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Each season,  
Pantone surveys  
the designers of  
New York Fashion Week  
to find the most  
directional colors.  
This sketchbook  
previews  
their color  
inspirations for  
Spring 2004.

# have fun with color

*New York Fashion Week Spring 2004, September 12-19, 2003*

New York designers have emerged from history's largest blackout with a kaleidoscopic bounty of feel-good color for Spring 2004. This season, designers looked to nature – from the garden to the desert and the beach – and came away with a true spring palette that is feminine, passionate, rejuvenating and energizing. With bold, saturated colors that would do Lilly Pulitzer proud, Spring 04 isn't for the wallflower, although it does offer its more demure options.

Coming off a very successful year, Pink – incarnated as innocent Peachskin, bold Fandango and racy Cayenne – has been dubbed the new Black. All shades of the sun – such as Cadmium Yellow – reflect off the cool Vista Blue and Dusted Peri waters of Capri and the French Riviera, while lush Tigerlily and wistful Lavendula echo not only their namesake flowers but the soft striations of the painted desert. Consistent with spring's perennial themes of growth and regeneration, Leaf Green is at once organic and optimistic, combining effortlessly with the season's flower garden hues for a look that is clean, fresh and youthful. This season's vibrant colors pair confidently with Plaza Taupe, spring's new neutral, for combinations that are crisp and modern.

"Color mixing is more obvious and dramatic than ever," observes Leatrice Eiseman, executive director, Pantone Color Institute®. "Evoking feelings of freedom, energy and excitement, it is an affirmation that there are better things to come. Spring 2004's color matching is playful, surprising, and above all, fun!"



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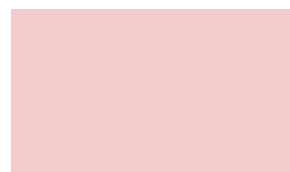
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Vista Blue



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Dusted Peri

**Badgley Mischka** *"It's what colors looked like in 1950s movies – clear, yet faded and soft. It's romantic and feminine."*

**Max Azria for BCBG** *"I chose child-like colors that are sweet and charming in playful, surprising combinations."*

**Michael Vollbracht for Bill Blass** *"For spring I combined the muted pinks and greens of English garden roses with warm, earthy hues."*

**Jeff Mahshie for Chaiken** *"This season, I layered multiple colors for an energetic feeling – pinks, greens, blues and purples – along with tonal and ombre combinations."*

**Oscar de la Renta** *"The prominent colors of my spring collection are Rosebloom, Raspberry Rose, Green Flash and Capri."*

**Douglas Hannant** *"I was inspired by a barefoot walk through the garden. My colors this season are carefree, optimistic and romantic."*

**Carolina Herrera** *"Our colors exude the aura of elegance and vitality synonymous with carefree days on the French Riviera in the 1930s."*

**Betsey Johnson** *"Spring is about sexiness – raunchy, racy, passionate, luscious. Anything goes!"*

**Anne Klein** *"I chose all the shades of the sun and combined them with earthy neutrals."*

**Michael Kors** *"My collection captures the glamorous resort spirit of Capri with bold colors."*

**Nanette Lepore** *"I kept colors bright, clean and fresh. I wanted the collection to burst with color!"*

**Carmen Marc Valvo** *"With cool pinks and blues inspired by my garden, this season's colors convey a feeling of youth and vitality."*

**Nicole Miller** *"I used very pale and faded colors inspired by Victorian lingerie – very feminine and soft."*

**Tracy Reese** *"My colors for spring convey emotional impact, fierce desire and passion."*

**Alice Roi** *"I was inspired by Georgia O'Keefe and the colors of the desert from morning to noon to night – intense and saturated colors against cool evening colors."*

**Behnaz Sarafpour** *"This season is about graphic combinations of colors and finishes."*

**Peter Som** *"It's all about sexy color that seduces rather than screams – a cool optimism and uncontrived prettiness."*

**Anna Sui** *"It is about clarity, freshness, coolness – fun-in-the-sun sports, surfing and the beach."*

**Ellen Tracy** *"Spring is a season inspired by the tremendous range of flora and fauna. Nature gives us a profusion of color combinations to choose from."*

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## designer*talk* aboutspring04

Ralph Lauren



**Carolina Herrera**

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**PROMINENT COLORS**

**Touches of Terracotta and Tea Rose mixed with Ivory and Black. Delicate Apricot accented by rich Terracotta**

**INSPIRATION**

**The photographs of Lartigue, the vibrancy of the lifestyle on the French Riviera during the 1930s, and the intense colors in the paintings of Zuberan**

