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"Sneakers have been trendy for several seasons and now I'm seeing them with unlikely outfits. Neon sneakers with a dress? Can it work in real life?"—Lola

#### DEAR LOLA:

For anybody who's ever looked to put a spring in their step, sneakers are definitely the way to go. They can instantly make you feel young and hip. Whether they're high-tops, Conversestyle, studded, sequined or wedge-heeled, new sneakers will add an air of casual cool to any outfit. Just remember: tread carefully when it comes to wearing sneakers with dresses.

While they may be hotter than ever this season, runners have been around for a long, long time. The Bata Shoe Museum's newest exhibition, "Out of the Box: The Rise of Sneaker Culture," examines the fashion phenomenon, from the late 1800s to the latest couture offerings. "Today, well-dressed men pair sneakers with everything from jeans to suits, and, increasingly, sneakers are being advocated as options for fashionable women," says senior curator Elizabeth Semmelhack."Wearing sneakers with dresses creates a look that is fresh and youthful with a slight 1980s retro vibe. Yet, unlike the '80s iteration, which was rebellious yet childish, today's look is more sophisticated."

I've got to hand it to my youngest daughter, Joey. For her high school prom a few years back she wore a gorgeous Joeffer Caoc gown, complete with tiny fabric angel wings glued to her back. On her feet-you guessed it-the style rebel wore black and white Converse sneakers.

I cringed when I saw her, of course. But by the end of the night, her feet were pain-free, resulting in a perfectly comfortable time. The spirited look seemed pretty off to me, but in retrospect, she was celebrating the last vestiges of youth-and her sneakers certainly spoke to that.

Choosing the right style and colour is important. If you don't have long legs, stick with soft, neutral shades that help elongate them. And everyone should avoid wearing actual workout shoes with a dress, otherwise you'll give off the "just on my way to-or from-the gym" vibe.

Need more incentive? Old classic looks like Converse sneakers were seen everywhere at last month's Coachella music festival. Dree Hemingway was snapped on the red carpet in a Marc Jacobs shirt-dress paired with simple white tennis sneakers and Diane Kruger made waves at the French Open last year in a pair of pink



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-NATASHA BRUNO/PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADRIAN ARMSTRONG





Spring 2013

Marios Schwab minidress. The adorable outfit certainly didn't harm her status on any best-dressed list. There's a time and place for everything in fashion, and that even includes sneakers.

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H&M FOR TEAM SWEDEN

It's a busy year for H&M: launching Europe's new luxury arm &Other

Stories, scoring Beyoncé as the new face (and body) of the 2013 ad

The athletes will return the favour by helping to create H&M's Sport

campaign and now it has signed a contract to dress the Swedish

Olympic and Paralympic teams in Russia 2014 and Brazil 2016.

label, which will be available worldwide in January 2014. -C.G.

Known for its luxury accessories, Toronto's Augustina boutique launches its e-commerce site this month. No more fretting about dressing up to stroll around the shop's chic Yorkville 'hood; the site will carry hard-to-find labels like Karen Zambos and Me&Ro. Don your PJs and visit augustinaboutiques.com. -Courtney Greenberg



necklace, \$125 and \$80, cestjoli.com 3. BERRY BLAST

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Lavender, \$28 each, sephora.com 4. RAFFIA AFFAIR

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The colours and woven texture in these straw-embellished

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Beauty Matte Crème Lipstick in Pastille Rosebud and Pastille



Launched in 1989, Versus was Donatella Versace's first label, which she ran under brother Gianni's supervision, until it folded in 2005. Four years later, the label made a brief comeback collection with Christopher Kane. This summer Donatella will collaborate with designer J.W. Anderson to resurrect Versus once more. The line launches mid May and if you're really keen check in at versusversace.com where the countdown is already on! -C.G.



Issa London, a brand whose dresses have been favoured by Kate Middleton, has announced a limitededition Banana Republic collaboration. The line is inspired by the retailer's safari-look roots and will pay tribute in offerings that feature zebra- and leopard-print designs, with neutrals and jewel tones. The 40-piece collection runs from \$70 to \$150 for apparel and \$40 to \$150 for jewellery and accessories. Look for it on August 6 online and at select Banana Republic locations. -Kiley Bell



Balenciaga Spring 2013

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# SPOTTED VE GOLD Step aside statement baubles: Refined gold jewellery in clean

and simple shapes is elegant and easy to wear -INGRIE WILLIAMS

#### GILT TRIP

A little pavé goes a long way, especially in this understated horseshoe necklace. John Hardy 18-karat gold with diamond pendant necklace, \$2,940, at select Holt Renfrew stores

## GOLD DIGGER

Geometric shapes make for an instantly updated collar necklace. Dean Davidson 22-karat gold-plated brass necklace, \$175, deandavidson.ca

