

# Block Party

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**WHO:** The color wheel. Paintings by the Dutch artist, Piet Mondrian and subsequently “Mondrian dresses” designed by Yves Saint Laurent in the 1960s.

**WHAT:** Color blocking, or the exploration of taking colors that are opposites on the color wheel and pairing them together to make interesting and complementary color combinations. While this trend has been in fashion, beauty and home décor, it has also made its way into a range of sun and optical styles.

**WEAR:** (Top to Bottom) From New Orleans-based independent eyewear company, **Krewe**, the STL II frame style plays with acetates to create a fun color-blocked finish. Featuring a blue tortoise-like acetate on the upper frame front and a yellow crystal on the bottom of the frame this style also takes the color blocking to the temples and is topped off with a gold metal brow bar. **Mykita’s** Studio4.3 sunglasses feature a color-blocked stainless steel with a navy blue top and bright yellow bottom segmented by gray. This retro-looking round also features acetate temples tips and gray solid lenses. **Morgenthal Frederics** takes a slightly different approach to the color-blocking trend with its Uma optical frame by blocking off the front and temples into complementary color combinations—creating a fun eyeglass look just in time for spring. **Cutler and Gross** frame style 1277 takes us back to the 60s exuding a very Mod vibe with its black and white color pairing treatment. This round sunglass creates a bold statement featuring a unique white milled acetate hood atop the black front and single piece metal structure.

**WHY:** The spring season calls for a style **revival**—a chance to try something a little different. As *The Devil Wears Prada* character, Miranda Priestly famously said, “*Florals—for spring? How groundbreaking.*” Time to explore the **creative** side of your eyewear choices, and **color blocking** is the perfect way to add a **splash** to your look.

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