**SIGNATURE COLORS**

**Terracotta, Tea Rose and Bitter Lemon**

**COLOR PHILOSOPHY**

**We revitalized the classic combination of Black and White by adding touches of intense and rich fruit colors – Apricot, Bitter Lemon, Guava**

Carolina Herrera



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Peachskin



**PANTONE 18-1651**  
Cayenne

**Badgley Mischka**

*"It's what colors looked like in 1950s movies – clear, yet faded and soft. It's romantic and feminine."*

PROMINENT COLORS

**White and Pale Pink; Sapphire Blue and Silver;  
White and Cream**

INSPIRATION

**What colors looked like in 1950s movies –  
clear yet faded and soft**

SIGNATURE COLOR

**White**

COLOR PHILOSOPHY

**Fresh White with clear shots of color that  
is soft, feminine and girly**

Badgley Mischka



**PANTONE 14-1907**  
Peachskin

**Nicole Miller**

*"I used very pale and faded colors inspired by Victorian lingerie – very feminine and soft."*

PROMINENT COLORS

**White, Ivory, Mauve and Celadon –  
very pale and faded colors**

INSPIRATION

**Victorian lingerie**

SIGNATURE COLOR

**Ivory**

COLOR PHILOSOPHY

**Very muted colors that look vintage –  
very feminine and soft**

**Carmen Marc Valvo**

*"With cool pinks and blues inspired by my garden, this season's colors convey a feeling of youth and vitality."*

PROMINENT COLORS

**Cool blues to cool pinks – the colors of a cool  
spring perennial garden**

INSPIRATION

**The colors of my garden**

SIGNATURE COLOR

**Any shade of Pink, whether it be Peony Pink  
or Fuchsia**

COLOR PHILOSOPHY

**Color continues to play an important  
role in fashion**



Nicole Miller



Carmen Marc Valvo



**PANTONE 14-1907**  
Peachskin

**Michael Kors**

*"My collection captures the glamorous resort spirit of Capri with bold colors."*

PROMINENT COLORS

**Bold citrus colors and Mediterranean blues paired with loads of White with Khaki, Luggage and Gold accents**

INSPIRATION

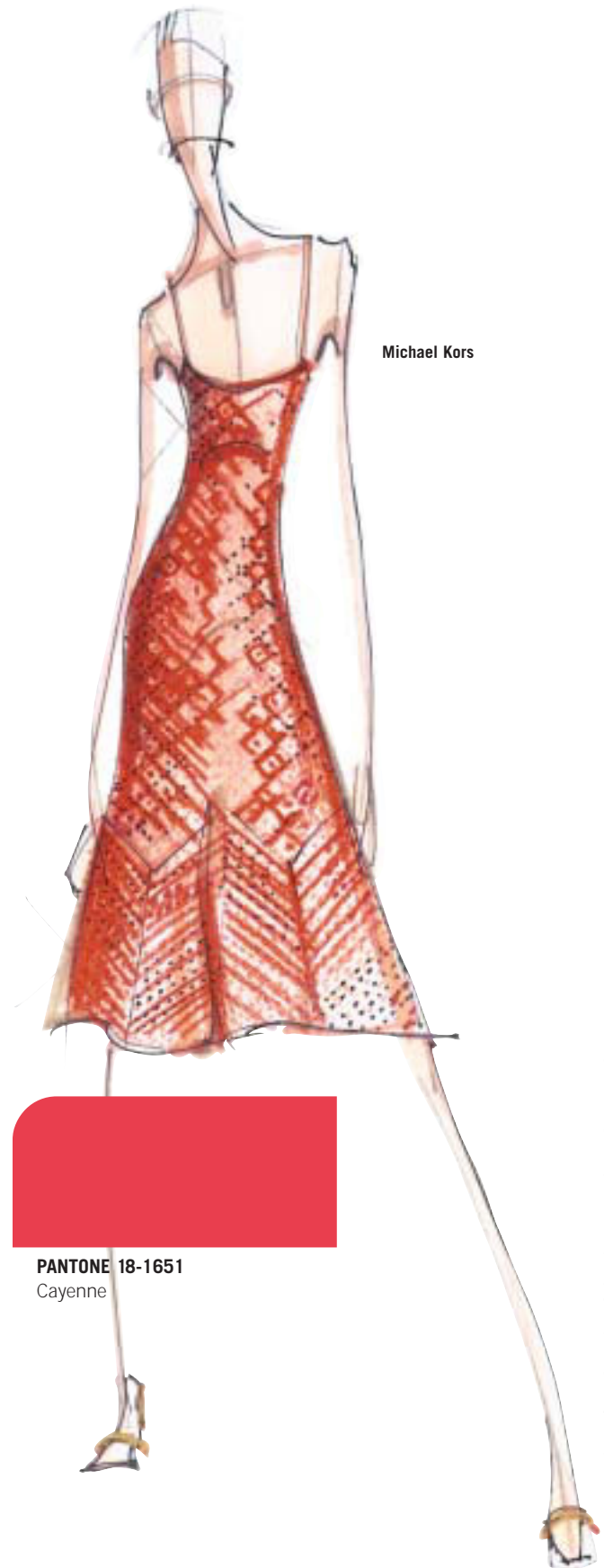
**The glamorous resort spirit of Capri**

