



## Italy brings back waist

Valentino's spring-summer showing reintroduced the waistline with wide waist cinching belts and fitted jackets. On the other hand, he has also done the unconstructed blazers and a strong statement of the blouson silhouette.

Linen in three weights -- basket weave, Irish and handkerchief -- is important to his collection. His favorite colors for spring are combinations of potato beige, burgundy and black or ceru with peach, mint green and almost-khaki.

The white handkerchief linen Victorian dress (left) wears a pink waist cinching belt topped by a second narrow braided flower tasseled belt. A silk straw flower rimmed garden hat, pink panty hose and pink ballet slippers complete the ingenue party dress or summer bride look.



Designed for John Meyer and you by Pat Ashley. The new natural cotton flax blazer (about \$72.) with a soft antique rose skirt (about \$30.) and easy peasant T (about \$17.)



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