

Icecream Dream

A swirl of sorbet hues makes its mark on Spring 2012 collections. By Anna Loren

BREEZY PASTELS strike a note for spring, with cool icecream colours spread generously across womenswear collections from New York to Milan. Tart yellow, lollipop pink and creamy peach were designer favourites, complemented by cool blue and mint shades which were light and bright, but never clinical. The look had all the traditional trappings of femininity, with whimsical prints and Peter Pan collars in abundance, but was kept from slipping into the saccharine by impeccable tailoring and crisp, clean lines. Sherbet-tinged organza and chiffon added to the weightless feel for collections that were the height of springtime leisure. **ap**



PHILLIP LIM
A yellow ochre apricot, creamy and robust, Resene Corvette brings to mind breezy summer days. Phillip Lim seemed to have the same idea with his New York show – his collection was inspired by kites and featured strips and swatches of lightweight fabrics in numerous pastel hues.



PREEN
Preen is known for its feminine collections, and its Spring offering was no exception – lace and ruffles, for example, made a strong appearance at their New York show. Continuing the sugar-sweet theme, lemon yellow and candy pink were shown alongside Resene Relax – a light greyed off blue, passive and quietly introspective.



JAEGER LONDON
Jaeger London's designer Stuart Stockdale is known for his cool, gamine pieces, and his Spring 2012 collection was no exception. Impeccable tailoring and neat triangular cutouts were shown on shorts, blazers and dresses, as was Resene Shalimar, a pale primrose and moon glow yellow.



MULBERRY
Mulberry's Spring collection, presented at a balloon animal-bedecked Claridge's, brought to mind a jaunt to the English seaside. Alongside blush pinks and juicy greens, creative director Emma Hill presented whimsical skirts and dresses in Resene Egg Sour, a sweet taste of creamy yellowed peach.



JILL STUART
Jill Stuart described her Spring collection as looking "like a dream, a fantasy, a fairy tale", and her candy-floss pastels and whimsical bird prints denoted exactly that. Scalloped hems and flowing organza were complemented with Resene Kandinsky, a fresh apple mint green which is delicate and sweet in mood.



KAREN WALKER
Resene Cosmos is a froth of pink and orange, bright and vivacious. New Zealand's own Karen Walker featured this ballerina pink in her New York show alongside the masculine, yet playful, tailoring and joyful prints she is known for.

1. Resene Corvette
2. Resene Cosmos
3. Resene Egg Sour
4. Resene Kandinsky
5. Resene Relax
6. Resene Shalimar
7. Resene Vision



HOUSE OF HOLLAND

Resene Vision is a warm, dusky greyed violet, feminine and trusting. Henry Holland's Spring collection, fittingly entitled 'Pastel Punks', featured Resene Vision on sweetly structured dresses and tops, shown alongside swathes of chiffon and bleach-spattered powder blue jeans.