GOLDEN GIRL A modern take on the hoop earring boasts a sleek silhouette. Biko 14-karat gold earrings, \$55, ilovebiko.com

#### BANGLE BEAUTY Try a graceful reprieve from that tangle of bracelets. Elsa Peretti 18-karat gold Wave Nine-Row Bracelet, \$5,600, Tiffany & Co., tiffany.ca



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Jacob polyester blouse, \$45

# FLOWER POWER

A feminine floral blouse updates your spring wardrobe on the cheap



Jayma Mays

Rachel Bilson

#### FLIRTY FLORALS

An eye-catching print takes centre stage when balanced with solid-coloured shorts in a complimentary shade. Jayma Mays gets it just right.

#### **ROCKING BLOOM**

A floaty blouse provides the perfect contrast to sexy leather shorts and open-toe booties. Rachel Bilson nails feminine rock 'n' roll style.

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# STYLE PHILOSOPHY HOW TO WEAR PATTERN AND COLOUR AT ANY AGE.

BY CARRIE KIRKMAN

**Fashion is something I live and breathe.** Not just as a spectator, but as an active participant. As President of Jones Group Canada, it's my job to shepherd our brands (including *Jones New York, Anne Klein* and *RACHEL Rachel Roy*) through the fast and furious world of fashion. This means knowing what's going on both locally and globally throughout the seasons. But, it also means understanding women.

The very concept of a trend has changed in the last decade. It seems there used to be one fixed set of rules to follow, but now women have a wealth of choice. And while it can sometimes be difficult to navigate trends with confidence, it's time for you to step out of your comfort zone and embrace at least one fashion piece in a vibrant colour or pattern.

## COLOUR-BLOCKING OFFERS BIG IMPACT

The coral and pink pairing in this chic and spirited *RACHEL Rachel Roy* ensemble is ideal for the adventurous. Alternatively, try incorporating a print into your look, whether it's a bold graphic or a large-scale floral. Print and pattern in denim are also big for the season, offering a new and playful take on your favourite casual staple. If you've been waiting for fashion to catch up to your style, there are so many fabulous, bold and colourful prints that you can just step right into.

RACHEL Rachel Roy Layer Dress, \$109, and Blazer; \$179.

# HOT, WITH JUST A HINT OF PRINT

If you're inexperienced with wearing patterns,

## ACCESSORIES



# SPECS APPEAL

No longer just for librarians, eye glasses are everywhere and they're bang on-trend

BY GLYNNIS MAPP

Only 3.2 per cent of Canadians aged 15 and older reported having some type of visual impairment in 2006. What used to be a necessity for the near- and far-sighted is now a fashion statement for those with 20/20 vision, as quick and impactful as a swipe of red lipstick.

No one does adorkable like the Golden Globe-nominated star of *New Girl*, actress Zoe Deschanel; Tina Fey is our comedy (and feminist) idol, and Alicia Keys wore Clearly Contacts frames in her "Brand new me" video. (We *had* to have them and bonus: it's a Canadian brand). Jeanne Beker, fashion broadcaster and a contributing editor to *The Kit* has her own eyewear line with the brand Fysh.

And original frames are being revived, too. Claire Goldsmith has relaunched her greatgrandfather's eyewear brand, Oliver Goldsmith, making his sunglasses from the 1950s through to the 1980s available to the masses. She also created her own Claire Goldsmith line of super-chic frames in 2009.

Some of our favourite fashion muses are on board, too: J. Crew's creative director and style guru Jenna Lyons frequently wears hers and even had models sporting chunky frames in her Spring 2013 collection. J. Crew also recently invested in eyewear e-shop Warby Parker, a sign that if you ever had doubts about embracing frames, it's time to ditch them.

# get framed

Four eyewear experts on how to get the most flattering fit for your face shape

# FACE: OVAL

Play against your facial contours, says Emma Craigon, head stylist, Spectacle Toronto. "Luckily, if you have an oval face, you have a balanced forehead, cheekbones and jaw, which means most frames will work on you."

YOUR STYLE: ANYTHING GOES

# FACE: ROUND

"Juxtapositions work best," says Neil Blumenthal, co-founder of Warby Parker. People with softer, rounder facial features should wear angular, geometric frames to help define cheekbones."

YOUR STYLE: SQUARE AND STRUCTURED



look for subtle small-scale prints or even textural patterns. For a more tempered take on the trend, I suggest one fabulous piece of colour, like a beautiful, bright jacket or cardigan. Take a cue from *Anne Klein* and pair a complementary colour that pulls from the print itself. A neutral-coloured trouser or skirt diffuses the "heat" of this lively combination and helps the entire look strike a perfect balance between on-trend and classic.

