

Watch Out This fall, put your dainty, girlish wristlets away. The time has come for something a little bigger and a lot more modern: watches with stainless-steel links, bright gold rims, bold hits of color, and seriously oversize faces (some are even men's designs). Not sure that bigger is better? Consider this: The juxtaposition of a strong timepiece and a feminine wrist is really what contemporary style—and life, for that matter—is all about: balance. Here, six faces to watch for. —Amy Keller

As with any work of art, it takes many months (nine, to be exact) to craft this gorgeous timekeeper. The antithesis of a throwaway watch, its price alone qualifies it as a family heirloom.
Patek Philippe, \$6,950, 212-218-1240 or www.patek.com

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A clean, chic number that fits like a thick cuff.
Tokyo Bay, \$55, 800-653-1771

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With stylish stripes lining its band, this is a bright, fun take on the trend.
Swatch, \$70, 800-8-SWATCH or www.swatch.com

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This hard-core diving watch will stand up to pretty much anything, including 10,000 feet of water.
Breitling, \$1,975, 800-641-7343

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This sporty, scratch-resistant style is light-powered (it'll never need a battery), with a calendar programmed through the year 2100.
Citizen Watch Company, \$375, www.citizenwatch.com

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Inspired by astronomy, this piece not only tracks time in 500 cities, it also monitors the rhythms of the sun and moon.
Yes, \$269, 877-YES-WATCH or www.yeswatch.com