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rom Christmas day to New Year's Eve – and let's not forget all those end-of-year festivities and events in between – there's a lot of rummaging around the wardrobe asking the perpetual question: "What do I wear?"

The good news? If there's ever a time that warrants shopping for a new dress or accessories, it's now.

Nothing beats that great feeling of wearing a new and carefully planned outfit to your Christmas day lunch. And such a memorable occasion deserves a memorable outfit.

At the moment, there are plenty of vibrant trends. Fittingly, for summer, the tropics trend is a favourite right now with fresh takes on jungle-inspired prints and colour palettes.

Then there's our current penchant for pastels, which makes a case for floaty, feminine choices in colours such as mint, pale pink and chambray blue.

True colour lovers are catered for with hues such as vermillion, watermelon, brilliant yellow, lime and phosphorescent green making it a brighter festive season. Blue, a year-round favourite, is still well placed for summer and can be paired with white for a fresh

yet glamorous look, reminiscent of the Greek islands.

Remember too, that fabrics such as silk and linen always feel a treat to wear, especially in summer, and these are great for events that fall on a warm day.

With new season looks celebrating lace in all its forms, it's hard to go past a white dress featuring broderie anglaise detailing. Such looks need hardly any accessorising; simpler white offerings can be teamed with metallic sandals or a bright necklace to make it a more memorable look.

The more fashion-adventurous might like to experiment with other summer trends, such as tie-dye and short playsuits in cute prints.

So whether you're on the lookout for a new year's eve dress or a fresh new look for Christmas day, we've compiled a selection of the latest summer looks that will carry you through this festive season in style. \

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