Anne Klein Three-quarter Sleeve V-Neck Cardigan, \$99, and Reef Print Blouse, \$89.

## THE CALMING EFFECT OF WHITE

This gorgeous *Jones New York* outfit incorporates both colour and pattern, but also features plenty of white, which neutralizes the look and gives it a sense of timeless elegance. (Oh so very Michelle Obama, don't you think?) The ladylike silhouette and flattering hemline also make this look fabulous at any age.

Jones New York Collection Sleeveless Blouse, \$79, and Pleated Skirt, \$89.

If you adopt trends in ways that complement your existing wardrobe, you'll evolve through the seasons and add pieces with longevity. Stores such as *Hudson's Bay* are a playground for selection and style experimentation for women of every age. The key is to try something new and have fun along the way.

With more than 25 years of experience in brand building for top fashion labels, Carrie Kirkman is a leader in the Canadian fashion industry. Follow her on Twitter: @CarrieKirkman







Anne et Valentin Factory Twelve eyeglasses, \$435, spectaclelovesyou.com

# *FACE: SQUARE*

"Choose frames that make the face appear longer and softer," says Amin Mamdani of Josephson Opticians. "Frames should be more horizontal than vertical, wider than the widest part of the face and have weight on top."

YOUR STYLE: BIG, WIDE AND BOLD



Bevel Rotoonda eyeglasses, \$475, at Josephson stores, josephson.ca



**The Winston** Walnut Tortoise, \$120, warbyparker.com

# FACE: HEART

"People with heart-shaped faces should wear the ultra feminine vintage cat-eye style," says Marie Wilkinson, design director, Cutler and Gross. "Choose a frame that angles outwards at the top."

#### YOUR STYLE: ULTRA-FEMININE CAT-EYE



Cutler and Gross Russian Blue eyeglasses, \$455, cutlerandgross.com

# peepers that pop

Pro makeup tips for bespectacled beauties

#### IF YOU WEAR STANDOUT FRAMES

"Go for bold, colorful eye makeup," says Rimmel make-up pro Vanessa Jarman, who wears glasses herself. Colour shy? "Try a 1950s cat-eye and a red lip. It's classic." Right, **Rimmel London** Kate Moss Lasting Finish Matte Lipstick in #111 Red, \$8, at mass retailers





#### IF YOU WEAR SIMPLE FRAMES

"Try a smoky eye or a simple application of one or two of your favourite shades all over the lid," Jarman says. "Focus the eyeshadow application on your eyelids." Left, **Rimmel London** Glam'Eyes Mono Eye Shadow in Silver Moonlight, \$5, at mass retailers



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# ON THE COVER VEARLY NUDE

Our beauty aspirations laid bare: Radiant skin is where it's at. Here's how to get a glowing, luminous complexion for every skin tone BY DEBORAH FULSANG • PHOTOGRAPHY: CHRIS NICHOLLS

# FAIR ISLE

First, create a picture-perfect canvas by evening out your skin tone with moisturizing foundation and concealer. GLOWING GOAL: To enhance, not mask, so go lightly and let your freckles show.

CLOCKWISE: HYDRATE & PROTECT Clinique Moisture Surge CC Cream with SPF 30 in Medium, \$40, Shoppers Drug Mart, Murale, clinique.com. JET-SETTER BRONZE chanel.ca. BETTER BLENDER Finish Soho Foundation Brush, \$15, Walmart, Shoppers Drug Mart, Murale VELVETY COVERAGE Nars Radiant Creamy Concealer in Ginger, \$30, sephora.ca, narscosmetics.ca. ALL-DAY BASE CoverGirl Outlast Stay Fabulous 3-in-1 Foundation in Classic Ivory, \$15, Shoppers Drug Mart, Murale

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Accentuate cheekbones and the sparkle of your eyes with strategically placed highlighter. GLOWING GOAL: Focus on the high planes of the face—above cheekbones, under brows and in the centre of the upper lip.



TOP TO BOTTOM: SUPER BLENDER BRUSH Aerin Essentials Collection Kabuki Brush, \$52, esteelauder.ca A GARDEN OF TINTS Elizabeth Arden Pure Finish Radiant Bronzing Powder in Warm, \$40, Elizabeth Arden counters LET YOUR GLOW SHOW Chanel Poudre Universelle Libre in Rose Clair 22, \$60, Chanel counters, chanel.ca A SHEER SHINE MAC Paint Pot in Let's Skate, \$22, maccosmetics.com BRIGHT EYES Smashbox Photo Op Under Eye brightener, \$22, smashboxcanada.com Model wears Parker silk top, \$225, Holt Renfrew stores

## OLIVE GLOW Next, play up your cheekbones

and create shadow with colour. GLOWING GOAL: To gently sculpt your face with different shades of bronzer, finishing with a swipe of healthy-glow blush.

