

spring into ACTION

Tired of your winter wardrobe? Freshen it up with the hottest S/S 2013 trends from florals to stripes.
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It may still be cold outside, with bulbs only just beginning to poke through the frozen soil, but the shops at least are blooming with floral designs straight from the S/S 2013 catwalks.

It seems last year's passion for flowers — whether emblazoned on bomber jackets or jumpsuits (right) — continues to flourish. But that's not the only print we'll be wearing. Stripes will cut a sophisticated dash (see p16), while squares and chequerboard prints, big and small, will dominate too — follow Louis Vuitton's game plan and team cute, cheque shift dresses, with big hair bows for a 1960s vibe.

While monochrome prints and white featured heavily in many collections, don't be afraid to inject a little colour into your wardrobe. A celebration of feminine pastels in spearmint, lemon and baby-blue/grey shades featured strongly; and neon brights such as hot pink, zingy yellow and zesty orange meant that many sitting in the front row had cause to reach for their sunglasses.

Texture continues to be key, with layered lace, snakeskin, liquid leather and sheer panels combined with see-through, Perspex accessories such as sandals with translucent heels (right). So with spring fast approaching, what key pieces should you buy first? Investing in a crisp white shirt, tailored shorts and cropped jacket and trousers are a good place to start. And if you want to wear something cheerful during Britain's April showers, ditch the demure classic tan option and reach instead for one of Burberry's brightly-coloured rainbow metallic macs, which prove that shiny, sparkly things aren't just for Christmas.

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SPORTMAX
Colmo top,
£215



7 FOR ALL MANKIND
Skinny midrise jeans,
£190



STELLA MCCARTNEY
Canvas and Plexiglas wedges,
£57

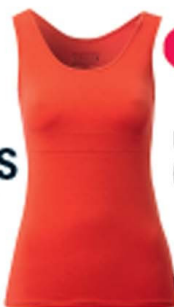


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3 FITNESS BRANDS



1 HPE CLOTHING
Sadie Frost and Alexandra Burke have been pictured wearing the new luxury sports clothing brand HPE (Human Performance Engineering). The range combines stylish design with fabric technology to reduce sweating and bacteria. From £35. www.hpe-shop.com

2 LULULEMON
OK, the brand may not be new, but the UK website is, which means its fans don't have to travel all the way to Canada to buy its yoga wear. Tanks from £45; pants from around £82. www.lululemon.co.uk



3 D.INC. WEAR
This new, dance-inspired clothing range, co-designed with celebrity fashion stylist Mrs Jones, offers trend-setting zip tops, oversized hoods, reversible ponchos, bat-wing crop tops and harem trousers. From £35. www.dincwear.co.uk