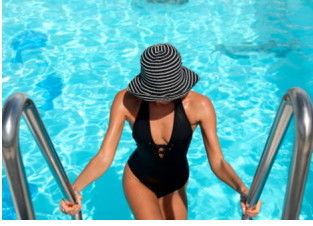


2010 Summer Accessories

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This summer's easy, breezy and bold accessories will have even the most demure fashionistas ready to strut their stuff through the Valley.



Summer is a time to pass on the boring and embrace the brazen. Under Arizona's setting sun, everything from cocktails to nail polish becomes a little more magical. Now is the time to showcase a pair of exquisite earrings against bronzed skin and swing beachy totes over bare shoulders. Thanks to these fun and fabulous accessories, the pools won't be the only things sparkling.

Espadrilles

Originating in Spain, this footwear gained notoriety for its ability to be both classic and versatile. Whether stacked, lace-up wedges or refined, peep-toe flats are your style, espadrilles offer options for everyone and infuse any wardrobe with a carefree spirit. Appropriate for the beach and the club scene, these summer staples never fail to impress. If you're looking for something a little more daring this year, try pairing sky-high espadrilles with a bold romper. Not only will your legs look a mile long, but you'll stay cool the whole night. (Christian Louboutin Crisscross Espadrille, \$535. Neimanmarcus.com)



Stacked Bangles

One of the biggest spring trends that has carried over into the summer is stacked bangles. While one bangle can compliment an outfit well, stacking them offers an easy way to spruce up a simple outfit and take it from day to night. The best way to utilize this style is to mix several bracelets with different colors, textures and metals. There should be some cohesion to whatever you chose, so while experimenting with different hues and styles, try to find a common thread. Remember: sometimes bigger isn't always better. Chose pieces that are complementary without being overbearing. (Kate Spade "idiom" bangles, \$78 for one bracelet. Nordstrom.com)



Straw Hats

There is nothing more likely to induce summer euphoria than a straw hat. Reminiscent of days lounging by the pool or frolicking down a boardwalk, this summer's styles range from classical panamas to delightful fedoras or oversized, floppy numbers. Bonus: Your skin will be protected from the sun's harsh rays. (Eric Javits Squishee Slouch Hat, \$295. Neimanmarcus.com)

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Statement Rings

Summer is the perfect opportunity to make a statement. Bodies are no longer hidden under layers of clothes and accessories become the spotlight. To really make an impression this year, try on a statement ring for an extra pop of color or something sparkly. Two-finger rings are a big hit for those wishing to add an edgier look to an outfit. For a more demure office piece, choose something slightly oversized but neutral. (Elizabeth and James Diamond Sterling Silver & 14K Yellow Gold Double Ring, \$425. Saksfifthavenue.com)

