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# SWIMWEAR 101:

Celebrity stylist Art Conn dives into the deep end of the year's swimwear trends to help you find the ideal suit for any occasion **By Mikey Rox**

## Step Out of Your Comfort Zone

Higher hemlines dominate this year's selection of suits, along with vibrant graphic prints. Let loose this summer and get a leg up on a suit that's colorful, fun and fantastic. *Thigh's the limit.*

"Hawaiian prints are a huge hit this summer, and they look great paired with a linen shirt and straw fedora," Conn says. "If you want to take advantage of this graphic trend but are a little on the conservative side, find prints that are darker in tone and color."

## Pick a Suit That Presents Your Best Body

Swimwear comes in many lengths, styles and sizes—from barely there briefs to saggy, baggy board shorts—but not every body is fit for the full spectrum. When shopping for a suit, hone in on your best assets and choose pieces that highlight those areas.

"Swimwear is like any other short—if you're tall and lanky, you can pull off a longer board short; athletic or thicker legs look great in shorter lengths," he says. "Many people think Speedo or brief-cut swimsuits only look great on the very toned and lean, but if you have the balls—literally—to rock one of these, don't let anyone stop you. Confidence is still the sexiest thing on the beach."

## Speaking of Speedo-Style Swimsuits...

Notoriously conservative America shuns brief-cut, Speedo-style swimwear, because everybody but the gays seems to have an aversion to VPL (*look it up*). Meanwhile, the rest of the world struts its stuff. Conn says to heck with the Puritans. Join the global movement of showing pride in your package if that's what tickles your pickle—so long as you mind your manners, of course.

"The church BBQ pool party is not the place to debut the latest skimpy suit you just got," he says, "but adventure might be in order for a fun dip at the swanky Vegas hotel you're staying at. When in doubt, wear the tiny one under your more conservative suit and feel out the crowd; you can always peel off the outer suit for a big reveal."

## Swimwear Anywhere?

Pool or beach attire can be mainstays of your summer wardrobe on and off the sand, but only in certain situations—like throwin' a few back with the boys at your favorite bar. "Wear traditional shorts to other places, like the movies or the mall," Conn says.

## Take Past Seasons' Swimwear to Pasture

If you've been wearing the same sad swimsuit for the past five years, it's time to update. Everything has its season, says Conn. Oh, and about those limited-coverage half man-thong/string bikini hybrids that set the internet on fire last year? "Feel free to burn those," he says. "Not cute—on anyone."

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