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Four local stylists predict summer fashion trends

DMV fashionistas are forecasting ruffled sleeves, earth tones, and the continuation of elevated casual for the coming season.

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Whether you're still embracing low-key luxe at-home attire or are more than ready to don a going-out top for summer outings with your fellow vaccinated friends, here's what four style experts believe you'll be swooning over at area boutiques and shops.

Lauren Rothman, Stylist and Author of [STYLE BIBLE: What to Wear to Work](#)

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“Many people are ready to be seen once again and will begin to shed layers as they emerge from the pandemic fog. Sustainable and practical fashion continue to be on trend, as well as shopping your own closet for elevated casual looks that amplify your authentic style. Many people long to be ‘dressed’ again and will update and identify signature style and beauty accessories such as hats, shoes, jewelry, bags, hairstyles, and makeup choices to signal a strong personal presence.”

Naina Singla, Style Expert
nainasingla.com

“There are those who are embracing the comfort and casual nature of dressing during the pandemic; low-key luxe is still a huge trend for spring and summer 2021, and women want their outfits to feel special, especially after a year of lockdown. For those who are ready to break free from 2020’s loungewear and embrace a maximalist attitude to dressing once again, styles on the rise include big-shouldered, 1980s-style sleeves, bell and balloon sleeves, and those adorned with oversized ruffle, all which can add visual interest. Earthy colors are the new neutrals, replacing more minimalist black, whites, and gray —think beige, creams, rust red, burnt orange, deep browns, and mustard yellows. Loosen up, because in case you haven’t heard, according to Gen Z, skinny jeans are out. Women are also embracing more loose styles of clothing, including jeans, blazers, and loose, flowing dresses. It all seems like a good way to ease our way back into some normalcy after a year of loungewear, right?”

Robin Fisher, Founder and Senior Stylist
polishedimageandstyle.com

“This spring is all about rejuvenation and getting reinspired. The relaxed silhouettes and loungewear trends from 2020 still remain; however, soft muted tones and flattering floral feminine prints will update a woman’s total look this season. To maximize your wardrobe this summer, focus on function. Quality basic items and a fresh pair of classic white tennis shoes like Stan Smiths will take your looks a long way. There is nothing wrong with developing a fashionable uniform while the world reopens. For amazing Zoom-ready looks, implement a basic earring, statement chain necklace, and

tops that have strong pops of color; this will ensure that you get noticed in today's digital world.”

Kara Allan, CEO of Pretty
karaallan.com

“Sweater dresses are huge for the spring to transition into the summer because they are warm enough to wear without a jacket and lightweight enough to wear 'til it gets warm.”

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