

'The future's so bright, I gotta wear shades'

... of electric blue, fluorescent yellow and green chartreuse, that is.

If the last time you heard those lyrics was 1986, coincidentally that's also the last time you dared to wear these power pigments. More into diapers than Dior back then? Think a closet full of Crayola colours ... on acid.

Stella McCartney wove shots of sapphire and emerald in her otherwise neutral spring collection, while Prada popped with hues of cerise and purple.

But unlike some (OK, many) runway trends this one has staying power in the real world. Boutique owner Leanne Dunic of Miss Coquette hasn't shied away from the colour craze. Judging from the splashes of it in her West 10th shop, she's loving the far-from-mellow yellow for spring.

Perhaps the most wearable, however, is azure blue. From blondes to brunettes, it's a universal flatterer. Be bold and wear it, or another haute hue, in a shiny satin or patent. Or play it safe by pairing a bright with a neutral such as khaki, white or grey.

Still scarred from the fuchsia pink hair bows and neon green jelly bracelets of your youth? Accessories such as shoes, purses or big cuff bracelets are a good way to ease into, if not embrace, the trend. And if all else fails, look on the bright side: Black will never go out of style.

- Carly Krug, 24 hours

Fuchsia hobo, \$29.99 at Spring by Transit

Scuba Lulu hoodie in splitpea, \$86 at Lululemon

Green tank by Peel, \$126 at Dream

Men's orange stripe sweater by Lifetime Collective, \$90 at The Block

Yellow wrap dress by The Original Inc., \$120 at Miss Coquette

Yellow bracelet, \$12 at Miss Coquette

Orange hobo by Erin Templeton, \$199 at Dream

Electric blue stacked heel, \$49.99 at Spring by Transit

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