

Pretty, Easy, Fun Sums Up Spring Fashion

(NAPSA)—This season's fashion is truly about fun-pretty clothes that are easy to wear.

"Whether you choose earthy bohemian looks or classic '50s, feminine silhouettes, the mood is definitely relaxed," explains Laura McDowell, T.J. Maxx fashion spokesperson. "Clothes and accessories focus on lively color, ethnic styling, floral prints and feminine detailing."

Bring back the 1950s with a color palette that includes every shade of blue and green-turquoise, teal, indigo, mint and aqua. As much as bright colors are in, white has never looked so right. Pinks and oranges round out the spectrum.

Dresses and skirts epitomize spring's easy way; you can't go wrong with a flowing empire halter, a pretty circle skirt that makes you want to twirl, or a tube dress with floral embroidery, ribbon ties and a matching cardigan.

Pair a simple white tank with a colorful crocheted skirt for casual chic. Other top choices: elaborate Grecian tops with pleats, silk camisoles, floral cropped jackets and ballet-inspired wrap sweaters.

"Keep in mind proportion is key," says McDowell. "Short fitted jackets look great with full skirts or knee length capris; long tunics complement the back-in-style Bermuda shorts."

Indulge in accessories. Consider the classic cowboy hat, a brightly colored striped look or floppy straw-brimmed hat. Bags run the gamut from colorful leathers to straw, metallic and even snakeskin. Taupe and neutral toned bags are also trendy; floral appliqué bags are essential.

Shoes make the outfit—look for colored sling backs and sandals in bright colors or tweed prints. Both heels and flats are equally fashion-



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able. Also in style: moccasins, wedge espadrilles and ballet flats. Bold jewelry adds the finishing touch—a colorful multi-strand necklace, delicate chandelier earrings or sparkly rhinestone brooch.

Five Fashionable Looks:

- Pair something white with something bright.
- Consider floral prints, big and small.
- Wear a pretty summer dress.
- Try a top with sequins, pleats or cable knit design.
- Indulge in at least one fun accessory: wide-brimmed hat, colorful sandals or a floral bag.

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