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+ SHOES
AND BAGS
STARRING
SPRING'S
BOLDEST
TREND



Jonathan Adler sets
up a hip, colorful decor
boutique in Georgetown

Flashing back on
fashion dos — and please
don'ts — of the 2000s

Pop on a swanky hat
or romantic fascinator for
summertime celebrations



TOP LEFT: On Lillyan (left): Stella McCartney Hawaiian jacket and Piazza Sempione yellow pants (\$1,745 and \$510, Saks Jandel); Eric Rutberg blue heels (\$235, Piperlime.com); tradj Moini quartz cuff (\$1,850, Tabandeh) and Suzanna Dai blue earrings (\$200, Sassanova). On Courtney: Alice and Olivia Hawaiian-print pants and Rachel Zoe sleeveless top (\$297 and \$295, Neiman Marcus); Kate Spade flower necklace (\$328, Kate Spade) and Loeffler Randall raffia wedges (\$375, Sassanova). **TOP RIGHT:** Keep calm and carry prints: Marc Jacobs polka dot bag (\$298, Piperlime.com); floral Givenchy tote (\$1,120, Hu's Wear) and Elaine Turner pink geometric carry-all (\$375, Bishop Boutique). **BOTTOM LEFT:** Layered scarves add volume and bravado to outfits. Lillyan wears a merino and vegetable-dyed cashmere scarf by Posh Chic (\$150 and \$198, Ginger) with brown and yellow floral shawls from Vismaya (\$65 and \$75, Bishop Boutique) over Giambattista Valli's zebra print dress (\$2,615, Neiman Marcus). **BOTTOM RIGHT:** A flouncy black tank top from Tracy Reese (\$245, Proper Topper) balances Michael Angel's vibrant elastic-waist tribal pants (\$420, Hu's Wear). Add a layered necklace from Bishop Brown and Kenneth Jay Lane bangles (\$205 and \$55 each, Bishop Boutique) to polish off the look.



NEARLY EVERY SINGLE SWATCH OF FABRIC BEGINS AS A PIECE OF PLAIN WHITE CLOTH.

Akin to a blank canvas, such a pristine surface practically begs to be brought to life with color. This spring, designers let such painterly cravings run wild, turning out prints like Hawaiian lanai florals, sleek stripes and abstract graphics, all in saturated hues. And like pigments on an artist's palette, these patterns were made for mixing. "I love the head-to-toe print look," says D.C. stylist Lauren A. Rothman (Styleauteur.com). "The key is to stick with one shade. Pick a color from one of the patterns and pair it with another printed piece in a similar shade." Still worried you'll look as though you got dressed in the dark? Deb Waterman Johns of D.C.'s Get Dressed Wardrobe and Home Design cautions, "There's a fine line between original and costumey. You're looking for a personal twist on your look, not a gimmick." In other words, find inspiration in this trend, but be sure to put your signature on it — just like an artist would do.

—HOLLEY SIMMONS



TOP LEFT: Shoes include Badgley Mischka raffia wedges, Loeffler Randall python heels and yellow snakeskin pumps (\$250, \$320, \$495, Bishop Boutique); Rowen tribal peep-toes, Cynthia Vincent tribal espadrilles and Bettye Muller green-toe pumps (\$195, \$295, \$365, Sassanova); Cynthia Vincent geometric flats and Eric Rutberg blue heels (\$195 and \$235, Piperlime.com). **BOTTOM LEFT:** Lillyan lets her hands do the talking in Jason Wu's hand print tank (\$1,495) and petal skirt (\$990, both Neiman Marcus); Suzanna Dai white earrings (Sassanova, \$195); Gas Bijoux gold cuff (\$345, Tabandeh) and Proper Topper rings (\$24 each). Courtney blossoms in Milly's black and white dress (\$340, Neiman Marcus); black fringe earrings, Iradj Moini lapis bracelet (\$295 and \$1,490, Tabandeh) and Kendra Scott ring (\$55, Bishop Boutique). **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Here's a bright idea: Nicole Miller's floral dress (\$530, Neiman Marcus); flower pin from Scala (\$10, Proper Topper); gold spike cuff (\$275, Bishop Boutique) and Suzanna Dai earrings (\$138, Sassanova).

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YOUR PRINTS WILL COME

SUMMER'S BOLD, COLORFUL
PATTERNS PROVE THEY PLAY
WELL WITH EACH OTHER

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Lillyan stands out in a striped floral skirt from Tracy Reese (\$275, Proper Topper, see Where to Buy, page 15); Alexander McQueen silk zebra top (\$1,155, Hu's Wear); a crystal necklace with oxidized sterling fringe by Samira 13 (\$585, Tabandeh); Kate Spade pink watch (\$250, Kate Spade) and a duo of black and white bangles (\$116 each, Proper Topper).

ON THE COVER: Lillyan wears a striped top and accordion skirt by Michael Angel (\$275 and \$815, Hu's Wear); Jose and Maria Barrera multistrand Austrian crystal necklace and Samira 13 coral and pave diamond skull ring (\$635 and \$7,250, Tabandeh). Courtney sports a Renee Lezard maxi dress (\$985, Saks Jandel) topped with an Alice tank (\$150, Ginger); black sunglasses (\$125, Proper Topper); Jose and Maria Barrera turquoise earrings (\$335, Tabandeh) and a snakeskin bangle (\$165, Neiman Marcus).