SIGNATURE COLOR

**Sharp Tangerine Orange**

COLOR PHILOSOPHY

**Bold and graphic**



Michael Kors

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Cayenne



**Douglas Hannant**

*"I was inspired by a barefoot walk through the garden. My colors this season are carefree, optimistic and romantic."*

PROMINENT COLORS

**Poppy, Periwinkle, Marigold, Leaf Green**

INSPIRATION

**A barefoot walk through the garden – carefree, optimistic and romantic**

SIGNATURE COLOR

**Poppy**

COLOR PHILOSOPHY

**Uplifting color**

Douglas Hannant



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**Peter Som**

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**PROMINENT COLORS**

**Cool Wedgwood Blue with Lingerie Pink; shots of Butter Yellow and cool Crocus Green; Silver, Black and Optic White**

**INSPIRATION**

**David Bailey photographs of Jean Shrimton and Marisa Berenson. I wanted to capture the cool optimism and uncontrived prettiness of those images**

**SIGNATURE COLORS**

**Wedgwood Blue and Optic White**

**COLOR PHILOSOPHY**

**Spring 2004 is about color in a new way – true hues that are less saturated and a bit more subtle and slick. Ice cream shades**



Peter Som



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Cadmium Yellow

**Alice Roi**

*"I was inspired by Georgia O'Keefe and the colors of the desert from morning to noon to night – intense and saturated colors against cool evening colors."*

PROMINENT COLORS

**Very warm Burnt Orange; cool Light Lilac; Black, Moss; bright Canary Yellow and Light Blue**

INSPIRATION

**Georgia O'Keefe: The Blue and Yellow of the desert in the morning light, the Burnt Orange and Peach of the desert at noon, and the cool Lilac, Black and Navy of the desert at night**

SIGNATURE COLOR

**Burnt Orange**

COLOR PHILOSOPHY

**I want the intense, saturated Grand Canyon clay colors to pop against the cool evening's Violet, Black and Navy**

**Anne Klein**

*"For Spring 2004, I chose all the shades of the sun and combined them with earthy neutrals."*

PROMINENT COLORS

**Soft Cream to Golden Yellow to Bronze combined with earthy neutrals and a paradox of a modern "synthetic" yellow**

INSPIRATION

**The sun-drenched and bronzed photographs of H. Lartigue**

SIGNATURE COLOR

**All shades of the sun**

COLOR PHILOSOPHY

**Warmth and brightness**

Alice Roi



Anne Klein



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Cadmium Yellow

**Jeff Mahshie for Chaiken**

*"This season, I layered multiple colors for an energetic feeling – pinks, greens, blues and purples – along with tonal and amber combinations."*

**PROMINENT COLORS**

**Lavender Blue, Purple Mountain, Blithe, Aquamarine, Herbal Green, Calla Green, Prism Pink, Azalea Pink, Fandango Pink, Camellia, Vibrant Yellow, Stone Grey, Sepia, Black Ink, White in tonal and omber combinations**

**INSPIRATION**

**Designer Giorgio di Sant'Angelo**

**SIGNATURE COLOR**

**All**

**COLOR PHILOSOPHY**

**Layering of multiple colors**

**Anna Sui**

*"It is about clarity, freshness, coolness – fun-in-the-sun sports, surfing and the beach."*

**PROMINENT COLORS**

**Ice cream and sherbet colors: Pistachio, Mint, Blueberry, Lemon, Tangerine, Lime, Cherry. Lots of White and Black combos**

