

# Fashion TRENDS

## Pattern Is The Name Of The Game

(NAPSA)—Many of this season's most flattering looks make tantalizing use of traditional patterns.

Whether it's a short Jackie O-inspired jacket in houndstooth or a flutter-sleeve baby-doll top in a lush gold-leaf floral, these artfully patterned clothes are bold, bright and memorable, especially when it comes to plus-size fashions.

According to Figure magazine, these are the designs that define the season:

- **Argyle:** This diamond-shaped knit pattern features solid and outline shapes in multiple colors. It's adapted from the distinct tartan pattern of the Argyle branch of the Scottish Campbell clan.

- **Floral and botanical:** Stylized and realistic floral sprouted on tapestries and toiles, chintzes and calicoes and much more.

- **Houndstooth:** Two colors of wool used by Scottish weavers to create a pattern of broken checks resembling jagged canine teeth. Once known as a man's fabric, the pattern has made a fashion comeback: Look for it on sunglasses, purses and upholstery.

- **Paisley:** Stylized teardrop pattern named for a Scottish town, it originated in ancient Persia. Weavers from India in the Kashmir region worked the scroll designs into luxurious wool (cashmere) shawls that inspired an 18th and 19th century British fashion trend.

- **Plaid or tartan:** Many checkered designs are created by intersecting stripes or bars that cross each other at right angles. The rich variety originated with the Scottish tradition of each clan having its own distinct design or



**This sexy, flutter-sleeve baby doll swings as you sway in a golden glow of abstract foliage punctuated by minimetalllic dots.**

tartan woven into a traditional wool garment. Over time, plaid has come to be used interchangeably with tartan.

- **Stripes** are a perennial pattern derived from nature. Modern stripes deck everything from mattresses (ticking stripes) and men's suits (pinstripes) to canvas beach huts (cabana stripes) and candy canes (candy stripes).

Bright, beautiful patterns can be a girl's best friend, especially when used judiciously to highlight her best features. Editors at Figure magazine suggest using these patterns in pullovers and button-ups paired with dark pants or skirts. Check the magazines' fashion pages for a fashion pattern to flatter.

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