

Top Trends for Summer

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The heat is on but that doesn't mean you can't look cool. We talked to Shannon Stone, owner of YaYa's Boutique and Annie Clark, owner of Get Noticed, to find out what's hot this season. We also attended a trunk show for Stella & Dot jewelry and met Christen Benat who revealed some of her most popular necklaces. That's not all. We dropped in to Little Lam Infant and Children Boutique where owner Sammi Lam pointed out three things every little girl should have. It's summer and it's time to shine!

Lime never tasted so good
When the economy tanked, word on the street was designers had to cut costs, as dye was expensive. Notice all the beiges and neutrals last year? Well, it's time to go lime. **Lime screams bold and beautiful!**

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The Natasha hand-embroidered bib necklace shimmers with glass beads, faux pearls, and Swarovski crystals. "Bibs are for all ages, anytime—whether you go casual or elegant," said Christen. "This is one of my favorites. The pearls are beautiful."

Beautiful in Black and White
Go from "eek!" to chic teaming black and white. "We love color but black and white are classic," said Annie.



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Christen said that this oh-so boho necklace is bold with glass beads and malachite on luscious chocolate suede. "Turquoise is hot this summer, and this necklace is stunning on all skin tones."

Treasure turquoise
Vibrant turquoise perks up your look and your mood. Hues of the sea evoke paradisiacal summers.



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This Turquoise Sea Necklace includes three luxurious strands of stones with a sterling silver clasp.



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Of course swimsuits are popular now, too. Sammi suggests suits with ruffles. The lime-green ones are our favorites.



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Flower Power
"Floral prints are very feminine," said Shannon. "Big or small, they brighten your wardrobe."

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And don't forget a do-rag. This is one of Little Lam's most popular items and we can see why. It fits right in with a few of our other top trends—color, floral and sparkle.



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Sparkle: Be a showstopper in sequins and studs. Shannon noted, "Sparkle in your wardrobe keeps you young."



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This feminine floral necklace can be worn long or doubled. The dip-dyed, silk-covered beads create one-of-a-kind gradients of dark to light pink. The Uma Flower is made of chic frayed edges and sparkles with Swarovski crystals. "This is a very popular necklace," said Christen. "The two-tone color gives it a unique look. And the flower is detachable, giving you a versatile piece of jewelry."



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Annie reminded us that cotton is an important purchase for the Texas heat because it's not too clingy.



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This Big Buddah bag's layers converge to form the impression of a rose. What an artistic way to accompany floral wear!



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One-Sleeve Wonder
A one-sleeve number does wonders in the Texas heat. (We've been told men love this look, too!) Notice the ultra-bright colors? Stunning!



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For ladies only (and their little ones!)

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