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Get ready for summer — Miami Beach International Fashion Week has given us a glimpse into the season's hottest trends.

This year's showcase, sponsored by Copa Airlines, featured culturally infused clothing, swimwear, jewelry and accessories by designers from all over Latin America, including Venezuela, Panama, Colombia, Peru and Brazil. These runway fashions featured bright colors, artesian patterns, and a wide array of fabrics.

Argentine designer **Mariela Allaix** featured bold colors and a mixture of delicate fabrics in her designs, inspired by Argentina's typical country clothing, but with an added dimension of urban elegance.



Designer **Claudia Bertolero** credits the Paso horses from her native Peru for the inspiration behind her new line, which features leather accessories in each originally designed piece.



Brazilian designer **Zella Machado** brought a flirty style to her swimsuits, accented with contrasting colors and girly bows.



And, as the one-piece swimsuit makes a comeback, fellow Brazilian designer **Katiuska Encarnacion** added a modern take to the classic style for Sambarela Swimwear.

