

Summertime *and the Style is Easy*



Global Influences. From safari-style details to ethnic-infused prints, you will see hints of this trend moving into everything from suiting to casual separates. The safari jacket gained prominence in the late 60's when Yves Saint Laurent featured it in one of his collections. Since then the style has been a perennial favorite that is just as consistently current as it is consistently classic. The style is invariably reinterpreted season-over-season by the likes of Gucci, Ralph Lauren and Michael Kors just to name a few. The natural companion or complementary trend is the ethnic print; often bold they tie pop colors back to earth tones and offer season appropriate novelty.

The Tunic. With lengths getting longer the tunic is a natural silhouette to reprise its role as the go-to for easy chic summertime dressing. This season the tunic marries itself to the ongoing trend of whisper weight, gauzy or sheer fabrications. Whether styled to convey a boho or mod aesthetic, the blouse lends itself to a jean or legging as easily as it does to a fluid skirt and low-slung belt. The tunic has a broad audience as it boasts a very friendly silhouette and has been adopted this season by the likes of Piazza Sempione, Eskandar, Catherine Malandrino and Yves Saint Laurent.



Separates. It sounds redundant but they are a force in fashion. With the way rules are changing and style redefining itself with regard to what can be worn where and when, separates are becoming more and more necessary. They offer versatility and a value. That cotton pinstripe suit is lovely worn head-to-toe but limiting if there aren't other options to make it more wearable more often. Look to a white jean and belt to take that jacket out and about or a great cardigan and tank to pair back to the pant to make it yet another option. That gorgeous eyelash cardigan, easily works back to the crepe de chine pants but also loves to be paired back to denim. It is all about versatility and personal style!

Pop Colors. This season we will see shades of orange, green and blue to play against the chic neutrals ranging from taupe to bisque to optic white. The intense shades of blue play beautifully to the optic white, offering a clean contrast. The greens look lovely against the bisque for a fresh feel, while the taupe and orange offer chic pairing options. But of course those are only a few of your choices as the neutrals work well with almost anything.

Knits. As separates gain momentum knits become a go-to category for the lady who knows how to leverage great pieces in her wardrobe. For some the cardigan is the perfect alternative to a tailored jacket and for others it is a novelty item that can take them from elegant to easy. Some are in love with the classic attributes of the twin-set while others dare to break them up and create their own modern versions. Anyway you wear them a KNIT IS A HIT!

Accessories. Summertime accessories equal color, organic shapes and a drama all their own. Look to coral, sea glass, faceted quartz, leather accents on jewelry in cuffs and necklaces. Ethnic and tribal prints are found in everything from bags to scarves. We see warm metallics, snakeskin and printed linen in handbags.

“Fashion fades. Style is eternal.”

~ Yves Saint Laurent

