

## HOT SPRING FASHION TRENDS

Lori Bergamotto, contributing editor of People StyleWatch magazine ([www.peoplestylewatch.com/people/stylewatch](http://www.peoplestylewatch.com/people/stylewatch)) had a fashion show on *The Early Show* on Thursday, Marcy 19, 2009.

The big trends she named:

- 1-FLORAL
- 2-RUFFLES
- 3-UTILITARIAN
- 4-COLORS: SEA& SAND/HOBO BAGS
- 5-NEON!

### TREND: FLORAL

Think small, diffused bud prints, not big, sweeping flowers.

The diffused prints add a subtle pop of color and a modern interpretation of a classic print.

You can find this trend in many iterations from baubles to shirts to dresses.

This dress, can shape-shift from a day look with a black blazer over it, to a night look. The one-shoulder look is subtly sexy and also very on-trend. So, switch it up between day and night.

Tread lightly with mixing floral prints-too much of one trend detracts from the chic-ness of it all. If you want to add another element of floral, I'd stick to an accessory, like our model Cathy, with a flower ring.

On Model:

Dress, BILLABONG One shouldered dress

\$54.50; 800-970-1109

Blazer, Ann Taylor LOFT

Necklace, Olia Designs

Cuff, JLO by Jennifer Lopez

Heels, Fergie

Flower ring. Skinny

### TREND: RUFFLES

These are not little-girl, obvious ruffles. These manage to be sweet and sophisticated, thanks to the soft cascades and no-fuss tiers.

They can lend a soft touch to a power ensemble like our model's work-appropriate outfit, feminize a menswear look, and add a girly vibe to a casual jeans-and-tank combo.

Our model shows how polished the style is when paired with a black pencil skirt (which every woman has in her closet). This particular top is super versatile and can be worn casually or dressed-up.

Think of it as an upgrade of the basic white, ribbed tank. This blush shade makes it feminine and it can be a subtle and unexpected touch of girly detail.

It's that subtle girlish detail that is super charming but doesn't detract the overall sophistication of the whole outfit.

On Model:

Top, J.Crew "Cupcake" top, \$44; 800-562-0258; [jcrew.com](http://jcrew.com)

Cardigan, Express

Skirt: To come

Clutch, Stylist's own

Bangles, JLo by Jennifer Lopez

Rhinestone ring, Heidi Klum for Bebe

Heels, [endless.com](http://endless.com)

### TREND: UTILITARIAN

The key here is to look for details like cargo pockets, zippers, toggle pulls and any kind of uniform details.

This industrial-style look gets a fashion promotion by being rendered in a silky fabric.

Our model shows the trend in a bright spring shirt with a cinchable drop waist that mimic a workman-style uniform.

We paired it with skinny jeans and a Frye boots to keep with that industrial-style aesthetic.

Work an element of this fashion movement into your look, but don't go head-to-toe full-throttle.

Top, Banana Republic, silk button-front tunic, \$89; 888-277-8953; [bananarepublic.com](http://bananarepublic.com)

Jeans, H&M

Earrings, Betsey Johnson

Bangles, JLO by Jennifer Lopez

Ring, Skinny

Boots, Frye

### **TREND: SEA, SAND & HOBO BAGS!**

It's all about blues and beiges and the surf meeting the turf here.

Like everyone else, fashion is craving a little bit of those feel-good, summery colors.

Look for colors from the sea, like lagoon blues

The spectrum of blues can focus on deep-to-light blues, which makes this a really easy trend to fit into your personal style.

This soothing color is flattering on all skin tones

If you're wearing it with jeans (like our model) you want to keep about two shades in either direction from the denim. So either go for a light wash or a super-dark wash. But this is a good example of how you don't need to get dressed-up necessarily to be on trend. Our model looks comfy and casual, but still super chic.

Our model pairs it with a sand-colored Hobo bag.

This beige color is so hot right now because designers are realizing how versatile it is, and what a smart buy it is, since you can really get a lot of mileage out of it.

The slouchy hobo bag is in! \*Look for a slouchy shape, but sturdy leather (or PVC/faux-leather)

Other special extras (like chain-link straps, braided trims, and tassels) give these bags a chic, pulled together look

Our model paired her sea-colored shirt with a

A really age-appropriate bag for any stage of your life; great bag for career woman to stuff lots of magazines/files in; excellent for moms because it can hold everything under the sun, but still look fashionable

ON MODEL:

**Top, American Eagle Outfitters, cotton button-down top, \$29.50; 888-232-4535; [ae.com](http://ae.com)**

Jeans, Tyte

Necklace, Olia Designs

Belt, Terry Stack

Heels, [endless.com](http://endless.com)

**Hobo Bag-SR Squared by Sondra Roberts, "Groovy" PVC slouchy hobo, \$90; Irresistibles, 800-555-9865; [irresistibles.com](http://irresistibles.com)**

ON TABLETOP: SEA AND SAND ITEMS

American Eagle sand color tote bag

blue colored clutch (no clue who makes)

Chinese Laundry patent leather bag in sand

### **TREND: NEON**

Shocking brights in polished silhouettes upgrade this trend from the 80's-style head-to-toe neons

Use this as a shot of adrenaline for an otherwise basic look, like if you're wearing black (which I will be)

Mix with neutrals for a fresh look and burst of color

These are accessories that can transform an outfit. What's nice about these is that-the economic climate being what it is-you can really use an accessory to get more mileage and cost per wear out of clothing you already own. Don't underestimate the power of the accessory.

ON model:

Neon Bangle TBD

Display

- 1) Fashion Junkee, Acrylic and metal geometric necklace, \$29; fashion [Junkee.com](http://Junkee.com)
- 2) Rampage handbags, "Misty" faux- ostrich leather tote, \$98; 212-268-2772
- 3) Guess, Faux patent leather pumps, \$90; 800-394-8377; [guess.com](http://guess.com)
- 4) Report Signature, "Perrin" neon sandals, \$185; 425-586-4940; [reportshoes.com](http://reportshoes.com)