**INSPIRATION**

**Fun-in-the-sun sports, surfing, beach**

**SIGNATURE COLOR**

**Lavender**

**COLOR PHILOSOPHY**

**Clarity, freshness, coolness**

Jeff Mahshie



Anna Sui



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Lavendula



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Plaza Taupe

**Michael Vollbracht for Bill Blass**

*"For spring, I combined the muted pinks and greens of English garden roses with warm, earthy hues."*

PROMINENT COLORS

**Warm, earthy hues that range from Taupe, Gray and Mother of Pearl to Oyster, Sage, Muted Pinks and Sand**

INSPIRATION

**English garden roses**

SIGNATURE COLOR

**Muted greens – Sage Green**

COLOR PHILOSOPHY

**Pretty shades of garden flowers**

Bill Blass



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Fandango Pink

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Leaf Green

**Nanette Lepore**

*"I kept colors bright, clean and fresh. I wanted the collection to burst with color!"*

**PROMINENT COLORS**

**Apple Green, Bright Pink, and Lemon Yellow mixed with White and Khaki**

**INSPIRATION**

**Preppy dressing with an ethnic twist.**

**The clothing is bright and confident.**

**SIGNATURE COLORS**

**Apple Green and Bright Pink**

**COLOR PHILOSOPHY**

**Colors achieve a modern, clean look but still allow the clothing to maintain its femininity. The sharp colors complement the well-pressed look of the clothing**

**Yeohlee**

*"My colors this season evoke the serenity and fierceness of the environment – the greens of spring and summer, the colors of the woods."*

**PROMINENT COLORS**

**White, Spring Green, Later Summer Green, woody shades of Brown and Black**

**INSPIRATION**

**The environment**

**SIGNATURE COLOR**

**Green**

**COLOR PHILOSOPHY**

**Anything goes**



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Fandango Pink



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Leaf Green

## Ellen Tracy

*"Spring is inspired by the tremendous range of flora and fauna. Nature gives us a profusion of color combinations to choose from."*

### PROMINENT COLORS

**Hot, colorful florals grounded by sophisticated greens; splashy Tigerlily and Sunflower combined with sophisticated Olive and Avocado; mellow Sage and Thyme splashed with Poppy**

