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Less-expensive
bridal
dresses,
known as
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lines**, are
offered by
top
designers
such as Zac
Posen, Vera
Wang and
Jenny Packham. While their
stamp is on the dress, with
signature embellishments,
fabrics often are synthetics.



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Looking to amp up your closet
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you where to find Long Island's
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Silky and sassy
cherry pie cropped
top features
exaggerated bell
sleeves; \$78, at
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stores and
freepeople.com

The charm of the arm

INTERESTING SLEEVES MAKE NEWS FOR SPRING

BY ANNE BRATSKEIR
Special to Newsday

Fashion's got something fresh
and new up its sleeve this
spring — or, more precisely,
on its sleeve.

In fact, it's all about the
sleeve as big brands and
high-end designers are lavish-
ing sleeves with their undivided atten-
tion. The variety is vast, ranging from
wildly exaggerated bells to volumi-
nous balloons to more moderate flares
and puffs along with fluttery ties and
ruffle details.

"We're calling it the power sleeve,"
says Adam Glassman, creative director
of O, the Oprah Magazine, who likes
the style so much he dressed his boss,
Oprah Winfrey, in a variation on the
theme for April's cover.

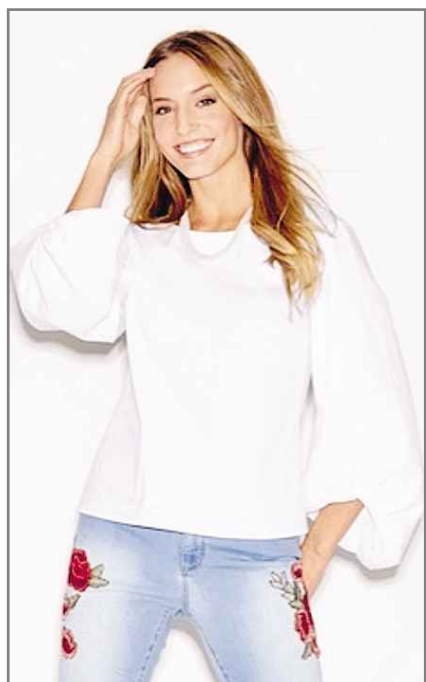
"It's all about the shirt this season,
and sleeves are, in general, very femi-
nine and a great new take on your
go-to basic," Glassman says. "It's very
clever because it entices you to buy
something new."

Fashion expert and celebrity stylist
Jacqui Stafford agrees. "It's such an
easy and fabulous way to update your



ON THE COVER
Cute, textured
cotton mini has
a little belly
cutout along
with big bell
sleeves; \$98 (in
five colors), at
select Free
People stores
and
freepeople.com





JCPENNEY

This go-with-everything cotton-blend top by Worthington has fun, slightly exaggerated sleeves; \$36, at select JCPenney stores and jcpenney.com



SIMPLY VERA VERA WANG

This vivid abstract floral top by Simply Vera Vera Wang boasts a billowy sleeve and a ruffled cuff; \$48, at select Kohl's stores and kohls.com

wardrobe, you almost don't need to buy anything else," she says. "I absolutely love them — anything with pleating, bells, bows, flounce or ruffle — they're so pretty they sort of replace jewelry."

At Transitions, the fashion boutique in Roslyn, owner Leslie Cohen says, "The whole drama of the season is the focus on the sleeve. Almost anybody can wear it, and my customers are loving the balance of bare, off the shoulder and feminine, flowy sleeves as a going-out, date-night top," she says.

"I like any piece of clothing that has multi-purposes," says Glassman, who calls the fresh sleeve silos "work-

horses."

"They're a statement piece almost replacing the need for a jacket," he says. "For work, pair them with a trouser or a pencil skirt; at night, wear them with a sexy, shorter skirt or your jeans." Stafford says an all-black ensemble featuring a black button down with enhanced sleeves is "very modern, very fresh, and you can wear it to work."

Two warnings, however, Glassman says: "There's a fine line between going high style and looking like you're in the cast of the 'Pirates of Penzance.'" And, when it comes to dining, be very careful "so you don't get caught up in your bowl of soup."



NEIMAN MARCUS

Burberry's black tee with classic plaid detail gets a touch of femininity with gathered cuffs; \$195, at select Neiman Marcus stores and neimanmarcus.com



TRANSITIONS

Sexy, off-the-shoulder meets up with big, balloon sleeves in this crisp, springy plaid top by Petersyn; \$220, at Transitions, Roslyn.



BLOOMINGDALE'S

Sweet cheeks get a hefty dose of drama with this off-the-shoulder neckline by MLM Label that features fluttery bell ruffled cuffs; \$150, at select Bloomingdale's stores and bloomingdales.com

plus stylefile

MAJOR LEAGUE HOME RUN

Ray "Digmi" Navarrete, 38, the retired Long Island Ducks second baseman, has gone major league with his fashion collection, landing his first national account: Bloomingdale's. His Dig me line — a take on his nickname — includes graphic tees, hats and varsity jackets and is exclusive to Bloomie's (find variations at digmination.com). The styles have turned up on everyone from actor Kevin James to Mets stars Jason DeGrom and Noah Syndergaard. Tees and hats start at \$25 and go up to \$120 for the jackets. According to Navarrete, above, the duds are selling faster than a line drive.



DIGMINATION.COM

— ANNE BRATSKER

WE HEART ART

Class is now in session. And at Target, that means Art Class, a new line of on-trend apparel and accessories for boys and girls, including gauze dresses, knit joggers, tropical-print track jackets and more. The collection is designed in consultation with the Class of 2017, a group of 10 extraordinarily driven kids, from 13-year-old YouTube singer Johnny Orlando to 14-year-old app creator Mercer Henderson. Most items are priced less than \$20; this dress is \$16.99 at Target stores and target.com

— JOSEPH V. AMODIO



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8 vintage shops on Long Island: newsday.com/shopping



O, THE OPRAH MAGAZINE

Cover girl looks

Adam Glassman, creative director of O, the Oprah Magazine, is so fond of the "power sleeve" trend that he dressed his boss, Oprah Winfrey, in a variation on the theme for April's cover. Her crisp, cotton, off-the-shoulder top by Tibi has a strappy tie detail at the bracelet sleeve; \$295, at tibi.com



CAROLINA HERRERA

Designer Carolina Herrera is queen of the crisp white shirt, but here she adds a bit of romance to the classic with restrained ruffled and bowed sleeves; \$335 at CH Herrera, Manhattan, and carolinaherrera.com