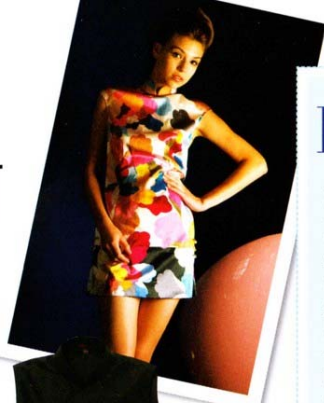


Shanghai Project

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China calling

Ethnic influences move in cycles, and the wheel has stopped in our vicinity again. Various interpretations of the *cheongsam*, with its distinctive high collar, reappeared on Dior's, Prada's and Balenciaga's catwalks. The key to not looking like its Racial Harmony Day? Choose novel prints (think chintzy English florals instead of silk brocade) and shapes (adventurous cut-outs, flared skirts) that put a twist on tradition.



↑ Cheongsam, \$765, from Shanghai Tang



↔ Cheongsam, \$249, from Mazzario



↑ Silk cheongsam, \$359, from Tan Tan

↔ Cotton voile cheongsam, \$289, from Tan Tan

Funky Specs

As an extension of Spring's rage for all things Oriental, consider a quirky pair of spectacles in fashionable neons and engraved with graphic dragons and the like. Produced by Italian company Area, the collection was inspired by its director's wife's Asian heritage – the frames are produced in limited quantities and are all hand-crafted with real silk, leaves and feathers. The 44 unique designs cost from \$380-\$520.



↔ Ever Wanted, \$440



↔ Exotic Garden, \$480



↓ Sweet Love, \$400