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Style Tip of the Month Spring Fashion 101

A recent debate on The Today Show about when you should or should not wear white pants made it official – spring has sprung and so has spring fashion! As with each season, this spring's array of fashion trends, is fresh and inviting, with a few new arrivals and some welcomed classics. So, let's spring forward and see where this season's trends take us. And as for the white pants debate – there are several takes on when it is appropriate to wear white. I was always told that it is appropriate to wear white after Easter and NOT after Labor Day. Other fashion insiders say that it is inappropriate to wear white before Memorial Day. Either way is fine, but as with any fashion decision, do whatever works for you!

Dresses

For many years growing up, you couldn't catch me in a dress, except on Sundays for church or at the occasional piano recital. Although I didn't consider myself a tomboy, I absolutely abhorred wearing dresses. Well, lucky for

me, my tastes changed (as did my figure), which is one reason why I love this *girlish classic* that has made a comeback for spring! Whether you're a size 2 or 22, a *dress* is the epitome of feminine chic. There are tons of figure-flattering styles out there—from wrap dresses to empire waists, minis to shirtdresses. This classic is sure to help alleviate that age-old adage of not having anything to wear. And, if you have *champagne wishes but a sparkling wine budget*, there are tons of great styles out there that won't hurt your pocketbook.

Metallics

Be a shining star in one of this season's hottest trends—metallics. From shoes to cropped jackets (another hot trend), metallics brighten up those rainy spring days and provide for an easy transition into evening. Now, don't do head-to-toe metallic or else you'll wind up looking like the Tin Man. However, do choose metallic pieces such as shoes, handbags and other accessories to spice things up a bit. You don't have to be an Olympian to love gold, silver, or bronze, but you will score big in metallics this spring!

Yellow

First Reese Witherspoon appears in a fabulous Nina Ricci, yellow evening dress at the Golden Globes; then my friend Susan references a yellow stoned ring that she has been coveting; and finally a yellow, frilly, concoction of a dress by MILLY that I have been hunting for everywhere – that settles it – *yellow* is the new *black* for spring – well, not really...but it is a spring trend that I feel deserves some attention. When you ask people what their favorite color is, you never hear anyone say *yellow*, do you? Which is why I am promoting cute yellow dresses, fabulous yellow accessories and classic yellow espadrilles for spring. Yellow looks

absolutely fabulous on darker skin tones, but sometimes is not as forgiving on fairer complexions. However, yellow accessories such as bangles, clutch purses or shoes can be worn without washing out fairer complexions. So, no disrespect to your favorite color, give yellow a little love this spring.

Patent

Yes, PATENT – you know, the shiny leather once reserved for little girls’ dress up shoes. Well, patent has come a long way baby. Whether it’s red patent clutch purses, yellow patent headbands, or tortoise colored patent pumps, patent has made a resurgence this spring with a fresh new spin on a classic favorite.

Platform Heels/Wedges

I don’t know a woman out there who doesn’t love shoes. One of my favorite spring styles is the platform heel and wedge. We’ve seen these shoes gain popularity over the past few seasons, but this season’s choices are absolutely FAB-U-LOUS! What I love about platform shoes is that they provide those of you who aren’t comfortable wearing stilettos or skinnier heeled pumps the option of comfort, support, and style, all wrapped up into one. Wedges provide more coverage on the heel, but chunkier, platform heels provide support of equal proportions. As I shop for clients and myself, my #1 goal is to find stylish and tasteful clothes at great prices. This is one trend that will not disappoint the pocketbook or the fashion police!

The Trench

As I look for items to update my wardrobe each season, I often look for pieces that are seasonless, classic and are of good value. One of my favorites for spring that hits each of these points is the trench coat. I could KILL myself for not getting this gorgeous black Isaac Mizrahi for Target trench coat that came out a couple of months ago! Rule of thumb – when you see something you like, BUY IT, because inevitably, it will probably be gone when you go back! The trench is a fabulous wardrobe staple that can be worn a variety of ways; as a dress – either alone or with a funky wide belt; over jeans or wide leg trousers; over a classic sheath dress for the office; or in a three-quarter-sleeve style with a long-sleeved blouse underneath. And, as the seasons come and go, no one will ever look at you and say, “She is wearing a trench coat – that is SO Spring 2007!” There are tons of new styles out there including puffy sleeved, cropped, and punchy prints. Trench coats compliment any figure and have and will continue to be around for years to come.

High Waist Jeans and Skirts

Ok, how many of you are tired of sitting down at a restaurant, only to be afraid that you are mooning the people at the table behind you because of the low-rise jeans you have on? I don’t know who the H**** invented low-rise pants, but I am absolutely sick to death of trying to find tops long enough hide my rump! Hence my excitement in the new trend of higher waist pants, jeans, and skirts this season. Now, please don’t dig into your closet and dust off the CHIC jeans (I swear if I see you in a pair of CHIC jeans I will call the fashion police and have your behind picked up!) All of the popular jean designers such as JOE, Seven, and even GAP are making regular rise and high rise jeans this season, so there are plenty of up-to-date styles out there. I am really feeling the high-rise skirts, paired with

puffy-sleeved blouses for a feminine, flirty look for spring. So, gone are the days of exposing your midriff, thongs, and the like. Whether you are sitting down to lunch or just want to bend over and buckle your cute new wedge heeled sandals, this welcomed trend will give you the confidence to do so without exposing your backside.

Cropped Jackets

I know you still love to sport your denim jacket over sundresses or t-shirts, but this season's cropped jackets provide a fashionable alternative with a bit more flair. Paired with everything from jeans to cropped pants, dresses to skirts, babydoll tanks to shorts, cropped jackets provide posh and polish to just about everything you wear them with.

There are several other hot trends out there that I failed to expound on, such as flirty flats, updated white blouses, bold polka dots and sassy shorts. As always, my suggestion is to mix in a few of the season's hot trends with your own personal style, for a look that you can never go wrong with. So happy spring and as always, happy shopping!

SOD's websites of the month:

www.victoriasecret.com
(Fabulous shoe finds!)

www.my-wardrobe.com
(Prices have to be converted from British pounds)

www.naanab.com
(One of a kind purses and skirts)

www.melodramaboutique.net
(You can't shop online, but one of the HIPPEST shops in Houston – check it out!)

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