

Fashion FORECAST

Vivid Bursts Of Color Update Classic Styles

(NAPSA)—This season offers many colorful opportunities for updating your look.

Color is everywhere in bold geometric prints, sweet pastels and neon brights. It abounds in feminine, flirty fashions, with romantic ruffles and soft, flowing skirts. It's evident in today's lady-like clothes, especially the easy-to-wear wrap dress.

The season's intense color palette includes pastels (baby pink, light blue, pale yellow); jewel tones (royal blues and deep rich reds); and brights (fuchsia and cherry), often worn together. Black and white, a popular retro color combination looks extremely modern in both prints and solids.

"Color is perhaps the easiest and most effective way to update your look," says Laura Cervone, fashion consultant for T.J. Maxx. "A few new pieces can totally revitalize your wardrobe. For example, a pair of floral capris, a printed geometric top and a softly draped dress or skirt capture the very essence of spring 2001 dressing."

Cervone also emphasizes the importance of individual style.

"There's a tremendous variety to choose from, so select only those trends that accentuate the positive," said Cervone. "The key is, after all, to make fashion work for you."

Prints have returned this year. Look for soft florals and bold geometrics. Stripes are everywhere and new detailing includes ruffled hemlines, wrapped bodices and asymmetrical lines. Capris come in all colors, lengths and prints. They are now a wardrobe staple.

Accessories are the most colorful and sophisticated in years. The appeal of the handbag cannot be



Here's a bright idea. Choose some of the season's bright new colors to update your look.

overstated. Straw crosses over from day to evening, oversized by day, narrow by night. Belts are either very thin or very wide.

Looking good need not be expensive or time consuming, says Cervone, if you shop at off-price stores like T.J. Maxx, which has an extensive selection of brand name and designer fashions at reduced prices.

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