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## **UNIQUELY YOU** **Spring Trends 2014**

Dear Orene,

Spring runway fashion may look like a hit for some but it's a big miss for others. Some looks are hard to imagine wearing. For instance, leather pants are loose and baggy in pastel colors. Some skirts are see-through right through to the underwear and bras are back to being center stage as they're sewn on the outside of garments. If you're planning on shopping this year, you have a right to be nervous! I've edited the trends so you don't have to work so hard to find things that will look great on you this spring/summer season.

I also want to catch you up on some of the things I have been up to. I have given several presentations in the past few months, with different topics including, "New Year, New You/Improve Your Image" and "Investing in Your Visual Credibility to Achieve Your Goals." I have made these fun and interactive, even using myself as a model to show off different ideas, such as how to use accessories and the differences different jackets make. If your group is interested in having me as a speaker, please let me know.

I recently spent three days at the AICI Education Days, and picked up some great ideas!

Enjoy!  
*Orene*

## Runway or Real Way

### On the runway, they did it this way:

Transparent skirts over



granny panties and bare legs left nothing to hide.

### In a real day, do it this way:

Wear an attractive slip underneath a transparent skirt so there is full coverage. This way you won't be worrying about revealing too much.

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Here are some trends that will tempt you.

**All prints** are right on trend and a print dress is a fast fix. Whether it's black and white or multi-colored, just add a neutral shoe and you're good to go.



**Patterned skirts** are a great choice if separates work best on you. Choose one in a slim pencil style. Add a white blouse for an easy pairing.

**An athletic jacket** is in keeping with the sports craze. Keep the bottom half simple by wearing a jean or a form-fitting skirt.



**Wearing gold** in a metallic dress, skirt or top in gold lace, beads or knit will help you feel like royalty.

**Cotton**, with the help of technology, is becoming the super star of fabrics. Double-face cotton poplin and cotton stretch fabrics make it a great choice for work or play.

**Culottes and cropped pants** are great alternatives to shorts or above-the-knee Bermuda shorts. But don't recycle the capris you



High neck crop tops with bare midriffs showing, paired with knee-length skirts.

**In a real day, do it this way:**

Pair a high neck boxy crop top over a lean, long, untucked undershirt in a matching color with a waisted pant. This is the more modest, wearable choice for most people and prevents any possible muffin top.

**On the runway, they did it this way:**



Ruffles so wild and crazy that they seemed to be on steroids made outfits look like fantasy

wore years ago -- they will look dated.

**Pink** in your favorite shade is awaiting your discovery. Pick blush pink, sexy rose pink, neon pink and so many more. It just may be the "new" black! Although "radiant orchid" is the Pantone color of the year, all pinks are the trend.



**Leather jackets** continue to be right on trend. Get a spring version that's lighter weight and maybe even in a lighter color.

**The caftan** returns! Can you see yourself in one? Great for casual weekends, poolside, or entertaining at home.

**The white shirt** is back in a big way and has many variations. Tuck it in, wear it out, pair it with prints, or go stark white from head to toe. Nothing's fresher.

**Backpacks** are back. Fanny packs are too.



**Handbags in vivid pastels** say "spring" a lot faster than those in black or brown.

**Blush Colors, Soft Pinks and Makeup foundation colors are the new neutrals** in clothes. You could fall for sand, creamy beige and tawny shades for sophisticated looks.



**Intense colored pieces in electrified tones of blue, orange, green or red** are great to wear if you feel bold

costumes.

**In a real day, do it this way:**

Wear ruffles that don't



overpower your shape but rather accentuate the parts of your body you want to accentuate.

**On the runway, they did it this way:**

Sweatshirts were embellished with pearls, others with chiffon details, and some were elongated and turned into dresses.

**In a real day, do it this way:**



A decorated sweatshirt can be in your weekend social wear rotation. Dress it up with heels and quality jeans or dress it down with a knee-

or want to be seen.

**Pant choices** are plentiful, from slim to very wide. The most flattering shape is waiting for you to slip into it. Try on a few.

**A sheath or shirtwaist dress** continues to make one-piece dressing easy.

**Pick a pantsuit!** When separates are confusing, pantsuits are effortless. Floral or fauna prints, solid shades, neutrals or brights-you choose. This is a no-fail wardrobe choice.

Renew your love of a memorable decade. Fashion offers looks influenced by the **60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s**. Have a favorite? Let's style it to look modern.



As always, I am here to help you navigate the world of fashion so the best choices end up in your wardrobe. Give me a call and we'll get started.

### 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.

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