

Fashion FORECAST

Flirtatious Looks For A Fashionable Year

(NAPSA)—Fun and feminine. According to those in the know, these two words will dominate fashion in the coming year.

To help you get your wardrobe ready, fashion experts at dressbarn, a leading retailer and authority on women's fashion, have compiled their annual "Hot List for 2006"—an outlook on the upcoming trends.

According to dressbarn's general merchandising manager, Keith Fulsher, the Top 10 Tips for building a hot wardrobe for 2006 include:

1. Choose clothing with warm yet vibrant earth tones, including blues and peach/oranges.

2. Step into a novelty skirt. One with fun, flirty patterns can brighten your mood. Ensure that it has a full silhouette and special details, like a ribbon trim or sequins.

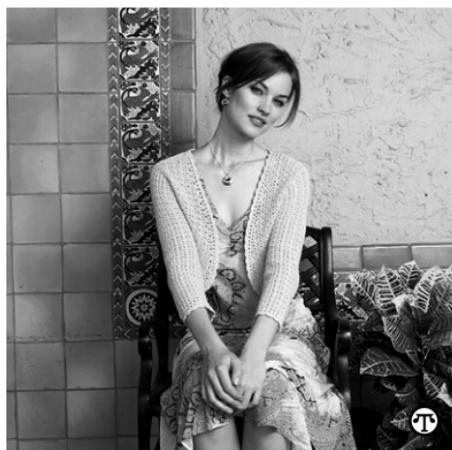
3. Pick out a special embellished top. Who says sequins are for evening wear? Add a bolero jacket to your wardrobe but one with special elements, like beading or embroidery.

4. Get in the mood with romantic blouses made of crinkly fabric and lace touches to flatter any figure.

5. Utility bottoms are Cargos with a twist. Drawstring hems and zippered pockets create this look.

6. What is old is new again! Vintage prints return but with flair, such as sequins and silk-screened patterns.

7. The casual jacket will be a hot trend this year. Think tailored



This year, simple utilitarian styles with snazzy touches to make them stand out will be all the rage.

safari jackets with interesting cuffs and zippers.

8. The peasant dress is the sexiest item you should own this year. It will be essential for spring or summer. Look for a dress in earth tones and with a full skirt.

9. The crop pant remains a wardrobe essential. It is perfect in the winter with boots or in the spring with sandals.

10. Accessories can complete any look in 2006. The theme for jewelry is natural, natural, natural. Earthy necklaces and bracelets in wood and natural stones are a hot look. For handbags and shoes, look for brass hardware and wood wedges and studs. This utilitarian look will complete any ensemble.

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