



The gorgeous Ippolita Rosé Sugar Kissed Collection in Orchid features amethyst, green amethyst, rose and clear quartz.



Jewel tones and opaque stones continue to be hot this spring.

photos: Dew Fine Jewelry



photos: Splurges Boutique

Also popular are necklaces and bracelets in gunmetal, copper, brass, and gold adorned with chunky features.



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Zable jewelry features triple-strand leather wrap bead bracelets with an easy magnetic clasp, while Kameleon jewelry is interchangeable, offering a unique look for each piece.



John Hardy's textured Palu Collection features a hammered metal finish for a truly stunning look.



This Chalcedony Cabachon, surrounded by blue sapphires and set in an 18-karat white gold mounting, is a great look for spring.



photos: Windsor Jewelers

Hot for spring

Area jewelers outline what's in style this season

by Taylor Madaffari

Spring is here — the trees are sprouting their green buds, the air is starting to turn balmy — and as you shed your coat and unearth your skirts from the depths of your closet, there will be just one question on your mind: How should I accessorize for spring?

The answer is here. Area jewelers weigh in on what's hot for the season, detailing the latest trends and must-have pieces. Here's what they have to say.

Pastels and soft palettes

Pastels — like soft pinks, blues, greens and yellows — are in for spring. Amy Rumley, owner of Merle Norman Studio in Greensboro, points to Chamilia's new Garden Party Collection, which takes its inspiration from the floral prints and blushed, pretty palettes of the 2012 runway looks.

"Chamilia delivers a fresh look this spring with innovative designs," she says. "Each piece is intricately designed to represent the season's most popular trends: pastels, lace, sparkle, feminine floral, cotton-candy pink, sun-kissed yellow and casual denim."

With its delicate beaded bracelets and necklaces, the collection's pieces are perfect accents for any fashionista's look.

Meg Strader, owner of Simply Meg's in Greensboro, also is seeing pastels and

soft colors in her jewelry. An apt example is ready-to-wear Mollybeads necklaces and earrings. The necklaces' thick gold chains and oversized colored pendants make a flirty, playful statement for spring. Connie Kissel, a buyer for Greensboro's Splurges Boutique and designer of Liquid Time and CO. Jewelry, confirms the look.

"Gold continues to be important, with enormous chains being desirable," she says.

In Winston-Salem, Michelle McMinn of Windsor Jewelers agrees that color is big for spring. McMinn cites the Ippolita Rosé Sugar Kissed Collection in Orchid, with amethyst, green amethyst, rose and clear quartz.

"The rose gold and colored stones really make these a must-have for spring," she says.

Opaque stones

The season's colored stones will not be confined to soft pastels, however.

"A continuing trend for spring and summer is unusual natural colored diamonds, including opaques in colors ranging from white, yellow, and green to black," says Deborah Wishon, owner of Deva Fine Jewelry in Winston-Salem.

Deva Fine Jewelry is highlighting these diamonds in a group of exclusive stones set in white and yellow metal for the season.

These singular stones — with their glossed surfaces and elegant, almost ornate settings

— make for chic and sophisticated pieces for spring.

"Whether in stacking bangles or long chandelier earrings, these stunning stones are colorful and romantic," Wishon explains. "Opagues are a great choice for any fashion-forward woman's signature piece."

Pearls also are seeing a comeback for spring.

"Pearls are always a classic and standard piece of jewelry," says Kathie Yamamori, co-owner of Yamamori Ltd. at State Street Station in Greensboro. "There is a renewed interest in all pearls, including the traditional Japanese Akoya and the wide range of Chinese offerings that are now available, which can accommodate every budget."

Vintage selections

Vintage has been a fad since it was old enough to be called vintage, and it continues this spring.

"The trend of antique, vintage and retro jewelry remains strong with anything accessory-wise that can spark a conversation," Kissel says.

"Rose gold has seen a comeback because of its reminiscence of vintage jewelry and romantic feel, but it can be made into more modern styles," adds Taylor Kimsey, a sales associate at Wade's Jewelers in Gibsonville.

Inherent to this modern style is individualism, uniqueness and exclusivity. "Pieces that are really unique and more artful appeal to those not wanting to look exactly like everyone else," she says.

Ironically, the modern sensibility plays right into the vintage look, which is anything but mainstream.



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Rose gold has experienced a comeback, primarily because it gives jewelry a vintage feel.



Silver also continues to be popular when it comes to jewelry.

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