

It's a Kidsworld visits key European children's wear shows to preview the top trends for Spring/Summer 2015: Pitti Bimbo, Florence; Kleine Fabriek, Amsterdam; Who's Next, Paris; Playtime, Paris and FIMI, Madrid.

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A Splash of Style

Paint box colors spark creative collections.

- ▶ Bring your imagination and give the color wheel a spin! Bright, happy shades create paint brush stripes on beach cover-up, and a jaunty dot-covered jacket paired with pineapple sweater.
- ▶ Boboli's paint-splatter print with arrows points to a new direction in dynamic graphics.
- ▶ Abstract art painted tee shirt by GF Ferré displays a fabulous free-form explosion of color.



Neo Geo

Up to the minute optics.

- ▶ A crossover yoke dress maximizes two-colored stripes and multiple patterns.
- ▶ Oitily's lively knit jacquard dress has optical energy. Orange and pink trim pulls together the kinetic prints.
- ▶ Op-art dots look elegant in pink and yellow against turquoise checks. The twin prints are joined by dramatic bold binding.
- ▶ Vibrating rainbow stripes stand out on this simply chic textured knit dress by Missoni.



Peach Parfait

A tangy taste of Springtime.

- ▶ Peach shades blend smoothly on boy's wear from Spain, seen on tee shirt and twill pants, scarf and hat band.
- ▶ I Pinco Pallino's party dress is covered with ombré-colored sequined swirls.
- ▶ A soft peach T-shirt tops full circle skirt with photo-real roses and peach binding.
- ▶ Animal spots are lightly printed on peach background, paired with "Born to be Wild" feline graphic.



Festival de las Flores

Blazing colors celebrate South American style.

- ▶ Densely packed floral prints showcase a vibrant color palette at Boboli: poppy red, garnet, turquoise, cornflower and orange.
- ▶ At Roccobarocco Kids, satin bow and binding trim a peasant-style top covered with photo-real flowers. A yellow bow highlights painterly floral print dress by Gaultier Junior.
- ▶ Spanish designers pay homage to Brazil, seen in orange and fuchsia dresses decorated with dots, stripes and tropical flowers.



First Bloom

Soft focus flowers adorn seasonal dresses.

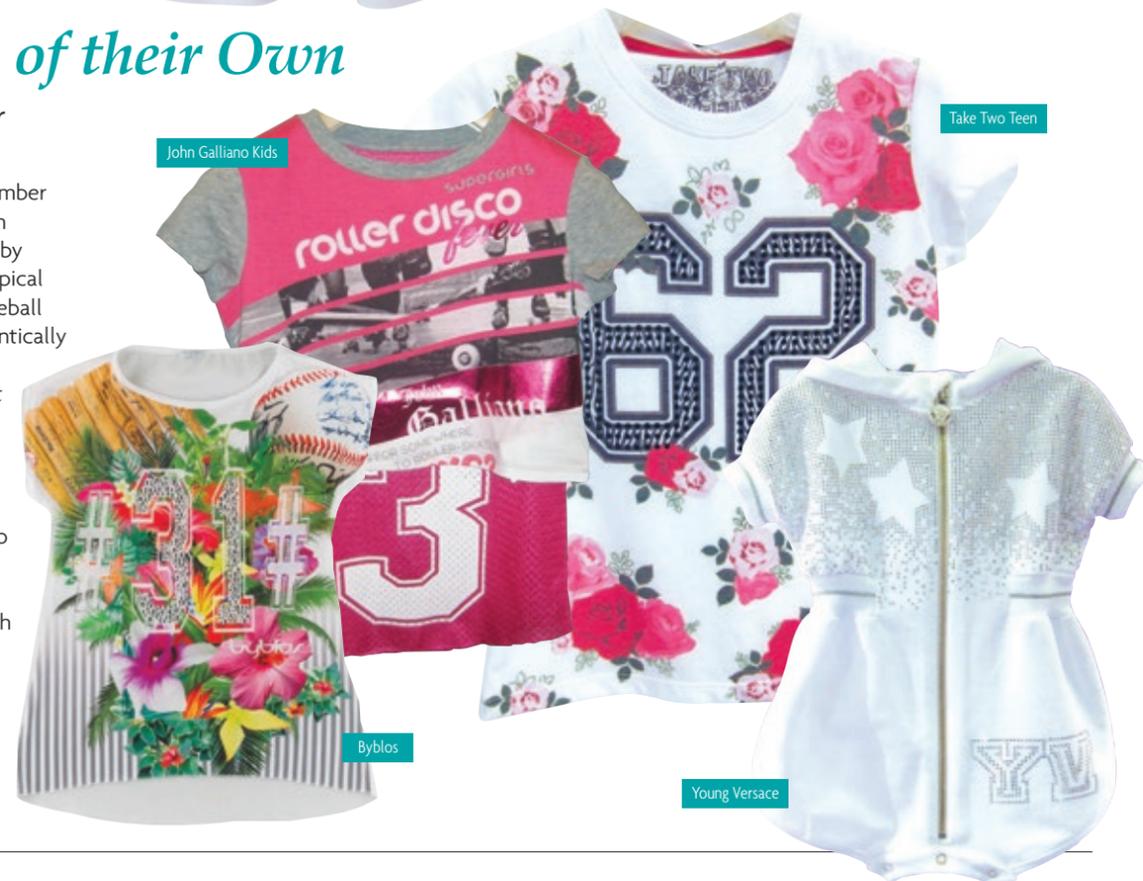
- ▶ Pastel watercolor prints depict the delicate colors of early spring gardens. Knot's almost- abstract floral inspires a fine pleated dress, while GF Ferré features over-blown tulips trimmed with white.
- ▶ Roses are everywhere! Ornate roses are printed on a sheer skirt over trendy mesh fabric. Matching faux roses decorate shoes, hat and neckline.
- ▶ Rykiel Enfant's rosette-covered sheath dress is lightly printed with multi-colored flowers, creating the effect of a Pointillist painting.



