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# Dress Your Age!

These five fall trends are workable whether you're 20-something or 50-plus. Here's how to wear them with taste, confidence, and style.

**Neons**  
The electric '80s palette is back—now in bold shots of color instead of head-to-toe Day-Glo.

**ELENA AGOSTINIS, 57**

The key to wearing brights like a grown-up: Try Day-Glo pinks and oranges in classic styles like a bow-tied blouse and pencil skirt (Liz Claiborne New York, \$79 and \$99). Hot pink looks terrific with Agostinis's gray hair (and lights up her skin). Except for beige shoes (Coye Nokes) there isn't a neutral in sight: "My work is always colorful," says Agostinis, an artist. For a more conservative look, you can wear the blouse with a black bottom, or the skirt with a simple white top. Bracelets, Vaubel for Jennifer Miller. Ring, Mimi So.

**MELISSA NAPOLEON, 26**

"I was skeptical about neon," says Napoleon, an aspiring writer. "I thought, *Barbie colors!* But this looks cool." The hipness comes from the contrast between an intense chartreuse T-shirt (Ella Moss, \$90) and fuchsia patent leather pumps (Georgina Goodman) and pink clutch (Rebecca Minkoff). We also piled on jewelry (more is more when you're young): studded cuffs (Anna Beck) and chain necklaces (Ippolita Silver, Jessica Hicks, Giles & Brother by Philip Crangi, Dannijo). Jeans, Sisley, \$89.

**KERSTI BOWSER, 44**

The lift you get from electric colors is invigorating, but you may prefer smaller doses. Grounding neons with something dark, like a black skirt (Michael Michael Kors, \$80), is an understated solution for Bowser, a chef. "This orange makes me feel alive and happy," she says of the sweater, matching cowlneck (Michael Kors, \$895 and \$695), and shiny heels (Davis by Ruthie Davis). "I'm a visual person...it's fun to translate that into fashion." Ring, Kenneth Jay Lane. ▶