CLOCKWISE: A DUSTING FOR CHEEKS AND DÉCOLLETAGE Estée Lauder Bronze Goddess Powder in Medium, \$40, Estée Lauder counters, esteelauder.ca A NO-FUSS, NO-BRUSH FORMULA Laura Mercier Crème Cheek Color in Praline, \$30, Holt Renfrew stores, sephora.ca, lauramercier.com IRRESISTIBLY PRETTY TINTS Guerlain Terracotta 4 Seasons Bronzing Powder in Nude, \$82, Guerlain counters, guerlain.com INSTANT PICK-ME-UP Joe Fresh Powder Blush in Melon, \$6, Joe Fresh stores











TESTING, TESTING



Complaining about the torturously slow transition to spring we're enduring in Ontario is reaching Olympic levels. It's stunning, really, how many ways my Twitter stream can kvetch about the unseasonably cold temperatures. Isn't it clear that this sunny-but-cold, don't-even-think-aboutopen-toe-shoes weather is mother nature's way of giving you a beauty grace period?

In spring a young woman's fance period In spring a young woman's fancy turns to thoughts of exfoliation. Months of cold, dry winds and overheated interiors means you're about to reveal some seriously dry skin. Are you ready? I thought not. Obviously there's an industrial-strength pedicure in my imminent future but I decided to start my own beauty spring cleaning at the top with my face, that is. Does skin care need to be as seasonal as our clothes? I headed to Toronto's Glow Medi Spa (129 Yorkville Ave., Toronto) to find out.

Beauty insiders are addicted to the range of treatments available at Glow's tranquil, Yorkville spot—from big-gun Fraxel lasers to more traditional facials, plus several hard-to-find home skin-care ranges. Facialist Gabriela Madrid starts my treatment by taking a close look at my face.

"Winter can leave your skin looking dull and dry, which can contribute to the wrinkling of your skin," says Madrid. After cleansing, she applies a mask that immediately heats up and begins to tingle. The pattern the mask leaves on my skin after its wiped off shows Madrid where I need attention.

Madrid beams the world's brightest spot light on my face and hands me a mirror. Lordy. My skin is mostly pink—that's a good thing—but around my eyes, lips and neck there are patches of white. "That's where you don't have enough circulation," says Madrid. I believe this to be a nice, facialist's way of saying it's where my skin is showing signs of aging.

After a light enzyme mask to exfoliate a winter's worth of dry and dead skin, Madrid asks me if I'm claustrophobic. Not too much, I say, why? The facial she thinks my skin needs is made of collageninfused paper, which she applies, wets and builds up, creating a hard mask.

I'm hoping the results are worth the subtle, buried-alive feeling building in my chest.

Just then, Madrid peels it all off, revealing the dewiest skin I've had in years. It feels comfortable and is not at all red, as many facials have left me.

As I leave, Madrid hands me a small container of Dr. Babor collagen cream to make the effects of my facial last longer.

Madrid recommends modifying your athome routine at this time of year by "switching your rich, winter cream for a light oil-free moisturizer, adding a serum like vitamin C or collagen to give your skin a boost, an exfoliating cleanser, scrub or enzyme and, last but not least, a broad-spectrum SPF." The next day my skin looks even

better than when I walked out of Glow. It takes me awhile to put my finger on what's different. It's not that my fine lines have been erased, but something else is

there too. I look rested. And isn't that the best way to face spring? Ceri Marsh is a best-selling author and co-creator of the food and family website SweetPotatoChronicles.com. Ceri had

the collagen booster therapy facial, \$225 & ultimate repair cleanser, \$45, at Glow Medi Spa, glowmedispa.ca

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# Jane Larkworthy

Beauty Director, W Magazine; New York Mark THE COVETEUR



As W's beauty director, Jane Larkworthy oversees all the magazine's beauty content, so we were shocked when she revealed she sticks to tried-and-true products. "How can you pick when new cool stuff comes along every day?" she asks. She was sporting a next-level manicure, though. "This look is DIY," she says. (OPI When Monkeys Fly over Nars Storm Bird, in case you were wondering.) Then we swooned over her colour-coordinated bookshelf and closet filled with one-of-a-kind designer vintage. "I only wear the occasional piece," she says. Well, she certainly knows how to pick them.



CLOCKWISE: Jane Larkworthy walks her dog; some of Jane's fave things including a Zero + Maria Cornejo jacket, a pink Viktor & Rolf clutch and an Yves Saint Laurent skirt; an Hermès bracelet and assorted nail polish; her coffee table during The Coveteur photo shoot.

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