

Fashion Forecast

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Black & White

A classic becomes an essential pairing this summer.

Best Dressed

A swingy dress is the must-have for summer.

Slip one on in the morning — so quick and easy — and you'll look great all day. We also love the freshness of clear beads — one of the season's hottest jewelry trends.

Look for pieces made with white topaz, Swarovski crystal, Lucite and clear plastics, moonstone, resin, quartz, and glass. Other jewelry you won't want to be without: stacking rings, stretch bracelets, and a locket.



Cropped jacket over a dress

You're all set for either hot sun or cool air conditioning in a jacketed dress.



Wide headbands

Bold animal prints are easy to wear in small doses. Or, try a homespun black-and-white check.



Animal prints

A stylized animal print feels fresh and chic.



Clear bracelets

Contemporary designs have faceted stones that are set in shiny silver. Also look for pieces with stones that are carved or embellished with crystals.

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Peep-toe slingbacks

The iconic summer shoe looks great this season with a cork or wooden heel.

Graphic Prints

Go global with ethnic-inspired patterns.

Locket

Spring's oversized pendant has evolved into summer's locket. Look for styles with engraving, monograms, or extra charms.

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Stacking rings

Try mixing metals; these rings are made of rose, yellow, and white gold.

Chic colors

Cobalt blue gives a nod to bold '80s colors, and yellow with white, brown, or gray is a superfresh combo this summer.

Nude patent-leather accessories

Nude is the newest way to wear patent leather.



Eyelet

You'll see this handmade look everywhere.

Clear necklaces

A long two-strand necklace is a throwback to superlong flapper necklaces. To keep it modern, wear one with chain and clear beads.



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Stretch bracelets

Colorful, chunky, and playful. You can wear a single bracelet accented with a charm or stack three or more together.



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White dresses

Find a white dress in a soft fabric, and you'll be ultra fashionable. If it has a dropped-waist — all the better.

Bold colors

To wear a strong color without looking brazen, try just a touch of it in an accessory. You can't go wrong this summer with cobalt blue.

