

FASHION

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Now that we're finally thawing out from winter, it's time to prepare for spring's skin-baring clothes. So before you shed those layers of winter clothing, you'll want to shed those layers of dead skin. We consulted **Dr. David. E. Bank**, Mt. Kisco dermatologist and author of *Beautiful Skin: Every Woman's Guide to Looking Her Best at Any Age* (Adams Media Corp., 2000), who says stunning spring skin is just a few steps away.

"You should start exfoliating now," says Bank. "Use an exfoliating cleanser in the shower at least twice a week to save you time while keeping your skin smooth and supple." To put your best face forward, try a "glycolic-derm." The treatment, a signature of Bank's, combines micro-dermabrasion with a glycolic peel. Chappaqua facial plastic surgeon **Dr. Anthony Sclafani** also touts the effects of an in-office peel: "Superficial chemical peels like glycolic peels can help smooth and exfoliate flaky and dull skin, tighten pores and restore a 'perky and vivacious' springtime glow to the skin."

Sweet Talk

It's important to remember the skin on our lips too! The Lip Scrub by Sara Happ (below) exfoliates your kisser using sugar and other natural ingredients—plus it tastes great too.

Price: \$20

Where to get:

PINK ON PALMER, 1907 Palmer Ave., Larchmont, 833-8955



An At-Home Option?

Instant Peel by Sleepy Hollow-based EARTHEN, INC. You just rub it on in the shower to slough off dead skin cells in minutes, using all-natural ingredients like mint.

Price: \$50 for six treatments

Where to get: Go to www.instantpeel.com for store locations

Hair U Rent!

The perfect complement to your feminine new spring look? Long, flowing locks. But if you don't want to commit to permanent extensions, a local salon has another option—hair piece rental! For \$289 and up they custom-match your piece to your own hair. They'll also show you how to style it!



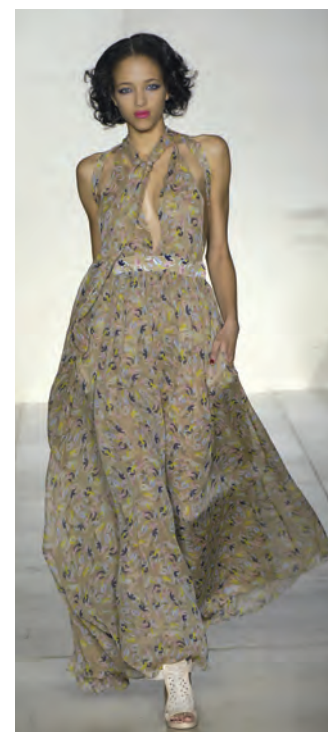
Price: \$289 for three-day rental; \$489 for the week; insurance is extra.

Where to get: THE SALON, 794 Post Road, Scarsdale, 472-1800

Hint: While you're at it, extend those eyelashes, too! The procedure The WAG told you about back

in 2006 is now widely available in Westchester. At The Salon, they're \$250 for a full set that lasts four to six weeks.

Spring Fashion Runway Roundup



It's as subtle as a brushstroke of watercolor paint—just what makes spring stand out this year are the colors and details that can almost be likened to, well, a work of art. There is nothing sharp or harsh about what we saw on the high fashion runways this season. In fact, most of the pieces on display had me wondering if I was suffering from blurry vision, but it was so pretty, I truly didn't mind! Layers of chiffon cascaded downward, necklines flounced and femininity abounded in nearly every collection. Even Westchester's own **Ralph Lauren**, best known for preppy sportswear, showed floaty, ladylike designs reminiscent of *Steel Magnolias* and shoulder showcasing gowns that would make a debutante proud—no parasol required.

Everything from soft, blurred, almost painted-on-prints to pretty florals, ombré, tie-dye and even stained glass effects made a splash, but animal prints still showed their spots, remaining a strong trend.

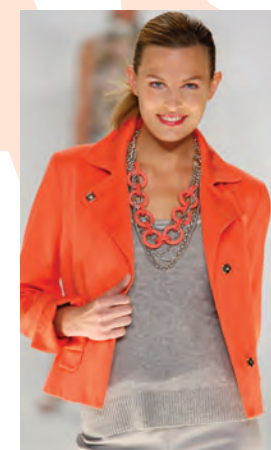
Colors like butter, aqua, magenta, and turquoise, in even neon-like shades, emerged as the "new" neutrals for designers like **Nicole Miller**, former New Castle homeowner **Cynthia Rowley** and BC&G's **Max Azria**. **Ken Downing**, senior vice president and fashion director of NEIMAN MARCUS, says, "I'm very excited about the sort of brush-stroke print that looks like it came from an artist's hand. We are seeing a lot of off-grey, which also has a sort of artist's inspiration to it. This all seems very fresh to me."

And just when you thought those few extra pounds you're storing from winter were safely camouflaged under A-lines and empire waists, seams squeezed inward and slimmer silhouettes returned. **LaVelle Olexa**, senior vice president for advertising, sales and public relations for LORD & TAYLOR in Stamford and Scarsdale, reveals they'll be stocking plenty of form-fitting styles for spring. "Waist emphasis is key: the belted suit, the short sleeve, shaped jacket, often worn with a belt, the high-waisted pencil skirt, as well as the high-waisted, wide-leg pant."

What else should you shop for? Before you hit The Westchester or Greenwich Avenue, consult our cheat sheet of the season's top trends (right).

