

# Seasonal Chic

## Cool Trends for a Hot Spring/Summer 2008

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**Floral Prints:** All fashionistas know that the floral trend for this season is in full bloom. Designers such as Ralph Lauren, Balenciaga, Prada and Stella McCartney are avoiding grandma's closet and updating this flirty trend. Whether it's scattered wild-flowers, blurred motifs or hand-painted treatments, this trend is a flower powerhouse. You can make a statement in a long boho-chic dress from Etro or add an accessory like Betsey Johnson's peep-toe heels.

**Glam Shades:** Sunglasses are not only protection for your eyes, they also make a fashion statement. If you are looking to pick up a new pair of sunglasses, make them bold, glamorous and beautiful. Choose an old school frame like the original Ray Ban Wayfarers, Aviators from Marc by Marc Jacobs or the Jackie-O inspired from Oliver Peoples. These types of glasses just scream style and confidence.

**Sexy Swimwear:** Ok ladies, it's that time of year again! This season, make a splash in this season's hottest swimwear. Choose from multi-color crochet like the ones from Missoni or sexy white suits with gold details from Michael Kors. One piece suits from American Apparel or Eres are stunning and keep you looking and feeling cool on hot spring and summer days.

**Elegant Neutrals:** Although colors are popular for this season, earthy and neutral tones are sophisticated and sexy. This season, Calvin Klein incorporated all shades and textures of neutrals, not just monochromatic tones for an updated look. Don't get lost in just taupes and tans however — add in some flesh tones to brighten up your outfit. The colors may be neutral, but they all stand out.



**Gladiator Shoes:** The Roman Empire may have fell, but gladiator shoes are on the rise. However, this trend is not for the faint of heart. Bold and funky, this new trend makes a loud statement every time. Downplay Balenciaga's knee high version with colors in black, nude or metallic. Whether worn as a flat, heel or wedge, Gladiator shoes are this season's hottest accessory

**Fearless Chic:** Go on girls, the world is your runway! Dare to dream, as this season is full of avant-garde fashion. Designer collections are filled with extreme heights, widths and details. Try a high-waist pencil skirt from D&G, wide-leg jeans from Hudson in Love Story or Giuseppe Zanotti cut-out platforms. Stick to accentuating one piece and keep the rest of your look simple and sweet.