

Color Fresh Spring

Now that spring is officially here, the focus in fashion turns to color. Spring is traditionally a time of renewal and re-growth, as the earth and our spirits welcome bursts of color in the landscape and our closets! Color is not as tricky as people make it out to be. So many take the safe route and simply wear earth tones, which aren't bad, but how do we blend and mix color with confidence? Trial and error of course. What looks good to the eye is usually a safe bet. Check out the following photos from some of the Spring 2010 collections shown at Mercedes Benz Fashion Week in New York, and get your inspiration going!

I definitely saw a lot of bright color peeking out from under more neutral dresses. This is an interesting and safe way to play with a little color without feeling that you're trying too hard! Different and fashion forward for sure. Scour the racks at the Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center near you for camisoles, tanks, and any other brightly colored foundation item so you can try this trend for yourself. Also be on the look-out for sheer and airy dresses and tops to layer over your foundation pieces.



Gradient tones in color refer to shades going from deep to light as in the photo here. That is a very cool way to wear color and create interest. If you are at all handy you could probably dye your own tops or dresses that you find in the Goodwill store and create your own color palette.



Bright tones in solid colors like the fuchsia dress, or the red mini are always a hit. Notice however that when you do these tones, you should keep the accessories you wear to a minimum. That will always keep the focus on the color and on you!



Certain tones such as the yellow wrap dress pictured work well with other colorful accessories, as well as with neutral or ethnic pieces. Yellow is always a safe bet in the summer as it flatters a lot of different skin tones.



If you prefer pastels, they are very easy to mix and match given that the tones are more subdued. In the photo she is wearing lavender hot pants, a celery blouse and light pink head wrap. They work well together and keep the look sophisticated.



Whatever you decide to do this spring, keep the looks fresh by adapting some of these runway trends for yourself. You may choose to add your pop of color simply with a handbag, shoes or other accessory. This may also be a great time to pick up a bright scarf or wrap in a lightweight cotton or silk to drape or tie over your more neutral pieces.



There are so many ways to go. I encourage you to just step up your game by visiting the Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center near you to find just the right "brights" to liven up your spring outlook. Stop back next week for more ways to perk up your spring wardrobe without breaking the bank!