

# FASHION FOCUS



## Jewelry Is Key To This Spring's "Season Of The Flirt"

(NAPSA)—Fashion designers around the world are forecasting this spring as flirtatious, feminine and fun. Among their sexy new creations are lingerie-inspired bustiers and corsets that reveal the body; demure laces with seductive peek-a-boo details; layers of ruffles cascading down a skirt; exotic prints; and vibrant colors.

What makes a woman even more alluring when wearing these flirty clothes? The sparkling accent of fine jewelry that lets her add personal flair to the latest fashions.

For this spring, according to jewelry design experts at the Gemological Institute of America (GIA), jewelry will be feminine and elegant, using classical materials interpreted in a fresh way. Topping the must-have list are long, linear earrings, or bold, thin hoops; layered or beaded colored gem necklaces; multi-row diamond rings; and all manner of flowers, hearts and charms.

Jewelry designers, like other artists, are inspired by diverse elements in their environment, such as architecture, nature, and popular culture. While few actually coordinate their designs with the current fashion trend, each season has its own statement, and the association between jewelry and clothing gets even closer.



**This season's jewelry styles are elegant, classical and feminine—like this multi-row platinum diamond ring.**

Last year's dramatic chandelier earrings were the inspiration for the longer dangles of spring. Everyday styles are shorter—perhaps one to two inches in length; for evening, they can almost touch the shoulders. The best looks combine pastel colored gemstones, like rose quartz or aquamarine, with fine gold chains that catch the light as they move.

With the huge choice of necklines in fashion—from demure boat necks to plunging V's—preferred necklaces are colorful and versatile. Choose a three-to-four row style with small beads or chains, or just mix and match several different lengths together. For the ultimate in versatility, go

for a long rope that can be twisted, doubled, or knotted.

This spring, necklaces aren't the only jewels that are layered in appearance. Designers have created stunning collections of fashion rings, usually composed of several bands of gold that are intertwined or wrapped around the finger. Many, like the popular right hand ring, are covered with diamonds; others are accented with colored gemstones, such as pink sapphires, tourmalines and citrines.

Whatever styles you choose to accent your spring wardrobe, keep in mind that these feminine, flirtatious silhouettes are best accompanied by some type of mobile jewelry. Necklaces, bracelets, and rings sporting dangling charms, earrings shimmering with the body's movement are the perfect choices for this whimsical fashion mood.

Any diamond purchased should come with a GIA Diamond Grading Report, regarded internationally as the most respected laboratory authentication for diamonds. GIA also provides identification reports for colored gemstones.

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