

## REVIEW

## Fashion: what's hot this season

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Spring is finally here, and there's no better excuse to go out shopping for new clothes.

Everybody knows that after a long, boring winter, it's time to head out and pick up the must-have items that will keep you looking amazing.

In order to find out what exactly we should be buying, I went down to Just Us Girls Fashion café at 100 Queen Street. The woman who is in the know, is Susan Roggeveen. She's the buyer and co-owner of Just Us Girls. It's her job, although I wish it were mine, to travel around the continent and scope out the new and upcoming trends.

So, what's hot for this season?

"It's all about the dresses and the skirts, I've always loved them and now they're back in a big way." For most people, A-line skirts are the most flattering as they can give your body an appearance of an hourglass figure. You will want to look for skirts with layers of light fabrics, like cotton or eyelet. This season's inspiration is femininity and romance. So when choosing a skirt or dress, choose one that is not too tight that will gently blow in the wind. Just Us Girls has ordered in a new line of skirts and dresses called Stop Staring.

When Roggeveen originally met the designer in Los Angeles, she was stunned at how beautiful she was.

"I think she must have been a size 16, but she was the most beautiful woman I had ever seen, her dress just fit her beautifully."

This unique line makes a wide variety of dresses and skirts that range from size 0 to 2+. For a casual, everyday look, pair your skirt with layered tanks and wedge sandals or the ever popular ballet flat.

The next biggest item for the spring/summer season is the trench coat.

"Trenches should hit just below the knee or just above the knee."

This season, every designer is putting out their version of a trench coat. You'll want to perhaps invest a bit of money into this purchase as trench coats never seem to ever go out of style.

To create a nice silhouette, choose trenches with either a belt or with a tailored mid section. Small details like decorative buttons, patterned seams and high slits in the back are all really popular this year, but the most important thing is finding a trench that is the perfect cut for you.

Jewelry will never go out of style. Most of us can still wear pieces that our mothers wore, but for this season

the item of choice for most celebs and fashionistas is the round pendant necklace. Whether it's in gold, silver, or bronze pendants can really add a personal touch to an ordinary outfit. Roggeveen has also just ordered a new jewelry line called Pyrrha, that will be exclusive to Just Us Girls.

"This line is really neat because all the pieces look like 19<sup>th</sup> century wax seals. They each have a different symbol and a different meaning."

In terms of shoes and bags this year, almost anything goes. Designers are starting to deviate away from the strict fashion code of matching shoes to purse. Shoes are being influenced by French style from the 1930's; girls with big feet should definitely appreciate the rounded toe that this trend has inspired.

The Fly shoe line makes great quality shoes that are always on the cutting edge of fashion. Try looking for shoes with great details, like buttons, or decorative stitching. Also, last year's big trend of Greek-inspired strappy sandals is back. Again, look for the decorative touches like beadwork or sequins.

Big bags are also still in style, and I personally hope they never go out of style. When shopping for an oversized bag, one thing to keep in mind is to steer away from large bags that

hang right at your hip, especially if you have a figure. This will appear to add bulk to your waist. Choose a bag that hangs near your bust line. Almost everybody can appreciate a little extra bulk in this area.

Spring and summer are also the seasons when you see fashion designers using a lot of colour. Roggeveen says that this season's top colours are cherry, sunflower yellow, fresh green, light and navy blue, and mocha brown. Returning from last year are the shades of khaki, army green and as always white.

The last words of advice Roggeveen gave me was in regards to the infamous 'skinny jean.'

"They are not for everybody".

Last season, all the fashion magazines said that everybody could wear them, now they're admitting that they were wrong.

"Skinny jeans are only for certain people, if you have legs that go up to your ears, then wear them with pride."

For the rest of us, opt for a dark rinse jean with a straight or stovepipe leg.

For more ideas check out the Holland College fashion show at the Guild, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Good luck shopping and have fun this summer.

## Horoscopes

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**Aries-** Don't focus tooooooo much on your studies, don't forget to take a lot of time for yourself. Remember if the University thing doesn't work out you can always marry rich! You're the boss!

**Taurus-** Make sure you never listen to your friends. No one is more smarter than you. Just think won't everyone be jealous of you when you're the Prime Minister in 15 years! Yahoo baby! Imagine you ruling Canada.....

**Gemini-** You are becoming a little devil! All that gambling might just pay off when you go to the Casino, and that quarter that you picked off the floor might be very lucky! Find a penny pick it up, for all good days you will have good luck? (Right) Or in this case a quarter?

**Cancer-** As the summer is coming you might want to head to the gym for a couple of extra days each week! Wouldn't it be nice to look hot in some new swim wear (whatever kind you wear). Wouldn't it be nice to say DAMN I had a good summer, I finally got that significant other! (Wink Wink)

**Leo-** Instead of working soooooo much to pay rent, why not have a little fun with your paycheck? Hey, we're all young here! Why pay rent when we can use that money and head out on town for the night! Who really wants to leave the nest!

**Virgo-** Do you not realize how young people are getting married this day and age? You better get looking, your soooooo old! Parents don't stay on this big earth forever. They want grandkids now! So hurry up, what ya

waiting for?

**Libra-** It is time for you to face the facts! If you really did kill someone it's ok..... you have been a good person, it's your first CRIME!!!! The heaven doors will stay open, you're still on God's list! But BE CAREFUL!!!!

**Scorpio-** Have you ever looked in the mirror and saw how smart and BEAUTIFUL you are? You're the one with the big brain, and very special heart..... Quick, go run to a mirror and say Thank God I am me!!!! God sure didn't make any mistakes when he brought you into the world!

**Sagittarius-** You might be short for money, and looking for a job! You are also PISSED OFF! Because you failed one too many courses! Don't worry, step one is to move off this little Island and step two is to become a hot sexy stripper! Now that's

where the money is!

**Capricorn-** After putting in what seems like 1,000,000,000 hours in a week at work, you are someone that finds your bank account is always at \$0. Well wake up, you party every night! And come on, do you really have to buy a drink for every new cute guy/girl you meet?

**Aquarius-** STOP STUDYING! University is now finally almost over. Just get through your exams, and next weekend go to every single bar that you can! Yah that's right!!!! You have to learn to loosen up and stop laying so low at home!

**Pisces-** This should be a summer to remember! Why not be that little daredevil that always was kind of in you? Why not go skydiving, bungee jumping..... ETC! People think they know you, well damnit, they have no idea at all!