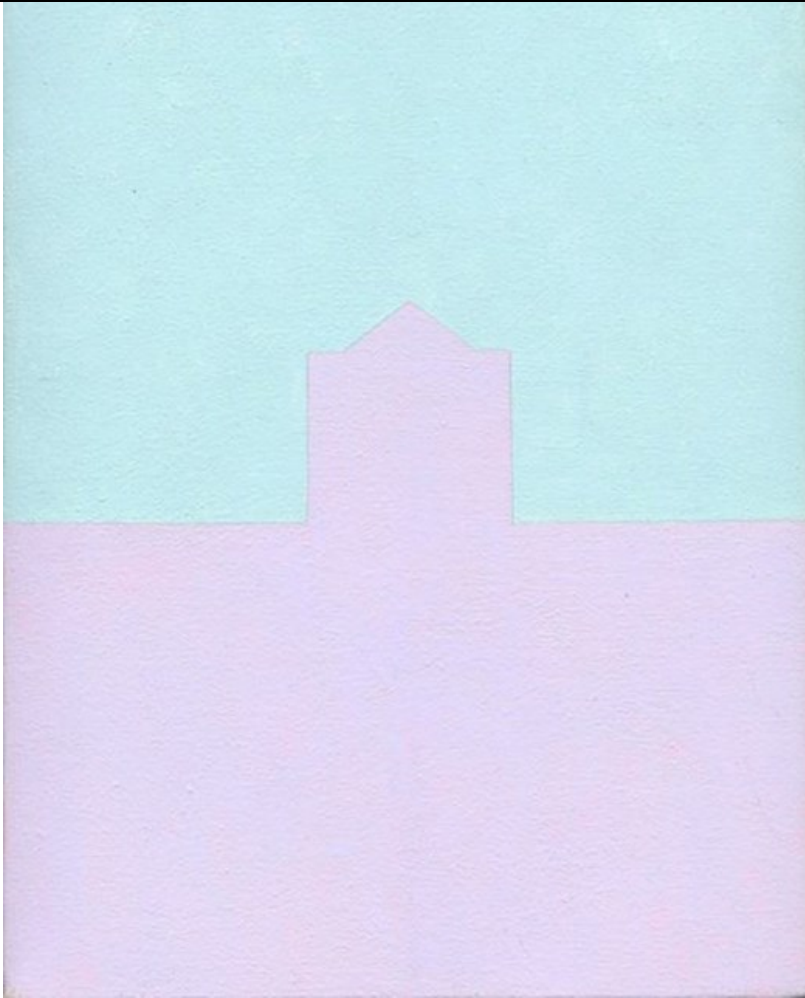


Olivia Boudet, Number 96, 1997 *Courtesy of the artist and Fred Torres Gallery*



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Olivia Boudet, Number 53, 1997 *Courtesy of the artist and Fred Torres Gallery*

As a piece of eye candy it doesn't get much better than a colour chart, this one is a selection of ceramic testers for Wedgwood - they were on trend back in the late 1800s.

