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SPRING FASHION TRENDS

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Dear Orene,

As promised, here is the Spring Fashion Trends issue of my newsletter! I have carefully edited these trends and included suggestions on how to apply them.

I would love feedback on any of my newsletters, as I am always looking to improve them. Please let me know what you think [here](#).

Enjoy!
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**Be Aware and
Beware
of the Latest Trends**

Some trends this season will absolutely make it to the streets and be enjoyed while others

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should never leave the runway. Here's your heads up guide for what to look for - *or look out for* - this spring/summer.

Be aware - there's a floral print explosion going on. If you're a minimalist, choose a solid-colored dress



that has only one or two discreet flowers adorning it. Floral prints can be very colorful or they can be simpler in neutral colors like café au lait and white. Floral can border a hem on a dress or you can mix it all up and wear it from head to toe in a blouse, jacket and pant. How will you bloom this spring?

Beware of the bra as outerwear. The bra went from underwear to an actual focal point of an outfit in several runway shows. The bra was peeking through sheer tops or worn as a standalone garment

Trends to Test

This spring/summer fashion season provides selections that are full of optimism, experimentation, and ideas from the past as well as futuristic looks for the adventurous. Add in the homage to several past decades and you may wonder where to even begin!

If new trends make you nervous, there are great reasons to get past your fear and discover what's new or what's come back in a new way.

Why? You might discover a silhouette that you once wore that suddenly is "in" again and totally suits your body shape. Celebrate! You no longer have to feel left out. Or maybe you've been noticing something in magazines or on other people and you've been curious about it for a while. A color, texture or item could be calling your name. Or you may be looking at your wardrobe and feeling a need for a pick-me-up. New trends can offer fun and flare to what you already own.

Here are some trends that stand out this season that you might want to consider:

Pleats come in every form - wide, narrow, inverted, boxed - you name it! They appear in dresses, skirts of all lengths, loose flowing pants, and even as detail in jackets. This season try a mid-length pleated skirt with a wedge heel for a lunch date with the ladies.

Peplums bring attention to the hips for a touch of feminine. Whether a small flowing ruffle coming off the waist or a voluminous exaggerated peplum that falls halfway to your knee, the eye will be drawn to this flirty new detail. Pair a peplum jacket with a simple form-fitting skirt and be ready for some compliments.

Wide legged trousers are giving us a bit of relief from the skinny pant that has been dominating these past seasons. This flowing look will elongate your legs especially if they nearly hit the floor and conceal the wedges or heels you're wearing with them. If you have a long torso and can wear a high-waisted pant, you'll look even taller! Wear a simple top or a printed silk blouse and add an interesting belt at the waist for great attention

with a high waisted skirt or pant. This look works best in a magazine ad with a lot of airbrushing. Avoid!

Be aware of beautiful color choices this season starting with bright, energetic and optimistic hues. Tangerine orange is this season's showstopper followed by lemon yellow, cherry red, and many shades of green. Opting for something a bit toned down, check out pastels of lilac, chalky pink, mint green and baby blue. White also is a great staple in crisp tailored tops or eyelet lace dresses. Feeling more classic? There's plenty of black and the combination of black and white is a great theme for spring.

Beware of sportswear items being sanctioned for day or eveningwear. This season's nod to jock fashion is just too far out for most people. Wear your sports clothes while

to this new silhouette.

Hats and headbands are a great accessory. This season we can tip our hats to the British royals who helped remind us of how much a hat can add panache to any outfit. Try on the different styles and see what suits you. Is it a bowler? A cloche? A wide-brimmed hat? Add a favorite hat to a dress, skirt suit, or a dressy trouser for a ladylike look. Not one for hats? Try a subtler look with a headband. They can be simple or decorated with feathers, beadwork, or a fabric flower. It's a great way to bring attention to your face.

Dresses over dresses may sound redundant but it's a look with a lot of possibilities for beauty and interest. Dresses in sheer fabrics are being layered over colored or printed dresses for a variation on transparency. Crocheted and/or lace dresses have natural cutouts but layer them over a solid colored dress and you have depth and interest but at the same time you won't be revealing too much.



It may take someone with a little more courage to help you see these or other trend possibilities for yourself. But that's what I'm here for! I'd love to help you delve into some trends this season and come out discovering what looks ideal on you. Let's make that appointment!

Thinking of Spring Cleaning? What About Getting Your Closet Organized for the New Season?

Five Reasons to Ask for Help Before You Purge Your Closet

1. **An image consultant understands timeless fashion,**

playing sports and don't try to turn them into high fashion. Heels with football jerseys or track pants won't make street sense.

Be aware that all skirt and dress lengths are a go! No matter what length you settle on, you won't be worrying about whether it's current or not. From mini to mid-knee, or from mid-calf to floor length, it's all in fashion this spring/summer. Wear your most flattering length and feel confident!

Beware - embroidery or macramé are great details to enjoy this spring. However, this might be best left to teens and youthful girls. If you wore this trend back in the 70's, consider enjoying it once again in small doses like details in handbags or shoes.

Be aware that I am available to help you sort through all this season's trends and selections. You'll never have to wonder

fashion that's not dictated by current trends.

2. **An image consultant recognizes quality fabrics, excellent construction or distinctive details.**
3. **Some accessories and a few clothing items never go out of style and an image consultant can spot them when she sees them.**
4. **An image consultant knows the difference between junk jewelry and great vintage costume jewelry, as well as fine jewelry.**
5. **An image consultant can recognize pieces worth hanging on to and will explain why they're worth keeping.**

Want to find out what's valuable in your closet? Please give me a call or send me an email and we'll set up an appointment. I'd be happy to help you edit your closet and make the most from what you already have!

Post Your Questions regarding wardrobe, style and Image on my [Facebook Business Page](#), and I will be happy to answer them. Also, I would love it if you would "Like" my Page.

All of my previous newsletters (with all of my articles, tips and items of interest) are archived on my website [here](#).

COMPLIMENTARY CHAT

Sometimes you may feel that you are in a fashion rut or that you are looking frumpy and it is time to look more up-to-date. You may not have much time nor inclination to figure out how to put together items you already have in your closet in a new way. Being busy doesn't always allow you time for shopping. Or, perhaps you don't know where to shop to maximize your dollar.

Wouldn't it be helpful to have an expert who can help you with all of this? If you are ready to take some action, schedule a free initial conversation with me by [clicking here](#) and we can explore your challenges and goals.

if you look appropriate or not because I'll use my style eyes and professional image knowledge to help you get it just right!

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