

Fashion Forecast

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Spring brings BOLD JEWELRY

Spring trends include jewelry with a hand-crafted feel — big, detailed, and a little rough around the edges. Chain is still everywhere and fiber continues to weave its way into new designs. You'll find the same trends in clothing, too (dramatic styles, thoughtful details, asymmetry).

3 MUST-HAVE JEWELRY PIECES

1. HUGE PENDANT

Ornate drops, filigree medallions, and grouped, bezel-set cabochons — these pieces have been hammered, patinated, or dinged up a little so they look aged.

2. CUFF OR BANGLE

Bold is an understatement. Many of these are set with multiple gems, wrapped in fabric, or made of mixed metals.

3. COCKTAIL RING

Think of it as a bangle for your finger. Classic rings sport a single stone with geometric embellishments. Casual pieces come in fun shapes, like flowers. And a romantic ring might have a bird perched atop a shank that looks like a branch.



THE HOT MATERIALS

1. CHAIN

It's the staple this season, even in a beaded strand or accompanied by a pendant. Metallic clothing and accessories shine on, with copper joining gold and silver on the runways.

2. FIBERS

We like this ribbon-wrapped cuff and these crocheted earrings — the use of rhinestones and beads gives them a handmade look.

3. GEMSTONES

Rarely will you see a piece of jewelry that doesn't have at least a little rock. Most have one large gemstone, multiple small gemstones, or both.



Plenty of chain drapes around this oversized pendant.



DO IT YOURSELF



Embolden a simple spring dress with lots of pearl strands (p. 102).



Wear a big pendant on a three-strand necklace (p. 50) or with carved emeralds (p. 30).

HE SAID, SHE SAID

The menswear trend is still going strong. Pair an oversized menswear-type shirt with skinny jeans, or wear a shirtdress. A wide belt will go with either. Pleats, pintucks, and ruffles keep the look from being too masculine. If you like a more feminine silhouette, short tulip- and bell-shaped skirts with gathers are an alternative to ultra-short miniskirts. On chilly days, grab a capelike A-line jacket with three-quarter-length sleeves.



ON POINTE



Dancewear is influencing spring styles. Layer tissue-thin camisoles, tees, and wrap cardigans and pair them with ballet skirts in gauzy fabrics. (For a dash of '80s style, add a raw-edged *Flashdance*-style tee.) Ballet flats are everywhere in pastels, metallics, patent leather and quilting. Our favorite details: buttons, buckles, chains, and bows.



LAID-BACK STYLE

Sportswear and denim are in this spring, so being fashion-forward is almost effortless. Our favorite looks: Throw a satin parka over a dress, or try a pleated tennis-style skirt with a tank and streetwise sneakers. An anorak or a bomber jacket and a pair of track pants are a cool pick when winter's still mid-thaw. The detail we love: racing stripes on pieces like leggings or vintage jackets. If you're into khaki, pick up cargo pants (cropped or full length) or a trench coat. Denim dresses, skirts, and, of course, pants are in. Try the still-popular skinny pants or the new wide-leg trousers that are everywhere.



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