### INSPIRATION

**The tremendous range of flora and fauna found throughout the natural world**

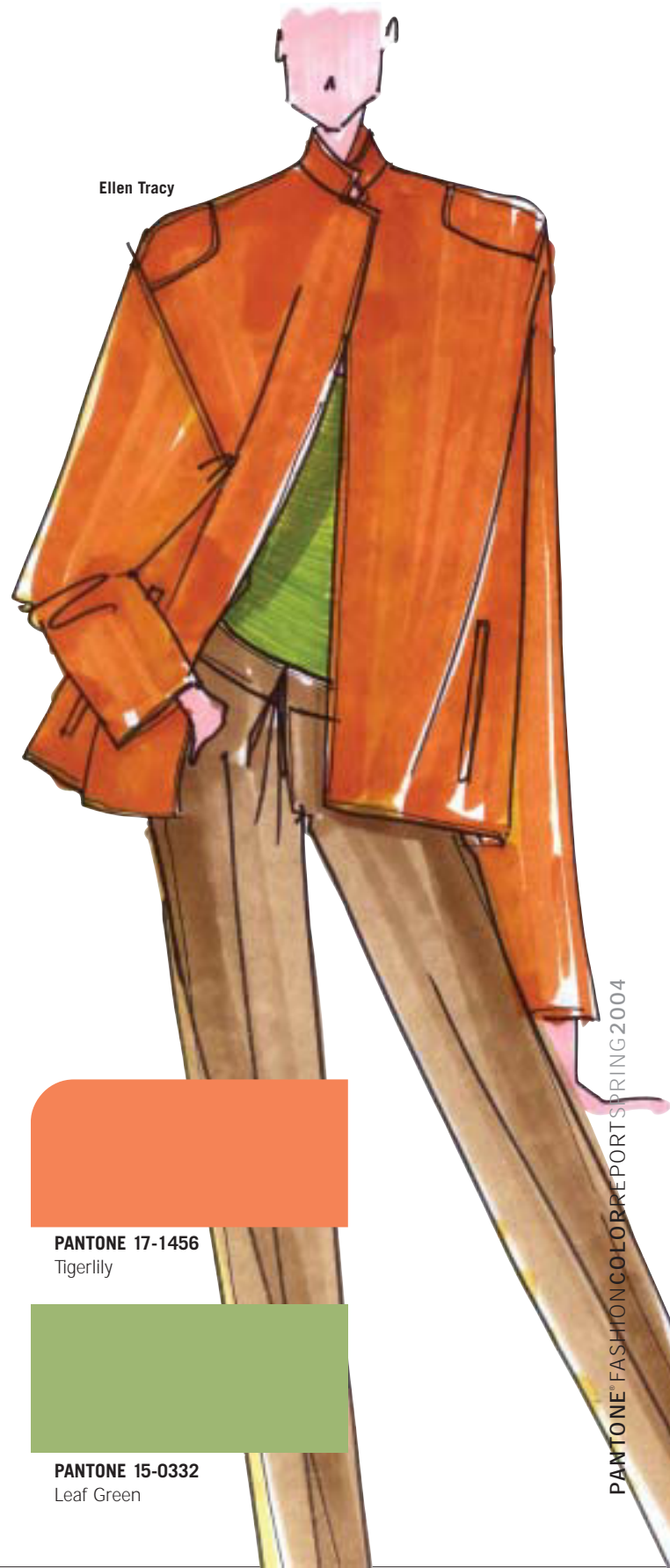
### SIGNATURE COLOR

**The range of greens**

### COLOR PHILOSOPHY

**Spring is all about color. Flora and fauna give us a profusion of color combination choices**

Ellen Tracy



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Tigerlily



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Leaf Green

### Alvin Valley

*"This season, I chose understated neutrals and muted tones drawn from nature."*

#### PROMINENT COLORS

**Pale Gold, Silver, Silver Cloud, Birch, Oxford Tan, Bleached Sand, Nougat, Chalk Blue, Rose Smoke, Scallop Shell, Creole Pink, Deauville Mauve, Ash, Angel Blue, Estate Blue**

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Vista Blue



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Plaza Taupe



**Tracy Reese**

*"My colors for spring convey emotional impact, fierce desire and passion."*

**PROMINENT COLORS**

**Colors are warm – Lemon Yellow, Hot Tomato, Shocking Pink, Pool Blue, Sunlight, Tranquil Sea, Juicy Orange, Grass Green, Antique White.**

**INSPIRATION**

**Fine art and historical references**

**SIGNATURE COLOR**

**Sour Lemon**

**COLOR PHILOSOPHY**

**Keep it bright and mix it up. Be noticed**



# what's HOT BY *who's* HOT

## color and the home

by THOM FILICIA, Star of Bravo's *Queer Eye for the Straight Guy*

### What do you see as the color trends for Spring 04?

Color is going to get even more vibrant than it was this year. With everything that's going on politically and socially in the world – which is scary and kind of exciting in certain ways – people are responding to very powerful, saturated colors.

Spring 04 is about the colors found in a really great '70s chintz – fresh fresh fresh Lime, Chocolate Brown, Ice Blue, Vibrant Yellow. Coral is starting to be understood again. Crisp, acidic colors are back in everyone's vocabulary. It's almost a preppy color palette. We've seen it in fashion. People are remembering that they liked it and have reunited with it, and now they're going to be more daring and have more fun with it. I hate boring; I'm all about fun.

### Color TIP

Paint all your furniture Chinese Red. Nothing could be more chic.

## color and diamonds

by SALLY MORRISON

Director of the Diamond Information Bureau

### Colored diamonds in Spring 04

Diamonds in earthy, subtle hues are experiencing a renaissance. People are discovering that they can enjoy the colored-diamond look more affordably with colors like Cognac and Champagne than with some of the more vivid ones.

### Do colored diamonds correspond with moods?

Certainly any diamond is bound to lift the spirits! A brilliant colorless diamond imparts a sense of purity and impenetrability, whereas a Pink diamond accent adds a jolt of frivolity.

### Celebrities and colored diamonds

While Jennifer Lopez helped ignite public interest in colored diamonds with her Pink diamond engagement ring, a number of celebrities have been quietly adding colored diamonds to their personal collections. Halle Berry wore her own Cognac diamond studs to the Oscars in March, and Oprah Winfrey (who knows her diamonds) is often spotted wearing exquisite Canary diamond earrings.

## color and cosmetics

by OLIVIA CHANTECAILLE

Creative Director of Chantecaille Beauté

### Color Trend

Spring 2004 is about fresh, brilliant jewel tones – clean Aquamarines and sun-drenched Corals with cool Turquoise.

