



## Print

**Kate's tips:** Many people are afraid of print but if chosen well it can provide a great contemporary injection into our wardrobes. The clever design details on the dress make for a fabulously flattering fit. Jo's top is a great way to put a toe in the 'print' water.

Smaller prints can be easier to wear and more subtle than some of the bold graphic prints currently on the high street. It looks great with jeans, but would look equally good with a straight white skirt.

### Who does it best?

**Top end:** Erdem

**High Street:** Whistles

**Joyce wears:** palm leaf dress, £150, at Whistles, pewter sandals, £160 from LK Bennett, ivory Daria drawstring bag, £795, cuff, £17.90 at Mango.

**Jo wears:** Ditsy shirred tunic, £115, grey skinny jeans, £60, both at Whistles, Mulberry Alexa bag in butter, £695, Dune flat silver sandals, £55, hoop earrings, £8, by Linea.

With Mother's Day coming up, **WEEKEND** sent fiftysomething mum Joyce Matthews and twentysomething daughter Jo McFarlane to meet Gloucestershire stylist Kate Parker at Cheltenham's Cavendish House to find out how to wear the latest spring trends

# Generation game

## Sports luxe

**Kate's tips:** Accessorise well – Joyce's bag and scarf bring the jeans and top up scale, while the different tones of grey add a luxe feel to Jo's relaxed cardigan and jeans combo. When creating a layered look, don't lose sight of your waist and end up looking shapeless and frumpy – aim for lady with a great bag, rather than bag lady.

### Who does it best?

**Top end:** Stella McCartney

**High Street:** Linea Weekend

**Joyce wears:** stripe pull-in tunic, £55, scarf, £40, both from Whistles, white cropped jeans, £130, at Weekend Max Mara, Dune silver sandals, £55, Mulberry metallic bag, £425.

**Jo wears:** cropped jeans, £60, grey boyfriend cardigan, £45, both by Linea

**Weekend:** Therapy grey bag, £29, Bertie pewter ballet pumps, £55, T-shirt, £19.90, elephant necklace £17.90, black bead necklace, £12.90, all from Mango.



## STYLE TEAM

**Stylist:** Kate Parker, tel 01242 620687, email [kate@kateparkerstyle.com](mailto:kate@kateparkerstyle.com) or visit [www.kateparkerstyle.com](http://www.kateparkerstyle.com)

**Hair and make-up:** Stylists from Stuart Holmes Hair & Beauty Spa, 5 Imperial Square, Cheltenham. Call 01242 220001 or visit [www.stuartholmes.co.uk](http://www.stuartholmes.co.uk)

They said: "We had great fun creating a young, fashionable look for Jo – changing her hair colour to a warm, rich brown made her eyes sparkle and gave her a glowing complexion. Gary did an up-to-date textured haircut, Joyce was given a glamorous blowdry to complement her outfit and make-up. The make-up is subtle focusing on creating a fashionable smokey eye, seen on all the catwalks and in magazines."



## Modern military

**Kate's tips:** Military and safari trends are a fashion perennial. It's a look that can be gently nodded to, as we've done here, or you can take it more seriously with military inspired jackets and shorts. This season it's all about khaki, which can make for great summer work wear.

### Who does it best?

**Top end:** Celine

**High Street:** Mango

**Joyce wears:** black silk dress, £199, taupe bag with gold hardware, £270, black patent belt, £50, gold link necklace, £85 all by Jaeger, Taupe suede wedges, £65, at Episode, bangles, £18, from French Connection.

**Jo wears:** Marco Polo dress, £145, tan suede platform shoes, £110, by Carvela, necklace, £16, from Linea, Anne Klein handbag, £165, bangles, £14.90, at Mango.

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