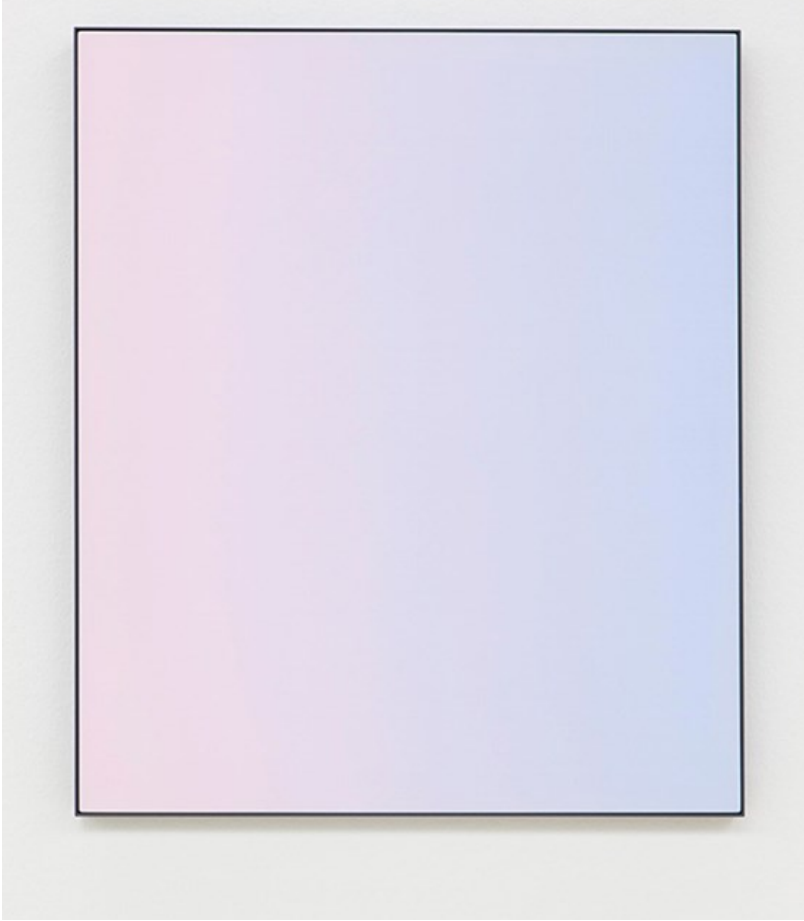


Wedgewood jasper colour trials *Courtesy of the Wedgewood Museum*

Pastels AND gradients. It's as though Matti Braun wanted Pinterest to implode when he created his elegant dyed silk panels.

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Matti Braun, Untitled, 2014 *Courtesy of the artist and Esther Schipper Gallery*

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Matti Braun, Bo Lak, 2014 *Courtesy of the artist and Esther Schipper Gallery*

Louise Zhang's 'Slosh Samples' are a mixture of glue, pain, resin, clay, water, varnish and pigment. A heady concoction of toxins which has produced this array of pastel delights. Like a medicine for the oncoming S.A.D..

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SLOSH SAMPLES #1 2014 © Louise Zhang



SLOSH SAMPLES #2 2014 © Louise Zhang

If only these tiles by [Bonny Mably](#) were edible. They resemble the most fun nougat ever, with their pastel swirls and marbled goodness.

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The Art of Looking Sideways Artwork by Bonnie Mably



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Mel Nguyen's clay compositions are so pleasing, like an explosion in a flump factory.



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Clay Compositions Artwork by Mel Nguyen

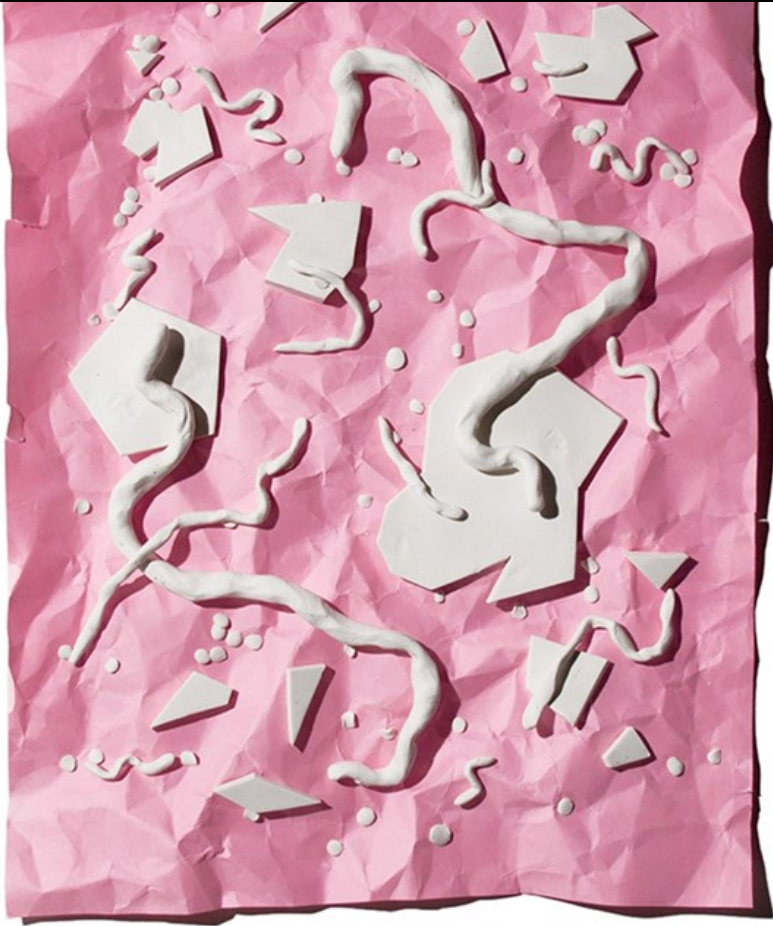
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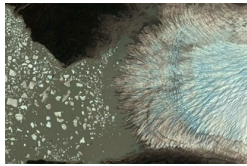
The recent craze for dyeing your pet a pastel colour must surely be attributed to this iconic photo by [Tim Walker](#). Black, white, or tabby just doesn't cut the mustard anymore.

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Pastel Cats *Photography by Tim Walker*

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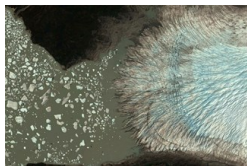
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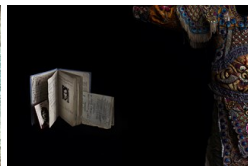
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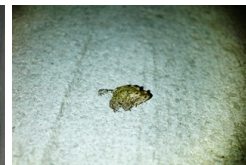
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