

Spring FLING

Sasha Alexander, costar of TV's *Rizzoli & Isles*, flirts with this season's must-have looks in beautiful Santa Barbara, CA

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black & white

The combo is fresh and modern. Mix stripes, polka dots, graphic prints—anything in your closet sans color. It's that black and white.

Top, \$79, anntaylor.com. Lauren Ralph Lauren shorts, \$79, ralphlauren.com. House of Harlow 1960 bracelet, \$68, glamboutique.com. Sol Sana shoes, \$90, peppermayo.com.

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HASKELL'S BEACH

At low tide, this stretch of surf and sand near the Bacara Resort & Spa opens up, giving beachcombers access to nearby scenic spots.

LUCKY PENNY

Count 'em: 164,456 pennies dot the wall of this cute café, part of Santa Barbara's "Funk Zone," a cluster of cool shops, wine-tasting rooms and more. luckypennysb.com

dressed-up denim

Finally, you can wear jeans to work. (Well, sort of.) Polished, office-appropriate denim pieces like this structured indigo jumper are a must-buy.

Dress, \$245, 7forallmankind.com. Earrings, \$50, ruegembon.com. Ring, \$34, anntaylor.com. Clutch, \$85, deuxlux.com. Michael Kors shoes, \$135, zappos.com.

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boho chic

A blousy dress in a groovy print says “haute hippie.” Keep hair loose and freewheelin’ to echo the bohemian vibe.

Michael Kors dress, \$150, michaelkors.com. Lauren Ralph Lauren shoes, \$110, macys.com. Beq Pettina necklaces, \$62 and \$65, etsy.com. House of Harlow 1960 ring, \$52, glamboutique.com.

LES MARCHANDS

Locals drink up the wine selection, with tasty tapas, at this low-key wine bar and shop. Try a glass and leave with a bottle! lesmarchandswine.com

DIANI LIVING

Co-owner Caroline Diani curates a mix of global and local home decor in her concept store, an offshoot of her clothing boutique. dianiboutique.com



romantic ruffles

Sweeten basic jeans with a flirty top in an airy fabric. And just for the frill of it, look for girly details like flutter sleeves and lace insets.

Jessica Simpson top, \$44, lordandtaylor.com. Jeans, \$198, 7forallmankind.com. Chinese Laundry shoes, \$90, dailylook.com. Jewelry courtesy of dianiboutique.com.



**LA SUPER-RICA
TAQUERIA**
Tortillas are made fresh by the
hour at this no-frills taco
stand, famously endorsed by
Julia Child. 805-963-4940

geometric prints

Triangles, circles and
hexagons (think geometry
class!) are taking shape for
spring. We heart the pattern
play on this endlessly
flattering fit-and-flare dress.

Dress, \$398, trnaturk.com.
Sunglasses, \$44, threadsence.com.
Bag, \$50, dailylook.com. Shoes,
\$39, amiclubwear.com.



everyday eyelet

Peekaboo overlay
is a ladylike way to show
a little skin. Pair a casual
skirt with a tennis
sweater, a red clutch and
sneaks to score a style
hole-in-one!

Sweater, \$88, designhistoryny.com. Skirt, \$187, shopzinke.com.
Necklace, \$40, and bracelet,
\$80, ruegembon.com. Watch,
\$120, tokyobayinc.com. Ring,
\$39, anntaylor.com. Shoes, \$80,
dolcevita.com.

**BACARA
RESORT & SPA**
Treat yourself to a stay
at this stunning Spanish-
style resort by the sea.
Don't miss the rooftop
spa! bacararesort.com

little white dress

Hang up your LBD: White is the new black! Shop for figure-flattering neoprene and a halter cut to showcase shoulders.

Dress, \$395, pinktartan.com.
Bracelet, \$54, anntaylor.com.
Dolce Vita shoes, \$55, dailylook.com.

THE LARK
Go loco for the train-inspired touches in this upscale eatery, named after an overnight Pullman car that serviced Santa Barbara from 1910 to 1968. thelarksb.com

spotlight on... SASHA

It was the Twitter campaign heard 'round the office: Sasha's social-media fans asked to see her on the pages of *GH*—and here she is! Known for her role as Dr. Maura Isles on the hit TNT show *Rizzoli & Isles*, Sasha hangs up her scrubs (temporarily!) for an edgy guest part as a college professor on the Showtime series *Shameless*. Offscreen, she's married to director Edoardo Ponti (he's the son of fashion icon Sophia Loren!) and mom to kids Lucia, 8, and Leonardo, 4. We chatted with the actress about cute clothes and her celeb mother-in-law.

FAMOUS FASHION POLICE

Recently I wore a shirtdress that my mother-in-law thought was too short. But I had on black tights! She didn't say anything negative, just commented that it was rather sexy. I said, "Great! *And?* I don't see your son complaining!"

GUILTY PLEASURE I'm an arts-and-crafts nerd. It's a dream of mine that when I retire, I'll open a paper store. I love ribbons and cutting paper—all of it! I have a partner in my daughter. When other moms in her school find out I'm crafty, they think it's so funny. They're like, "Wow! OK! Have Sasha do it!"

SURPRISE TALENT I was an ice skater from the time I was 4 until I was 14. I hurt my knee, so I couldn't pursue it anymore, but it was a huge part of my childhood because I practiced before and after school!

WORKOUT SECRET I do the Tracy Anderson Method. I also run around with my kids. I play soccer with my son and dance with my daughter. I don't worry about weight—I worry about my health. If I don't have the energy to get through my day, that's when I say, *What am I doing wrong?*

PERFECT SATURDAY NIGHT A Ponti family movie night! We're all in our pajamas, and we stay home and pick a movie to watch with the kids. My husband makes this amazing chocolate fondue, which we eat with strawberries and bananas. The kids get so excited!

Hair by Clariss Rubenstein for The Wall Group. Makeup by Kindra Mann at The Wall Group for Dior.

playful lace

The delicate fabric is stylish, not stuffy, worn with white jeans. Remember: No head-to-toe lace. (A lace "outfit" feels a little mother-of-the-bride.)

Reiss top, \$240, 212-488-2411.
Jeans, \$168, dl1961.com. Eva Mendes Collection for NY&Co cuff, \$33, nyandcompany.com.
Shoes, \$128, anntaylor.com.
Bag, \$49, kohls.com.

MUNICIPAL WINEMAKERS

It's BYOF (Bring Your Own Food) at this chill tasting room, known for (affordable!) small-batch wine. municipalwinemakers.com