

# “Catherine”: RUBELLITE

Rubellite is the gemstone that inspired this month’s Catherine Colorway. Rubellite is one of 14 species that make up the tourmaline gem family and it is the rarest and most valuable gem in the tourmaline family. In the past, they’ve been mistaken for rubies.

Trace amounts of manganese create rubellite’s natural pink to red color. You may encounter light pink stones labelled as rubellites, but these are more properly considered pink tourmalines.

Rubellites have a hardness of 7 to 7.5 on the Mohs Scale and no cleavage, so, whether faceted or cabbed (polished to a dome shape), they make good stones for any type of jewelry.

Lapidaries can also carve them. Do you have a rubellite in your gem collection? Let me know!



	<i>Moda Bella Solids</i>	<i>KONA Cotton Solids</i>	<i>Paintbrush Studio Fabrics (Painter's Palette Solids)</i>	<i>Michael Miller Cotton Couture</i>	<i>Free Spirit Solids &amp; Tula Pink Solids</i>	<i>Cherrywood Hand-Dyed Fabrics</i>
<b>A</b>	224 Violet	489 Gumdrop	149 Violet	Peony	Cosmo*	1170 Orchid
<b>B</b>	386 Pomegranate	451 Valentine	150 Wine	Pomegranate	Radish	1130 Violet
<b>C</b>	223 Shocking Pink	1049 Br. Pink	068 Rosebud	Magenta	Stargazer*	1240 Hot Pink
<b>D</b>	389 Dahlia	473 Geranium	028 Fuchsia	Berry	Amethyst*	1150 Clover
<b>E</b>	205 Eggplant	1016 Berry	030 Bordeaux	Garnet	Merlot	1120 Plum
<b>F</b>	238 Prune	1469 Raisin	046 Royalty	Plum	Raven	1300 Raven
<b>G</b>	302 Iris	1066 Cerise	151 Grape	Fuchsia	Razzmatazz	1200 Berry Stain
<b>H</b>	249 Freesia	143 Petal	085 Thistle	Iris	Glitter*	W8 Tutti Fruity
<b>Backgr ound &amp; Binding</b>	Super Black (96) or White Bleached (98)	1019 Black or 1387 White	Ebony (004) or White (000)	Black (BLAC) or Bright White (BWHT)	Black or Arctic White	1305 Onyx or W1 White

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\* Tula Pink Solids for Free Spirit Fabrics