

## Reporter: *A Question Of Style*



**Celebrity stylist  
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answers  
your fashion  
queries.**

**Q** Prints are big this season, but the trend just doesn't look good on me. In fact, I look older and more boring when I wear prints. How can I work this new fad?

— Ming Li

**D**ear Ming Li,

The thing is — and what few people seem to understand — prints come in all shapes and sizes with myriad patterns, designs and colours. There is definitely something for everyone.

When trying to pick a print that is right for you, go with your instincts and comfort level. And you must also be aware that there is a fine line between prints that are groovy and prints that can look totally wrong. Pick

the wrong print and you can wind up looking mumsy, or worse, tacky! Here are some tips that might help you find your perfect print:

**1** The size of the prints should flatter your physique. If you are large, tall or big-boned, opt for larger prints to suit your figure. However, if you're petite, large prints will simply overwhelm your body type. Look for smaller patterns in softer shades to complement your shape.

**2** Secondly, the right colour combination is crucial when wearing prints. Avoid odd or clashing shades that are less-than-pleasing on the eye. Stick to a neutral colour scheme or light washes of colour if you're unsure.

**3** Thirdly, and perhaps most importantly, when choosing an item of clothing with prints, make sure the fit, cut and construction of the outfit is current. Slightly more boho-inspired, flowing shapes are back for Spring/Summer, for example, so do try a peasant top with a simple print.

**4** It is possible to glam up your look when wearing prints by accessorising with a chunky oversized choker or layers of chain necklaces, as prints tend to go well with metallics like gold, silver or

bronze. Experiment with metallic shoes, handbags, cuffs and bangles for a more outstanding look.

Bear these tips in mind and you should be able to achieve your aim of pulling off wearing prints with chutzpah. ■

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Victoria Beckham

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