

# Spring Forward

Ten fresh-from-the-runway fashion trends turning heads this season. **By MARYANN LoRUSSO**

**A**fter a winter of unseasonably frigid temps and much-needed rain, many of us are ready to bid adieu to the soggy weather and embrace some sunshine-ready styles. According to the spring fashion forecast, the next few months will bring an assortment of attention-worthy apparel, from feminine and sporty to glamorous and relaxed. Here are the top 10 looks headed our way—straight from the spring runways.

**1. Bold Shoulders.** As **Donna Karan** once said, if there's one part of the body every woman feels comfortable flaunting, it's her shoulders. Luckily, this season offers many shoulder-baring options, from strapless and asym-

**4. Pajama Game.** Who said slumber parties were for kids? If designers have their way, you'll be showing up to your spring soirees in duds inspired by bedclothes. You can go comfy, sultry or somewhere in-between, as designers like Miu Miu, Balenciaga, Loewe and **Sonia Rykiel** have given us plenty of options. Whether you choose a lace-trimmed, lingerie-inspired slip dress, a sheer nightshirt or a silky pantsuit reminiscent of PJs, this look will take you from benefit to beddy-bye in style.

**5. Shiny Showstoppers.** Sequins and shiny fabrics will be everywhere this spring. Designers like **Marc Jacobs** and **Alber Elbaz** for Lanvin adorned sophisticated Roaring Twenties-inspired frocks with sequins, while others used



**FROM LEFT:** Tie-dye from Altuzarra; a vintage vibe from Dolce & Gabbana; romance rules at Erdem; lingerie looks from Alexander Wang.



metrical numbers to one-shoulder styles and lots of cutouts. Designers like **Nicole Miller**, **Wes Gordon** and **Givenchy** jumped on the shoulder-baring trend, so you'll be seeing the look on everything from tops and dresses to coats and even jumpsuits.

**2. Relaxed Romantic.** Puffed sleeves, high collars and other Victorian details may have dominated fall fashion, but spring is all about a much less fussy feminism. Erdem and Philosophy di Lorenzo Serafini were among the design houses that rolled out easy, breezy, ladylike details such as lightweight ruffles, sheer fabrics and creamy pastel hues. These clothes whisper "spring is here" in a laid-back, frolic-through-the-daisies way, especially when accessorized with simple flats and a playful attitude.

**3. Spanish Sensations.** Fashion will be heating up along with the weather, thanks to the many designers who peppered their collections with a little Latin spice. The country that gave us flamenco dancing, bullfighting and sultry Mediterranean breezes inspired **Michael Kors**, **Oscar de la Renta**, Proenza Schouler and **Roberto Cavalli**, who paraded vibrant, fiesta-ready clothes down their runways. If there's ever been a time to add some Spanish sizzle to your wardrobe with tiered ruffles and fiery shades of red and saffron, it's right now.

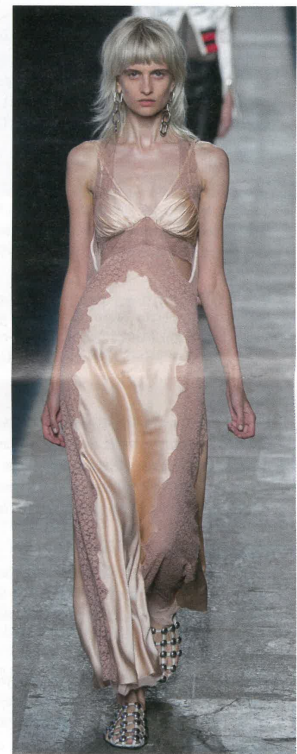
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the shimmery stuff to glam up more modern silhouettes. Reflective leathers, lamé and crinkled silks were also popular materials—especially in silver. The most gleaming trend? Silver pants, which designers like **Isabel Marant** paraded down the runways to add flash to otherwise conservative ensembles.

**6. Sassy Stripes.** Whether vertical or horizontal, bold or refined, swirly or conventional, stripes in compelling color combinations were all over the runways. Missoni, Prada, Marco de Vincenzo and Ferragamo all embraced graphic patterns in their collections. Marc Jacobs showed his stripes in a patriotic color palette of red, white and blue, while **Ralph Lauren** used his to convey a nautical theme. No matter how you wear your stripes this season, you'll be right on-trend.

**7. Good Jeans.** While lightweight seasonal denim is nothing revolutionary, this year the all-American fabric has a highly nostalgic vibe. Lovers of skinny jeans, don't say we didn't warn you: Slouchy, high-waisted, '90s-inspired styles are making a comeback. So is printed denim (especially florals), '70s-style patchwork (a leftover trend from fall), and long (some even floor-grazing) denim skirts. **Dries Van Noten**, Marc Jacobs, **Stella McCartney** and Chanel were just a few of the designers who were feeling blue for spring.





**8. Fabrics to Dye For.** The quintessential bohemian look is no longer just for T-shirts. Tie-dye is now seeping into dresses, separates, outerwear and even swimwear in a wide assortment of color palettes. And what better place to wear this DIY look than right here in San Francisco, home of the counterculture revolution and its tie-dye-wearing hippies. Designers such as BCBG Max Azria, Raquel Allegra and Altuzarra will be offering a kaleidoscope of tie-dye options, reviving a street-inspired trend that Halston introduced in the 1960s.

**9. Prodigious Plaid.** Move over, autumn wool tartans. Plaid is back for spring, and it's bigger and bolder than ever. Many designers have supersized this iconic print, infusing it with fresh colors and larger, more abstract patterns—finally giving it some street cred. From **Victoria Beckham's** deep-V, black-and-white plaid pencil dresses and **Wes Gordon's** easygoing, multicolored midi frocks, to MSGM's cool, oversized plaid coats, this is one of the most wearable looks of the season—and one that lets you be both classic and cool.

**10. Nostalgic Vintage.** Sure, vintage has been the "thing" for the past several seasons. But this time around, designers have assembled a hodgepodge of trends from a variety of eras, resulting in mash-up outfits that look as if they were borrowed not only from your mother's closet, but your grandmother's (and possibly great-grandma's), too. Gucci sent models down the runway in quirky, estate-sale-worthy necktie blouses, ankle socks and purses, while Marc Jacobs channeled Old Hollywood starlets with sparkly brooches, pin-up-girl short sets and fur-trimmed collars. **NHG**

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FROM LEFT: Bared shoulders from Prabal Gurung; sassy stripes from Emporio Armani.

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