

Swimwear



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Spring bathing suits are classy

By LORI MORRISON

Splashing around in the surf will require a little more sophistication this year when it comes to beach apparel.

Bold blacks, rich mauves and deep blues are choice colors for the season's popular maillots.

The high-cut French leg of new styles will allow girls to show off more tan and make their thighs look trimmer, and the low-cut back also will let them get the most out of sunbathing.

The itsy-bitsy-teeny-weeny bikini won't have room for the yellow polka dots this year. The cosmo bikini is the season's briefest, with adjustable strings to let you show off even the most shapeless figure. Bikini bottoms may be adjusted to expose your entire hip bone or worn lower to add width. The string bikini is still around, as is the not-so-brief bikini.

Slinky quianas and irresistible velours are the most popular fabrics in coverups, which help create the ocean elegance for which the season is aiming. Long skirts which tie at the waist are very popular and let you go from surf to supper because of their dressy style. Terry cloth playsuits and tunics still are around for lovers of the sporty look.

Whether you choose the contemporary cosmo or the sharp maillot, this season's swimwear can help you be the sexiest and the most stylish on the beach.

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