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fab finds from glow's style editor

This month, I'm sporting bright shades, surfing the web and getting ready for a vacation
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TREND WATCH

POPPING PEEPERS

Designers showcased massive sporty frames in citrus hues at DKNY, quirky pink heart-shaped ones at Betsey Johnson and retro styles at DVF to add a major tropical punch to any outfit. Here are my favourites



BOBBLES WITH BENEFITS

My latest love of layer upon layer of bangles (which might annoy my co-workers with the constant clanking) was revived when I saw this colourful charm bracelet. Designer Sally Han's recent trip to Namibia, Africa, inspired her latest accessories collection. She set up shop and had local young women trained to make the bracelets – and the full amount of each piece sold is sent back to their families in Namibia.

PSALMS ACCESSORIES BRACELET, \$35



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ADDAS SURIA,
\$200; EMILIO
PUCCI, \$360;
D&G, \$476



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THE PERFECT TRAVEL COMPANION

I'm not the type who plans vacation wardrobes weeks in advance and packs with tissue paper; meaning I end up with a strange mix of pieces and creased clothes. To the rescue is this wrinkle-resistant, jersey wrap A-line style – it flatters almost every body type. Pop a bright hooded jacket overtop for sightseeing during the day and dress it up with a chunky necklace and wedge sandals for night.

RK CJ DRESS, \$105



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THE FASHION AFICIONADO shopbop.com

This site looks more like an interactive magazine than your typical online fashion store (read: boring to browse through) with lookbooks, trend reports and a separate designer boutique (so we can all swoon over coveted bags).

THE STYLE QUEEN loloandgigi.com

This Canadian online boutique specializes in a full range of plus-sized clothing – from fab printed dresses to eco-friendly loungewear. I love the site's size chart for each brand, which takes away the guessing game that can happen when some labels are cut trimmer than others.

THE FIFTH AVENUE WANNABE glamlist.com

Consider this site your golden ticket to the sample-sale prices typically reserved for fashion insiders. The site hosts private sales (40 to 70 percent off originally priced items) on Canadian and international designers. The catch? You have to be invited by a member to join.