A League of their Own

Girls team up for fashion victory.

- ▶ The classic athletic number shirt is dressed up with sequins, and softened by prints of roses and tropical flowers. Images of baseball and bats add an authentically sporty touch.
- ▶ Young Versace's littlest stars sparkle in stud-covered romper with silver striped rib trim and gold zipper.
- ▶ "Super girl's roller disco fever" is the theme of a collage graphic on cropped top over mesh number shirt, by John Galliano Kids.



Gold Rush

Dazzle with the richest look of all.

- ▶ Gleaming gold brings an undisputable richness to elegant summer styles.
- ▶ Bands of gold shine from the pleats of a twirling white dress by Val Max, accessorized by gold sneakers.
- ▶ Intricate gold-threaded embroideries embellish lovely party dresses with Rococo charm.
- ▶ White or black tee shirts make clean grounds for gold foil prints: metallic palm trees at Little Marcel and a jewel-covered anchor emblem at Philipp Plein Petite.



Sheer Delights

Diaphanous doings with chiffon and lace.

- ▶ Light as air fabrics of chiffon, lace and point d'esprit create ethereal dresses in soft pastels.
- ▶ Mimosol's garden is the perfect setting for pleated and embroidered white chiffon, floating over pale blue and pink slip dresses.
- ▶ Perfect for summer parties: a peach dress by Byblos, adorned by pleated chiffon, lace and embroidered all-over bows.
- ▶ Dress designers focus on the waist, with orange chiffon tied bow or a garland of flowers.



Denim 'n Lace

The surprise new fabric combo teams up the best of the West.

- ▶ Rugged, dependable denim meets its match with all types of laces.
- ▶ Ermanno Scervino's polka dot jean jacket is trimmed with white lace medallions, while a light denim jacket by Special Day is over-printed with lacey patterns.
- ▶ Fun & Fun joins a jean-styled top with lace inserts and a chiffon skirt.
- ▶ A Western-themed graphic features cute cowgirl, wearing denim, of course! The back of the graphic T-shirt is entirely lace.



Tune Up

From the repair shop to the road: automotive motifs run smoothly with style.

- ▶ T-shirt graphics featuring retro imagery of ads for motor oil appear in several boys' wear collections.
- ▶ Mood Street's super-faded denim work shirt has practical pockets. The shirt's black top-stitching balances black T-shirt underneath.
- ▶ Mechanics can't be afraid to get dirty. The black spot-dyed background of a striped T-shirt creates a casual well-worn look, from Tumble 'n Dry.



Beach Buddies

Aquatic critters make the seaside scene.

- ▶ Jewel-colored starfish make a stunning swimsuit print at Oh! Soleil, seen on the runway at FIMI in Madrid.
- ▶ Lobsters are an amusing motif for summer styles. Witty T-shirts by Stones and Bones depict realistic red lobsters, while Rykiel Enfant features a pretty pink lobster print incorporating heart and jewels.
- ▶ Multi trends come together on a striped dress by Flo: shades of orange, a polka dot tutu skirt, and a seahorse wearing cheetah spots!



Tropical Dawn

The sun rises on lush island flowers.

- ▶ The newest tropical prints have a softly faded and slightly vintage feel.
- ▶ Hydrogen pairs shorts with oversized flowers and a sun-washed chambray shirt.
- ▶ Pre-creased shorts look comfortably lived-in, featuring retro island print in subdued shades of blue, green and sand.
- ▶ Lush tropical foliage is printed on a sky blue pique polo shirt. The classic polo collar and sleeve cuffs add to the nostalgic feeling.

