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### Fashion Brief- Top Trends for Spring 2006



While many of us are still buried in snow and huddled under our blankets, clothing and accessories designers are hard at work producing their spring lines. Here's a look at some of the season's hottest trends and our picks within them.

Traditionally, the bohemian look abounds in spring fashion with flirty, romantic clothing and chunky, bold jewelry made of earthy materials such as turquoise, wood, leather and textured metals. 2006 is shaping up to be much the same, while fall's hottest trends are carried over and incorporated into the popular looks for spring.



Color is expected to become more neutral and understated than in recent seasons. Classic black and white will combine with blues, corals, yellows and greens in tones that aren't quite pastel, but not bright either. Instead, there will be a natural, earthy quality to spring's palette that complements the bohemian look beautifully. We love the handmade hemp clothing by Mountains of the Moon. The simple, elegant designs are especially gorgeous in muted, natural colors.

Reflecting our country's growing sense of nostalgia for less-complicated times, fashion this spring will represent a "return to innocence". Influence from the classic looks of the fifties and eighties will be apparent, yet designers haven't entirely abandoned the modern. Look for classic designs with a contemporary twist. We love this fun, 50's inspired dress from indie fashionista.

In jewelry, layered looks are still to be found, but have become shorter and chunkier. Furthermore, choker-length necklaces have made a return in the form of simple chain or leather with a simple pendant or clusters of gemstones concentrated at the front of the neck. Gold filigree and wood components promise to be very popular. They may appear mixed with other materials or even with each other for a unique look.



Earrings are making a transition from the extremely popular long and lean styles to swingers, hoops, and yes, chandeliers!

We like these unique filigree earrings by Aspiring Arts. Beautiful Turkish filigree is paired with flashy blue labradorite in a striking, yet elegant combination.

Watch out for new and creative looks for this classic design in the jewelry collections of 2006.



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