

Purple is Our Color For February

Amethyst, that beautiful purple quartz, is the birthstone for February. The word "amethyst" comes from the Greek for "intoxicate" because the ancients believed that it could protect you from getting too intoxicated. They therefore used it to make drinking vessels, in the hopes of warding off drunkenness! Pantone, the company that has standardized color reproduction and so is the standard bearer for colors reproduced in all sorts of media, from house paint to yarn, has chosen Ultra Violet as the color of the year. Read all about it here. So, as our theme for the month of February, we have chosen the color purple. Our artists use purples in all sorts of interesting and lovely ways. We hope you enjoy them!



Deb Wester captures the purpleness of a country road at the end of the day.



Mary Padgett's richly colored red and violet anemones will brighten any heart.



Shawn Halperin's lovely little owl sits on a pretty purple backdrop.



 $Wendy \ \textit{Edwards'} \ \textit{sachets} \ \textit{are filled by hand with purple lavender seeds, which smell heavenly.}$



Susan Machamer has crafted a beautiful and unique ring from faceted amethyst and sterling silver.



This fashionable purple fleece hat and scarf set will keep you warm this winter.



Marilyn Fegan took inspiration from our month's theme and got out all her purple paint!



Maria Wiklund's silk and felt shawl showcases a lovely palette of purples.



Dee Von Hunke has made this lovely amethyst necklace earring set just for us this month.



This beautifully made cutting board by Dave Eichorn features "purple heart" wood at its center.



And here is more lovely lavender items from Nancy Lee.



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