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Some fashion trends continuing into 2005

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The last year has come and gone, and with it some of the trends we've learned to love - and hate. And while our guess is that many of our 2004 obsessions, such as iPods, Friendster and slogan T's, will only continue to gather steam in the coming year, they will have to make a little room for new blood in 2005. Here's a look at some of the trends we loved in '04 and some of the trends we hope will make a mark in '05.

Classic jewelry

In early '04, those in the know scoured antique stores and raided estate sales - not to mention Grandmother's jewelry box - in search of vintage jewelry. The look became so hot that it was only a matter of time before mainstream stores such as Banana Republic, J. Crew and Rampage brought pearls, brooches and appliques to the masses.

Ethnically inspired jewelry

The thing about classic jewelry is that it will always be stylish - therefore we don't foresee hipsters casting off their old-school baubles forever. They'll just put them back into Gram's jewel box for the time being ... then dig into stash from their worldly travels for 2005. Look for necklaces, bracelets, earrings and headpieces fashioned from nature's elements - wood, coral, stone, leather and glass beads - with ethnic flare.

Uggs, moccasin boots, Mukluks

Although we guessed - or rather hoped - that the masses would get over Uggs in 2004, they continued to stick around, as did their craving for big, warm-looking boots. Everything from knee-high moccasins to Uggs, Mukluks and moon boots, big-foot-esque footwear ruled the streets - and the slush - in '04.

Frye boots, cowboy boots, more Mukluks

Although we don't expect any of the above stompers to disappear in 2004, we could see such classics as Fryes (www.fryeboots.com) and authentic cowboy boots making a comeback in 2005. Not only are they aesthetically pleasing, but they convey a don't-mess-with-me message and only build character with age - unlike Uggs, which disintegrate with time and rain. Also look for a more attractive and functional Mukluk (www.mukluks.com) to gather interest among the hipster set.

Lingerie as street wear

Slinky satin camisoles and lacy unmentionables made their way out of the lingerie drawer and became a staple in every stylish woman's wardrobe. Spotted at clubs, restaurants, grocery stores and even the office - with a blazer, we hope - underwear as outerwear was one of 2004's biggest fashion trends.

PJs and waffle shirts as street wear

With so much overexposure in '04, we think that many women will decide to go the opposite route and cover up this year. Lingerie is cute and sexy, but it's not always the coziest. Look for reformed vixens showing up at the grocery store in fashionable PJs and cute waffle-wear from Scanty (www.sleepyheads.com). Sorry, guys.

Slogan T's

It was all about making a statement and wearing it on your sleeve in 2004. Girls

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were fond of letting guys know that their "boyfriend is out of town." On the more positive side, more people wore gear representative of their political views and T-shirts reminding everyone to vote. Whether or not the wearers actually made it to the polls is a whole other question.

Character T's

This year, our bets are on nostalgic T-shirts with images that bring back memories of happier times. Hollywood trendsetter and boutique owner Tracey Ross may single-handedly jump-start this trend. She has recently teamed up with Warner Bros. to create a limited line of vintage-looking Looney Tunes T-shirts. It won't be long until mass-market stores follow suit with their own versions.

By computer

With the explosion of networking Web sites such as MySpace and Friendster, it was no problem to get in touch with your sixth-grade boyfriend or your B.F.F. from summer camp you hadn't heard from in 15 years. E-mailing with strangers was the greatest way to pass those empty desk hours at a 9 to 5 job.

By hand

Now that the appeal of fielding random - and sometimes creepy - e-mails from strangers is beginning to lose some of its charm, we can focus our attention on the people we actually care about. This means abandoning the use of cutesy acronyms such as LOL, annoying emoticons and curt replies, and occasionally taking the time to handwrite letters on standout stationery that can be pasted into a timeless scrapbook with no chance of getting erased by an accidental click of a delete button.

Dieting

Whether it was Atkins, South Beach, raw foods or the Maker's Diet, people spent the last year carefully monitoring their food intake with visions of the perfect body at the end of the road. Who knew bread could be so controversial?

Virtual training

This could be the year we see people abandoning fad diets in exchange for good old-fashioned exercise to lose weight. And with the introduction of "virtual trainer" programs such as Yourself!Fitness, we may even be seeing people turn to unlikely sources, including the video-game console, to get in shape. Maybe this will be one way to make that classic New Year's resolution finally happen.

Men getting in touch with their feminine sides

Queer Eye for the Straight Guy fueled the fire, making men all over America realize that a good moisturizer, a little hair gel and some flat-front pants can make a world of a difference. Boyfriends and husbands began showing concern for dry skin, hangnails and color coordination. And with style icons such as Sean "P. Diddy" Combs and Usher sporting girly pastel shades such as pale pink and lavender, 2004 was the year of the metrosexual. What's next, spa weekend with the boys?

Men getting in touch with their dapper sides

We've seen Justin Timberlake and Ashton Kutcher sporting the fedora. Items such as cufflinks, tweed, suspenders and bowties have begun emerging in music videos, on runways and amid the hipster populations in Brooklyn, N.Y., and Hollywood. And if you're still not sure, Outkast's Andre 3000 and umbrella boy Farmworth Bentley are but a vision of things to come. This year might be a good time to put the black rubber bracelets and studded leather cuff to rest.

Portable audio

We could call it the year of the iPod, where tiny earbuds and trailing white cords packed the subways and lined the streets from East Coast to West. Out of sheer accessibility and ease of use, products from iPods to cell phones, MP3 players, portable satellite radios, CD players and old-school boomboxes, mobile tunes became 2004's must-have accessory.

Portable video

Those tiny black-and-white portable TVs from the '80s, complete with rabbit ears, have already become sought-after antiques. We've come a long way, with new products such as the Photo iPod, Sony PSP, Nintendo DS and LocationFree TV. As if that's not enough, most everyone these days can listen to music on demand and on the run. This year will allow consumers to watch TV, movies and videos and play games in such places as the doctor's office, the airport terminal and the hair salon, giving new meaning to must-see TV!

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