

Here's a peek at spring trends

Yes, it's been a frigid week, but the forecast is sunny with a probability of wearable hemlines and great shoes guaranteed. I had the pleasure of getting a personal spring fashion forecast from Arlene Goldstein, vice president for trend marketing at Belk, this past week. As Arlene sweated airport weather delays for Charlotte, N.C., (her, and Belk's, hometown) we oohed and aahed over glossy photos of beautiful, decidedly springlike garments.

Now, Arlene has been compiling her notes and dispensing advice to Belk's buyers since last fall, when the spring fashion weeks and shows were ongoing in New York, Paris, all the places where trends are minted. She distills what she finds into looks that Southern women find accessible. That's why you see what you see when the stores start pushing the next season.

Here's what she shared with me, some trends you might want to try (or try again!): Ruffled blouses, maxi dresses, spring scarves, novelty skirts, statement necklaces, tribal sandals, peasant tops and white, white, white. Yellow might make a late entry into the mix, thanks to Michelle Obama's matching brocade Isabel Toledo coat and dress in lemongrass worn to her husband's inauguration.

Until it's time to reinvigorate our warm weather wardrobes, be sure to check out the Enjoy! style page today to learn how to give all your clothes longevity for the years to come. Say you've seen peasant tops before 2009? What goes around will come around, so make it last.



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