### Inspiration

Olivia's color choices are inspired by the evolution of fashion and culture – the people, art, architecture and tastes she finds in the cities she inhabits and visits.

### EYE SHADOWS:



PANTONE  
17-3922  
Blue Ice



PANTONE  
18-3211  
Grapeade

### LIPSTICKS:



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Twilight Mauve



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Heather Rose



PANTONE  
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Woodrose



PANTONE  
17-1512  
Nostalgia Rose

### FOUNDATION:



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16-1511  
Rose Tan



PANTONE  
16-1516  
Cameo Brown



PANTONE  
15-3802  
Cloud Gray

## color and hair

by RITA HAZAN

Colorist, ADIR Salon

### Color Trend

Spring 2004 will see lighter, beachy, baby-blonde highlights; golden blonde with pale gold highlights; and warm tones with a stronger, bolder, thicker highlight.

### Inspiration

Forties movie siren meets rock star.

### Styles

Big and sexy with long bangs; big, curly hair; and sexy layers.

### TIP

Less is more.



BASE: PANTONE 17-1045 Apple Cinnamon  
HIGHLIGHTS: PANTONE 13-0822 Sunlight



BASE: PANTONE 19-1020 Dark Earth  
HIGHLIGHTS: PANTONE 16-1139 Amber Gold



BASE: PANTONE 18-1321 Brownie  
HIGHLIGHTS: PANTONE 13-1012 Frosted Almond

# designers' emotional messages for *spring* color

Warmth

*with beauty.*

Freedom, energy and EXCITEMENT.

*Love.*

Romance.

Celebration, fame

and valour.

J-O-Y.

*Happiness.*

s e r e n i t y .

*A softness, an innocence,*

*a sense of optimism.*

Cheerfulness and youthfulness.

*Femininity* and charm.

Upbeat, feel-good.

Elegance and VITALITY.

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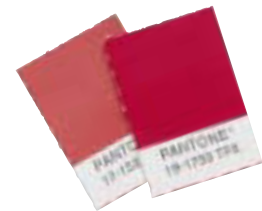
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*throw away all  
color rules*

*have fun with color*

**designers provide  
color** **TIPS** for *spring* 04

*use color to elevate  
your mood*

*mix brights  
with naturals*

*don't be afraid of green*

**TIP** *Badgley Mischka* - **Nude shoes go with everything**

for spring! **TIP** *Max Azaria for BCBG* - **It is not necessary**

to coordinate colors. **TIP** *Michael Vollbracht for Bill Blass* -

**Buy black first, then be gregarious with all shades of pink and**

**green.** **TIP** *Liz Collins* - **Don't be afraid of color – mix up**

**brights with naturals. Throw away all color rules –**

**everything works on any skin type!** **TIP** *Douglas Hannant* -

**Wear colors that lift the spirits – yours and everyone around**

**you.** **TIP** *Heatherette* - **Go with what makes you the most**

**confident!** **TIP** *Carolina Herrera* - **Add a splash of intense**

**color to liven up a monochromatic color scheme.** **TIP**

*Betsy Johnson* - **Everything goes!** **TIP** *Anne Klein* - **Be**

**confident and strong in your choices.** **TIP** *Michael Kors* -

**Pair color with white.** **TIP** *Nanette Lepore* - **Have fun with**

**color – don't be afraid to mix it up!** **TIP** *Carmen Marc*

*Valvo* - **If you are still afraid of “color” (or just not**

**accustomed to it), team it against ever-classic black or**

**white.** **TIP** *Nicole Miller* - **Wear colors that suit you – do**

**not feel you have to follow a trend.** **TIP** *Tracy Reese* -

**Keep it bright and mix it up. Be noticed!** **TIP** *Alice Roi* -

**Don't be scared of mixing beautiful bright colors.** **TIP**

*Peter Som* - **Have fun with color!** **TIP** *Anna Sui* - **Don't be**

**afraid of green.** **TIP** *Ellen Tracy* - **Add a hot color to**

**natural greens for a modern look this spring.** **TIP**

*Yeohlee* - **Use color to elevate your mood.**



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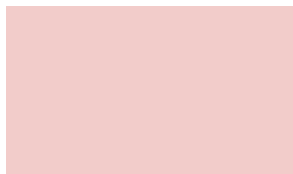
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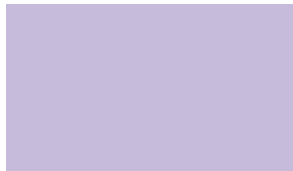
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