Door-to-door Couture

Here's one of our area's best kept secrets: For nearly two decades, some of Westchester and Connecticut's best-dressed women have donned fashions from a luxury line called WORTH. Worth uses some of the finest fabrics from mills that supply to Chanel and Chloe, but are perhaps even more exclusive. In order to view the Worth collections, you need to visit the home of one of their 750 salespeople nationwide



(more than two dozen here in our area.) I visited the gorgeous Greenwich home of **Kathy Savitz**, where she had turned one of her rooms into a mini Worth boutique. To find a salesperson, call 1-800-WORTH-OK.

Above: Popsicle Pique Biker Jacket \$498; Heather Halfmoon Cashmere Tank \$278; Halfmoon Canvas Chloe pants \$328; Popsicle Resin Skinny Chain Necklace \$348



Right: Navy Twill Uptown Jean Jacket \$398; Popsicle Tank \$98; Navy Canvas Keira Crop Pant \$298; Popsicle Patent Leather Contour Belt \$248; Popsicle Triple Layer Oblong Scarf \$198

Chanel on the Cheap?

According to *Women's Wear Daily*, the most affluent of us (those who are worth \$10 million or more) will fork over a whopping \$46,000 on fashion this year alone! But even if you are worth a fortune, you don't have to spend one to get fashion's most famous names. In November, we told you about some great secondhand and vintage shops in our area. Here are some additional happy hunting grounds for deals on deluxe designers.

Retrovado

36 N. Division St., Peekskill; 734-2750

This Peekskill shop carries everything from Pucci to Old Navy. Owner **Sue DeGregorie** welcomes customers to stop by for a "treasure hunt." You never know what you might find!

Déjà vu Consignment Boutique

107 N. Broadway, Tarrytown; 366-4657

This consignment shop runs the gamut in designer fashions, featuring everything from vintage Bill Blass Couture to second-hand Marc Jacobs. They even make housecalls as a courtesy to consigners! But it's the shoppers who truly make out like bandits. Owner **Regina Murray** tells us she recently sold a to-die-for Hermes Alligator bag for \$8,200—a far cry from the \$18,500 retail price.

Elena's Boutique and Consignments

1807 Commerce St., Yorktown Hts.; 962-3730

Need a spring gala gown that no one else has? This trendy northern Westchester shop is best known for its formal-wear.

Elegance II by Babette

75 S. Greeley Ave., Chappaqua; 238-3341

This northern Westchester gem stocks more couture than you could bat an eye at: Chanel, Gucci, Prada, Louis Vuitton, and Hermes, to name a few!



Spring Makeup Must-Haves

According to **Scarlett DeBease**, a Waccabuc based image consultant and makeup artist, "This is the season of contrasts. The trend is everything from soft, flesh toned faces all the way to orange lips!" And while flesh tones are all fine and dandy, color is the most remarkable trend of the season—the brighter the better! Want a safe way to experiment with bold color? Try POP Beauty's Lid Neon (available at SEPHORA in The Westchester.) The kit comes with a rainbow of shades to play with and even includes application instructions.

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WAG's Top Six Must-Have Trends...

1 Safari Style: According to fashion designer **Derek Lam**, whose line is carried at NEIMAN MARCUS in White Plains: "The safari jacket is the new cardigan—any age can wear [it,] it runs the gamut!" And don't forget to walk on the wild side with the vast array of animal prints and "skins" (faux of course!) on everything from dresses to shoes to bags.

2 "Dressing" the Part: Dresses and skirts continue to be the staple for spring and are the foundation for the rest of your wardrobe. "Spring for me is about one soft dress to wear with a cardigan for lunch and a little more bare for cocktail," says Lam. And with skirts coming to the knee or longer, women of all ages, shapes and sizes

can add a few to their wardrobe repertoire. At Larchmont dress shop CLOTILDE: THE DRESS SHOP, owner and resident designer (and former Ralph Lauren model) **Kristin Holby**, creates dresses that are Hamptons meets *Little House on the Prairie* chic—and will breezily take you from polo match to party.

3 All the Frills: Dainty touches like embroidery, ruffles, bows and beading delicately complement blouses, dresses, skirts and jackets. At LORD & TAYLOR, you'll find plenty of feminine frills in offerings by Rebecca Taylor, Tracy Reese and Nanette Lepore.

4 Fancy Feet: If you opt for a flat sandal, make sure it's a gladiator. If you're doing a thong, make

sure it's bejeweled. You get the picture—footwear is anything but Plain Jane! And don't forget platform! The comfy alternative to the stiletto returns for another season, with key details like ankle straps and peep-toes!

5 All aboard, mates! For men, nautical accents embellish yacht-ready wear from Nautica and Perry Ellis. If you think the ladies are the only ones who should be shoe shopping this season, think again! **Larry Stemerman**, CEO and chairman of ALL DIRECTIONS INC. BRANDING AND



INVESTMENTS IN FASHION, a company in New Canaan, says, "New loafers always bring some new life to dressing and new shoes certainly dress the man!"

6 Tory Time: We covet Tory Burch's fun tunics, shift dresses and lightweight cardigans. A versatile Tory piece will take you from Scarsdale to Saint-Tropez with just a simple change of accessories. Find the line at NEIMAN MARCUS, BLOOMINGDALE's in White Plains, or TORY's own store on Greenwich Avenue in Greenwich.