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Return to the '80s

Well, maybe not a total return, but the decade is having its influence on some of today's fashions.

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Like it or loathe it, the ongoing love affair with all things '80s is hard to ignore. Your personal flashbacks from the era might involve big hair and bad makeup, but the current take is subtle and chic. To pull it off with panache, think small: Incorporate a highlighter-esque hue into a basic black ensemble, or swap a casual blazer for a softly structured jean jacket.



H&M

Being a rebel, maintaining cool

Gently distressed and faded to perfection, H&M's denim topper adds a bit of rebel cool to a close-fitting black frock or a pair of relaxed weekend chinos. \$30 at H&M stores.



Mulberry

Shiny leopard

Named after TV host/model/current It Girl Alexa Chung, Mulberry's peony pink shiny leopard Alexa clutch puts an abstract spin on last spring's Lanvin leopard print, while incorporating a bit of toughness with straps, buckles and rivets. \$695 at www.mulberry.com.



Endless.com

Twist on future

A little bit "Blade Runner," a little bit Bowie — these BCB-Generation Devon peep-toe pumps combine an '80s-retro silhouette with futuristic twisted metallic leather. \$110 at www.endless.com.



Target

A holiday from winter days

Nothing says Material Girl like oversize shades, and Mossimo's pink-tinted pair offer a rosy outlook during winter's dark and dreary days. \$17 at Target stores and www.target.com.



Nanette Lepore

Bright light

Designer Nanette Lepore's collection blends cheerful florals and lush silks with shades of coral, chartreuse and hot pink.

Eyecatchers



Gaultier at Target

It was 20 years ago when French designer Jean Paul Gaultier stormed the global fashion scene with the iconic cone-bra corset and black suits that defined Madonna's Blond Ambition tour. Gaultier earned great fame and having most recently assumed the post of head designer for Hermès. Now he brings his fashion to the masses as the third designer in Target's Designer Collaborations. The collection, which hits stores today, is a tribute to the American woman featuring everything from swimwear and leather jackets to flirty dresses and high-waisted pants. The collection is priced from \$17.99 to \$199.99. We like this sassy brown and red leather jacket, \$199.99, and red tank dress, \$34.99.

NEORA RHONE



Correct dark eyes

Nothing puts a damper on a glam look like puffy eyelids and dark circles. Dermelect Cosmeceuticals Revitalite Eyelid and Dark Circle Corrector is formulated with multipolypeptides and tightening agents to help battle puffiness, dark circles and droopy eyelids. This smooth cream, which should be massaged three times daily around the eye area, also is recommended for bruising that can result from cosmetic skin procedures. A 5-ounce tube costs \$49 and is available through www.dermelect.com and www.amazon.com.

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