



EDITORS' LETTER

The Spring/Summer shows have introduced plenty of fashion talking points. Will you "Go Dotty" with circles and stripes? Will you be the "Sheen Queen" with metallics in iridescent colours? Or will being "Absolutely Abstract" be your preference?

*Spring and Summer are fun seasons to explore and be adventurous with colour, style and print. Handbags have become playful, **large and slouchy** with long straps, fringe detail and tassel additions. The **mini and envelope clutches** will still be favourites next season. With new technology comes changes in fashion, and the **document clutch** allows for an iPad or small laptop to be carried in style. Another classic is the **shoulder bag**, seen in exotic skin textures and graphic prints.*

*Tiny beaded clutches with colorful shiny spangles are a must-have for parties. **Cool and casual totes** as well as **satchels** are seen in leather with large prints and bright colours. **Backpacks** were spotted in luxurious leather, with sporty styles and minimalist design. **Handbags with creative handles** varied with hoops, chains and cables.*

KEY COLOURS

Colours for Spring / Summer 2014...



HOT SUMMER: Seductive, intense and voluptuous. Poppy red, fuchsia, nectarine, earthy tans and yellow zest.



THE BLUES: Sensual colours contrasting the seductive. Clear skies, calm seas and cool lavender.



COLOURQUAKE – THIS MEETS THAT: Think clashes, contrast and craziness!



GREEN OASIS: Green is the new black! Pistachio to emerald, and a more delicate option of jade.



SHEER SHINE: All that shimmers and shines. Gemstones, minerals and pastel tones with a sheen, shimmer or metallic element.



PRISON BREAK

No need to read between the lines here! Celebrate stripes in all directions; vertical, horizontal or diagonal. Thick or thin, skinny or fat, or totally psychedelic, stripes have been used daringly with dots to create optical illusions and impact.





GO GREEN

Stunning jewel-toned Emerald green is the "it" colour of the season. We are becoming a socially responsible society, and are going green everywhere, from coats, dresses, tops and skirts, to shoes, bags and accessories.





ABSOLUTE ABSTRACT

60's inspired graphic prints in bright colours, with fresh eye-catching designs and repeated patterns. Print on print, or mix your prints - everything goes here.





GARDEN OF EDEN

Florals make an impact with texture and neon colours. Think botanical gardens with stenciled work, and fine drawn lines, or single-stem flower heads with repeated graphics in large petal shapes.





SHEEN QUEEN

Iridescent and shiny fabrics, with silver metallics paired with white for a minimalistic look. A dazzling trend with gold metallic sequins sprinkled on all accessories, from shoes to bags and hats.





TWO TONE MIX

This season the minimalist look incorporates bright colours with soft, luxurious fabrics. Handbags are simple and strong, with contrasting front pockets in different colours and materials, allowing texture to complement colour.





EAST MEETS WEST

Traditional eastern prints have been given a western spin, with hints of Beijing and Tokyo coming through in Asian-inspired collections. With the fire dragon, lotus flower and peony motifs, the kimono has been reconstructed in handbag form.

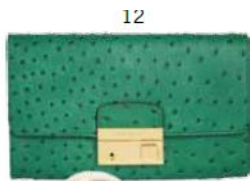




SNAKE SKIN

It's the year of the snake! An elegant dress, shoe or bag is one of the easiest ways to incorporate this trend into your wardrobe. One colour mono-print details over snakeskin prints create blurred, beautiful designs.







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LAST WORD

Take it from us, this seasons trends are your ticket to fast, effortless and fashion-forward dressing. The rules about matching and proportions have changed, so whether you choose contrasting pieces, layered looks or sets, it's time to invest in one of the trends!

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