

CatChannel Exclusive: Spring into Style

Five hot must-have handbags for the new season.

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TOTE THAT

This oversized Sumo Kitty Tote is the perfect mix of fun, flirty and fashionable. Wear it with jeans or a cute sundress and flip flops. You'll be seeing a lot of bright colors and patent leather on the streets in the next few months. Grab this bag, and you'll blend in with ease. It's great for stashing everything you need for the day, as you run around town. Cost is \$35.00. Shop for it at <http://www.fluffshop.com/>.

ON THE PROWL

Old Navy's Women's Animal Print Clutch in leopard print is on the pulse of this season's fashion. Clutches and animal print are big right now. The trick to wearing the print? Minimalism. Carry it with a dark brown or black dress for a night out on the town or pair it with skinny jeans, ballet flats and a blouse during the day. For a bolder statement, add red accessories. Buy it for \$16.50 at <http://www.oldnavy.com/>.

PEEK-A-BOO BAG

The KamKam Tote is a great all-purpose, weekend bag for people of all ages. Its subdued color matches to just about any recreational outfit: perfect with a T-shirt, pair of jeans and tennis shoes. Canvas bags such as this one outlast wear and tear, so consider it for school or the next trip you take. The bag retails at \$26.95. Visit <http://www.thecatconnection.com/> for more information.

MADE TO ORDER

Here's the latest way to show off your furry kids. Forget carrying pictures in your wallet—that's so last year! Instead, send your favorite picture of your cat to SnapTotes and create a handbag just as you like. The Around Towner in black and white has a classically simple look with internal pockets for your cell phone and other everyday essentials. Ideal for the office. Price for this bag starts at \$95.00 and differs by design. Go to <http://www.snaptotes.com/> for step-by-step instructions.

RETRO REVAMPED



Consider the Red Tango Swirl Cat Baguette Purse for your next great slim shoulder bag. It's petite and feminine, yet still big enough to actually carry your necessities. In green, it has an extra feel of spring to it. The design's fresh take on the classic bowler bag would look extra girly paired with a flowing white skirt. It's \$49.99 at <http://www.thecatconnection.com/>.

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