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### Spring Fashion Trends

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As grand memories of the Winter Olympics melt away, spring is poised to take centre stage. Now is the time of wistful wishing for all things light, airy, and breezy in our wardrobes. Here's a peek at a few of the top trends that you can easily integrate and incorporate into your wardrobe this spring, no matter what your style or shape.

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### Ruffle Ready

Ruffles are remaining a strong trend statement for the fourth season in a row. At Marc Jacobs, they showed up in tailored pants, dresses, and tops. At D&G, they were present in both denim and lace incarnations, reminiscent of a western boudoir. Whether you go naughty or nice, ruffles are a great nod to a hot season trend that you can easily incorporate into your wardrobe. The trick is to place them in a spot that you want to emphasize.



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Who would have guessed that being knotty could ever be a good thing? Well ladies, get in the loop, 'cause knots are hot right now. They showed up all over Burberry's runway in knotted dresses, detailing on blouses, and even skirts. Now this effect goes hand-in-hand with draping, as is evident when harkening back to Greco-Roman dress. Donna Karan had plenty of delicious draping, especially apparent in her long jersey gowns. Draping and knotting are both clever ways to disguise areas where you may not want fabric to cling.





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