

FASHION

SKIP THE NEUTRALS FOR COLOUR OR A BOLD PRINT, SAYS ANNA KOSMANOVSKI



MARIA MALAKELLIS FROM KIITOS LIVING BY DESIGN WEARS MARIMEKKO BATAM DRESS \ \$329

"WEAR IT WITH ATTITUDE"



Square metal frame clutch in teal, \$39.95, from Colette by Colette Hayman



Organic shape enamel necklace in orange, \$12.95 from Colette by Colette Hayman



Animal print pleated skirt, \$169.95, from Sportscraft



Natio lip shine, members \$9.56, non-members \$11.95 from Community Care Chemist.



Connie Bootie, \$199.95 from Witchery

As the leaves begin to fall and that crisp chill starts coming through, many of us simply go into cool-weather autopilot – meaning black, darks and maybe some grey.

Yet, for those wanting to enliven their outfits, bright splashes of colour and bold prints are ripe for the picking.

This year's autumn/winter collections feature a resurgence of animal prints and colours such as cobalt blue, deep mustard yellow, and pink against the backdrop hues of grey, khaki and peach, which suggests it might be a good time to stand out against the crowd.

Wearing bolds and brights makes a positive difference to how we feel, says Maria Malakellis from Kiitos Living by Design.

"It elevates our mood," she says. "It's a power statement ... I think you feel powerful when you're wearing something that's bold. And it adds to your confidence."

Malakellis says although it takes a confident person to wear vibrant prints and colours, it's an exercise in empowerment as well. "Sometimes I say, 'Wear it with attitude.'"

When it comes to accessorising such outfits, she suggests going bold or going subtle – but steer clear of the middle ground.

"Keep accessories simple," she says. "If you want to accessorise, I'd be going really bold on top of it. Not something tiny. Go one extreme – pare it right down, or go big – not something in between."

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Ovoid cardigan in orange, \$179, from Country Road



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Radiant shirt in orchid, \$229, from Feathers



Equipment Sloane crew neck in rose multi, \$375, from Tinky



Intarsia spliced knit, \$99.95, from Country Road



Runway To Rack print crop tee, \$40, from Target



Double breasted trench coat in crimson, \$69, from Target



Resin slate wishbone bangle in cobalt, small to medium fit, \$55; small resin seaweed wrap bangle in magenta swirl, \$75, from Dinosaur Designs

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Triassic dress in pink, \$315, from Apom

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