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Eclectic Earrings: From Nautical To Nuptial

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This season's earring trends are an eclectic mix that spans from an enchanted forest to the crashing waves. With so many pools to dip into, not a lobe should be left feeling lonely.

Sleek sophisticate

Not a fan of over-the-top ear dangles? This season has just the option for you. Sleek and stylish looks that carry a single, bold statement are a perfect topper to your sophisticated style. Stick to silver and choose simple geometric shapes that either stand alone, or repeat throughout the piece.

Mimi & Marge, dedicated to creating jewelry that inspires the modern girl to live it up in the modern world, will give your chic look that extra jazz. Try M&M's Square Matt Drop Earrings or Long Stevie Earrings for squares or circles that echo down your neck. Or, slip in the Mod Cut-Out Earrings for a sleek finish that throws back to decades past.

For the classy lady, lock your ears in **Kim Drosdick's** Faux Pearl Earrings, hook in Mimi & Marge's stunning Egg Earrings, be boldly blue with **Pyrrha's** Catseye Rectangle Hook Earring, or let your style spiral with über-modern **Circle's** small sterling spiral dangle earrings. If you like to keep your accessories simple, but don't want your bling to lack personality, be creative with Stella Earrings from **Foxy Originals**, a jewelry company headed by two young women who believe life should be fun, bright and full of excitement.



Enchanted forest

The rosy romantics will fall in love with this season's push toward rich greens, eye-popping turquoises, innocent whites, subtle yellow golds, and cascading water-fall dangles. **Athena Designs**, owned and exclusively designed by Barbara Levin, has provided us with looks that reflect all of these hot colors. Our favorite picks from Levin - who begins designing her collections by researching the colors, look and feel of the season and then translates the season's attitude into

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what women would actually feel comfortable in - are her stunning green jade pieces. With either a single stone, or a perfect couple entwined together, jade will have all your onlookers green with envy.

Give the green, enchanted forest a shot of warm rain with Kim Drosdick's beautiful Jade Turquoise Chandelier Earrings, designed with Drew Barrymore in mind. For a snow-covered look in the midst of summer's heat, slide in **Ben-Amun's** 14k Gold Plated Moonstone Earrings or get hooked on Mimi & Marge's Evergreen and Chain Earrings. Want the enchanted dream to last until the bluey-haze of the evening? Go fairytale with Foxy's Dusk Earrings - framed by these beauties, it'll be hard to resist locking lips under the moonlight with your prince charming.



Bridal blitz

Make that magical dream a reality with this season's breathtaking bridal bling. For many, a wedding is not a wedding without a sprinkling of pearls and the glimmer of diamonds. For the right recipe, turn to **Tara & Sons**, who incorporate "nature's rarest gift to man," including Tahitian, South Sea, Akoya and Fresh Water pearls and diamonds, into their elegant masterpieces.

A captivating, hand-crafted piece for the chic bride comes from Circle jewelry in the form of freshwater pearls balancing seductively on sterling silver rings. Kim Drosdick's quartz and pearl cluster earrings, which are absolutely to die for, were inspired by the image of a beach wedding - a personal dream for Drosdick.

Peter Storm, who incorporates diamonds and colored precious stones into his collections, will ice your ears in elegance for your special day. Of Peter Storm's dozens of pièces de resistance, our faves include the classic 18k white gold earrings with 82 round pave diamond circles surrounding a larger centre stone, and the playfully romantic square "snowflake" diamond earrings set in 18k white gold. More daring, contemporary looks can be found within the "Stiletto" portion of the jewelry line's Expectation collection - the striking Triple drop diamond earring, for instance, need not be accompanied by any other accessories.

For bridal jewelry that conveys a message of energy, lock into love with M2 Design by **Mary Margrill's** soul-touching pieces like her gold hoop earrings adorned with "love." If you want that message to shout, "I'm a princess!" pick up Mimi & Marge's Hoop Engagement Earrings or Rice Pearl Earrings, which couldn't scream out your blingin' bridal bliss any louder.

And for the tradition sticklers, you will absolutely adore Athena Designs' Blue Quartz and Sterling Earrings for that essential "something blue."



Ethni-chic

Sparkle, glitz and glam may not be calling your name, but earthy ethnicity is definitely your bag. This season, we've got dark woods, warm golds, passionate turquoises and heated reds to suit your fancy, all put together with sexy sass.

BauXo Inc., who believes the greatest accessory is a passion for life, will suit your lobes in tribal-esque pieces that'll have you rolling in the warm grass and soaking up the summer sun. Handcrafted from natural elements, such as recycled hand-dyed leather, cow bone, coconut wood and nickernuts, BauXo's designs ooze the company's earth-loving philosophy. Such pieces as the curvy Aspire, the rounded Flaunt, the lobe-hugging Hope, the surprising Promise, and the not-too glamour Glamour have got us itching for a dose of BauXo.

Ben-Amun, fronted by the Egyptian-born designer Isaac Manevitz, brings you jewelry pieces made of fine, unusual materials that have just the right zing of ethni-chic. Feel the heat in Coral Enamel Spanish Style earrings in a muted turquoise or jump on the knitty wagon with a pair of contemporarily quaint Pink Hand Crochet Hoop Earrings.



Give your ears a worldly charm with timeless earrings from Miami-based **Citrine by the Stones**



Sail me away

Ahoy hoy! It's time to set sail - all hands on deck! The nautical theme that has our sweaters in stripes, our shoes in navy and our earrings in anchors isn't going anywhere, so jump on board and roll with the waves!

Sail away in oceany blues and nautical shapes like anchors, wheels and boats. Ben-Amun has hit marine on the head with the jewelry line's Brass Plated Nautical Wheel Earrings, the cutest little sailing accessory you ever did see. Mimi & Marge's Triple Pear Drop Earrings are the ideal addition to your anchor-print tee and button-front capris. And if you've got the personality to support it, raise the sails, pull up the anchor and go all out with NSC's S.S. Naughty Secretary Club.



Love your lobe-bling? Find out which earrings compliment your face shape [here](#).

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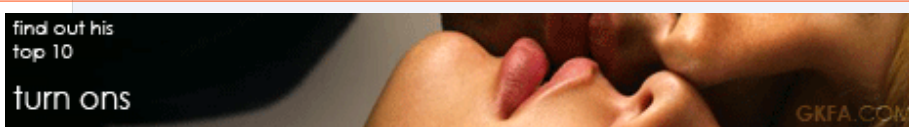
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