

NICE SHADES

Set the tone for your celebration by outfitting your crew in hues that are totally you. Here, the four coolest color combos of the season.

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A cascading ruffle and crystal detail inject major flavor into a persimmon taffeta gown, while the blush clutch and pumps add a hint of tint. Dress, \$250, Jim Hjelm Occasions. Earrings, \$275, Badgley Mischka. Ring, \$150, Swarovski. Pumps, \$495, Hervé Léger by Max Azria. Clutch, \$142, Franchi. Turn to Shopping Guide.

BLUSH + ORANGE

Kick the romance up a notch by pairing a hot shade with a pretty pastel. The result: an exotic duo that hits just the right note of sweet and spicy.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT Scarf, \$88, Love Quotes. Bow tie, \$75, Carrot & Gibbs. Clutch, \$215, Moyna. Ring (on saucer), \$88, Kenneth Jay Lane. Beaded choker, \$150, Jennifer Elizabeth. Oval bracelet (on ribbon), \$250, Desarra Collection. Flower pumps, \$110, Charles by Charles David. Crystal earrings, \$175, Badgley Mischka. Beaded bracelet (on plate), \$28.95, Fantasy Jewelry Box. Stud earrings (on plate), \$38, Tarina Tarantino. Ankle booties, \$89, Chinese Laundry.

PALE BLUE + BONE

Planning an elegant affair? Nothing says “chic” like an icy shade matched with a creamy neutral. Throw in a few playful textures (snakeskin, mesh) and you’ve got the perfect mix of edgy and elegant. **CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT** Necklace (hanging), \$188, Amanda Pearl. Pumps, \$200, Badgley Mischka. Ring, \$59.95, Fantasy Jewelry Box. Clutch, \$395, Madame Mathilde. Mesh petal hair clip, \$158, Colette Malouf. Beaded necklace, \$95, Kenneth Jay Lane. Blue necklace, \$235, Madame Mathilde. Cuff links, \$95, Jan Leslie. Tie, \$125, Black Fleece by Brooks Brothers. Bouquet of astilbes, hydrangeas, and muscari, \$275, LMD, Lewis Miller Design. Pocket square (center), \$60, Thomas Pink. Carved bangles (in bowl), \$50 each, Kenneth Jay Lane. Ring (in bowl), \$108, Kenneth Jay Lane.



This classic bone-hued dupioni knee-length dress comes with a sexy surprise—a plunging V-back. Make it even more modern with a textured blue clutch. Dress, \$248, Watters. Earrings, \$165, Adriana Orsini. Bangle, \$75, Santi. Ring, \$68, Roberta Chiarella. Clutch, \$105, Sondra Roberts. Turn to Shopping Guide.



How to make a short, bright frock look even flirtier: Add a few jewel-toned accessories and a bubble hem. Key lime silk-dupioni mini, \$250, Purely Alfred Angelo. Earrings, \$75, and bangle, \$338, Kenneth Jay Lane. Necklace, \$218, Amanda Pearl. Clutch, \$95, Moyna.

EMERALD + CHARTREUSE

For a very verdant affair, mix two tones from the green family: one light and airy, one dark and rich. Voilà! A fresh combination that's just right for an afternoon fete. **CLOCKWISE FROM TOP** Bouquet of coleus, mums, ferns, anthurium leaves, and aspidistra leaves, \$275, LMD, Lewis Miller Design. Silk-satin heels, \$200, Badgley Mischka. Sash (under shoe), \$28, L. Erickson. Ring, \$75, Kenneth Jay Lane. Earrings, \$188, Camilla James. "Rose" clutch, \$115, Sondra Roberts. Feather headband, \$70, Jennifer Ouellette. Five-row bracelet (center), \$39.95, Fantasy Jewelry Box. Turn to Shopping Guide.



PURPLE + PEACOCK

Warm up an intimate gathering with these totally trendy supersaturated shades. Rock this opulent pair in a rich setting like a library, club, or vineyard. **CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT** Silk pouch, \$165, Moyna. Bow tie (on bowl), \$75, Carrot & Gibbs. Teal necklace (in bowl), \$150, Desarra Collection. Bangle (next to grapes), \$40, Bellissima. Stud earrings (below feathers), \$75, Kenneth Jay Lane. Silk-satin heels, \$145, Betsey Johnson. Feather headband, \$125, Jennifer Ouellette. Amethyst bangles (with small stones), \$65 and \$80, Julie Collection. Amethyst bangle (with large stones), \$110, Urban Posh. Clutch, \$1,398, Amanda Pearl. Jeweled bobby pins (on plate), \$24, L. Erickson. Drop earrings (on platter), \$172, Rosena Sammi.



Your bridesmaids will go crazy for a retro-chic purple duchess-satin cocktail dress, accented with luscious peacock-hued jewels. Dress, \$240, Lela Rose Bridesmaid. Necklace, \$250, Carol Marie. Bracelet, \$425, Badgley Mischka. Turn to Shopping Guide. Hair: Noah Hatton at Kramer + Kramer for Cutler/Redken. Makeup: Quinn for ArtistsbyTimothyPriano.com. Prop stylist: Cindy DiPrima.

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