



## Nude and blush tones add romance to summer fashion

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**A blush-toned romper (\$164, Eve Gravel, Evegravel.com) gets added edge from a black belt. (Supplied)**

An entire range of light and airy blush and nude-toned clothes, accessories and makeup cut a wide swath down nearly every designer runway, including those of Stella McCartney, Marchesa, Armani, Marc Jacobs for Louis Vuitton and Celine in Europe, while on this side of the Atlantic, Diane Von Furstenberg, Tory Burch, DKNY, Calvin Klein and Canada's own Eve Gravel also recommend blush.

Some, like Gravel, Christian Dior and Alexander McQueen plied blush with hits of black and floral trim to add edge to the otherwise purely pristine tone. Others used texture in the form of pleats, lace, floral appliqués, laser cutouts and crochet work to add textural notes to their pale canvas.

"I built my spring summer 2012 collection around flower prints and as my flower print included a shade of blush, I decided to include blush styles in my collection, always mixing it (blush) with black for a perfect blend"; that brings more romance to the season," says Montreal-based Gravel.