



Fun in the Sun

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Tot Bathing Suits Make a Big Splash This Season

By Wendy Navarro

It's time to strip away the layers, pull out the shorts and flip flops and plan for fun in the sun.

This season tot bathing suits and pool side fashions are making a big splash! Children's wear designers take swim-suit fashions two-steps forward and transfer favorite every day looks to create new and bold swimsuit designs. Styles range from traditional to retro inspirations, fabrics are bold and sassy; when infused you get fun, whimsical swimwear perfect for the innocence of child's play.

Vintage inspired swimsuits hit the boardwalk this summer and take center stage. Influenced by the bathing beauties of the 20's, 30's, 40's and 50's, era inspired bathing suits combine amazing details like rouching and ruffles paired with whimsical prints in polka dots and stripes to create a look that will take you back to simpler times of boardwalks and Ferris Wheels.

Ballerinas by the bay. Our love for tutu skirts and ruffles does not end just because it's summertime. This fashion trend continues on strong in whimsical bathing suits.

Look for tutu-esq skirts layered over one piece suits and bikini bottoms. Popular colors to look for are ballerina pink, turquoise blue and lemon yellow.

Long board shorts for boys rock the waves! Bold prints and themes range from nautical to preppy to punk. There's no holding back. So, regardless of whether you're into classic nautical themes or skulls and cross bones there's a suit out there to fit your little guys personal style.



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Fabric has come a long way. Many of today's swimsuit designers have infused sun protection into fabrics creating greater UV protection.

Sun hats are a must have and protect your little one's head and face from the harsh rays of the sun.

Cover-ups and shade umbrellas provide your little one with an extra barrier against the sun's rays when you expect to be out for any length of time.

Don't forget the sunscreen! Look for sunscreens that are made specifically for little one's delicate skin and provide adequate UV protection. Consult your pediatrician if your child is 6 mo or younger.



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