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Tell us, what kind of impact are you making with your Havaianas flip-flops, cotton tube dress and bikini? We understand it can be downright painful to make a fashion statement when the temps are where they are (116 in the car!), but you can add an instant kick to any simple summer outfit with one step. Enter the statement necklace. Lucky for those of us in hot climates, these explosive, luxurious pieces can be found all over the place right now, and will jazz up your outfits for the rest of the year.





Rhinestone/Organza Flower Necklace, \$1,250

Because a wedding dress empire, contemporary line and mattresses weren't enough, Vera Wang has unleashed an incredible necklace collection. This 10-inch long piece features rhinestones, ribbon and beautiful fabric flowers. She should change her name to Vera Want. <u>Saks Eifth Avenue</u>.



Glitter Logo Necklace, \$995

Yves Saint Laurent is gone, but his incredible and timeless pieces remain. This dazzling beaded necklace is made of glass, can be worn single or doubled and features a Swarovski-encrusted logo. It's a full 23 inches of glory. Saks Fifth Avenue.

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Crystal Bib Necklace, \$880

We'd never heard of the designer Ranjana Khan's name, but it'd be hard to forget it after seeing this outrageous piece. Black silk charmeuse, nylon tulle, faceted hand-cut glass jewels and maribou feathers will make even the most boring black outfit bangin'. Neiman Marcus.



Multi-Chain Necklace, \$525

Ranjana Khan is at it again with a goldtone brass link chainfest. Reminding us of (a more upscale) Michelle Pfeifer in Scarface, this disco-era statement necklace is a perfect match for a black halter jumpsuit and dance floor. Neiman Marcus.



Multi-Stone Bib Necklace, \$1,200

Hand-cut glass beads, crystals, tiger's eye and smoky quartz make for an incredible tribal-influenced embellishment. We can't think of anything this Ranjana Khan masterpiece wouldn't look fabulous with. Neiman Marcus.

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Singkwenta y Siete Necklace, \$560

OK, we laughed too. But come on! Haven't you always wanted to wear the tassels you tie back your drapes with? If we saw this Celestina "uptown tribal" necklace on a chic woman, paired with an all-white ensemble as shown, we would probably be envious. Probably. Net-A-Porter.



Golden Collar Necklace, \$115

Cleopatra, is that you? Make servants out of your man friends when you slap on this goldtone Kenneth Jay Lane collar and some thick black eyeliner. You'll spend the rest of your summer being fed grapes off the vine and fanned by big leaves. <u>Saks Fifth Avenue</u>.



Feather Fantasy Montage Necklace, \$790

Whoa, Oscar! De La Renta has created an over-the-top feather, crystal, mother-of-pearl and silk satin bib pendant, which you can tie to your liking with the adjustable grosgrain ribbon ties. <u>Saks Fifth Avenue</u>.



Turkish Delight Necklace, \$745

Edmund from The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe was onto something. How much more fun could a necklace be? Little silver coins and touches of color bring a global variety to your summer mix with this piece by Erickson Beamon. Net-A-Porter.