

Summer Jewelry

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Tiny skirts. Backless halters. It's the season of skin. But don't go completely bare. Dare to be bold with the season's hottest jewelry—pop-art colors, geometric shapes, huge rings and tons of bracelets. So even your smallest frock will make a big impression.

white lace

Romance is in the air. Lavish drop earrings are encrusted with white crystals and baroque touches of flirty femininity. Intricate weavings create a lacelike design that draws on the vintage looks of old Europe and pairs perfectly with this season's feminine fashions. Clusters of flowers and leaves add a fanciful romantic touch to flirty dresses.



LK by Leetal Kalmanson, four-piece filigree earrings, \$138, call 800.688.5999



Charriol, DaVinci white and yellow 18K gold with lattice and diamonds, \$2,695, visit charriolusa.com



Leslie Greene, Blisse antiqued cuff, \$1,895, visit lesliegreene.com

shining bright

The silver lining in the cloud that is today's economy (read: record-high gold and platinum prices): the gorgeous silver pieces gracing jewelry cases. From a large solid cuff covering a bare wrist to dainty woven pendants charming a neckline, this oft-overlooked precious metal is now in the fashion forefront. Indulge in several pieces for everyday wear—this trend isn't going anywhere for a while.



La Bijou Belle, vintage Lucite limited edition bracelet with rhinestone clasp, \$175, visit labijoubelle.com or Miriam Claudette Boutique, 310.659.9099

pop goes the color



Play bright colors against this summer's tan and taupe fabrics. Semiprecious jewels and manmade materials give a modern twist to pop art-inspired creations. Blue topaz, aquamarine, amethyst, emerald and ruby provide vibrant and vivid splashes of color.

Yellow and orange rings, \$10, at Stella, 949.715.7177

by the sea

Starfish and ships' wheels are making quite a splash this summer. But don't go overboard. Anchor this trend in simplicity: Choose a fine necklace with a delicate sea-themed pendant, earrings or charm bracelet with a nautical touch.



Bronze Lily, angular octagon citrine cocktail ring, \$175, visit bronzelily.com



Jules Smith, silver anchors necklace, \$295, visit julesmith.com



Sydney Evan, 14k gold and diamond necklace, \$970, call 800.768.2999

Arunarshi, gold ring with aquamarine and sapphire stones, \$3,600, at Artisanse, visit artisanselaguna.com



size matters

From chunky cocktail rings to wickedly oversize bracelets, bigger is definitely better this season. Digits sport huge stones, signets and diamonds galore. Wrists are bold and beautiful, with one large cuff or bangle upon bangle, while necklaces come in layers. Tip: To really make a statement, focus on just one spot to pile on the bling.

hoop hoop hooray

A true fashion find (or 1980s revamp—you decide), hoop earrings are chic complements to any outfit. This year's sizes run the gamut, from huge, oversize singles to smaller interlocking hoops. Choose from thin gold hoops or silver ones adorned with richly colored gems.



Chanel, Camelia Ajouré 18k yellow gold hoops, price on request, call 800.550.0005

the shape of things

Classic art deco-inspired geometrics are ideal for casual days and weekend wear, playing off of the clean lines of minimalist summer fashions. Think abstract as you pair together oblongs, rectangles, squares or off-beat shapes for an ultramodern look. Go for the gold or combine trends by selecting pieces created from brightly colored materials.



By the Stones, Sheba collection, \$348, visit bythestones.com



Charriol, signature collection bracelet, \$3495, at Charriol, Fashion Island