

Fashionable at The Beach



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It's sweltering outside and the warm sunshine is beckoning you to the pool or the beach to take in the glorious rays! I am always excited to explore ways to be fashionable while soaking up the sun!

In years past it was tough to find a stylish swimsuit that wasn't an itchy-bitsy two piece. Most of the tank style suits were matronly, BLAH, not to mention, unflattering. This season however is the time to buy up retro-style one-pieces. These ultra-fem styles hug all the right spots to ensure a flattering fit. This updated style is sure to get all eyes on you. Like this suit? Pair with white shades!



The other BIG thing this year is the monokini. This risqué style is a bit harder to wear and may produce an odd tan line or two and would be better to sport while at an evening pool party or while enjoying a sunset—this way you can avoid a zebra-stripe effect.

If the standard bikini is more your speed you can still add a bit of character to your favorite stand-by with a funky oversized floppy hat or a stand-out cover-up.

be uber-glam shading your precious self with a wide brim and extra-large celeb-inspired shades.

Don't forget the chic sandals as well—while it may not be practical to saunter around in fab wedges or chunky platforms—you'll gain a little extra height with either of these doozies and you'll earn mile-long gams!

I also like a boho look during the heat filled days of summer. Throwing on a funky, bright, colored silk scarf and tying it around your head is a quick and



easy way to look like a trendsetter. Add to your look with large hoop earrings, flat sandals, and a bulbous long beaded necklace. Aviator lenses will finish this look off with pure finesse.



Accessories will make you guys look cutting edge poolside as well. The KEY to looking your very HIP-EST is to invest in some really cool shades. You can go designer if you so choose, but you can also scour the stores for a less expensive trendy pair that you wouldn't mind losing or breaking.



Once you have the shades you'll need to compliment your suave new look with a fedora. A straw version looks freshest at the beach or at the pool. Does a fedora put you in a funk? Try a plaid or plain linen newsboy style hat and pair with plain swim-

ming trunks and a classic pair of sunglasses. Can't take the heat in a hat? Forget it, and try tying on a bandana.



Now for the swimwear itself... Board shorts are a great look for all those tall guys out there (5'10" and up) only because the long length tends to shorten the legs. For everyone else, a classic trunk will do the trick—you'll notice that the above the knee length will make a world of difference.

Mix it up a bit by choosing something with a funky fabric. I am personally partial to the eastern sea board motif that includes preppy seersucker or anything nautical. AHoy!!! Remember, everything in moderation... Including your tan!

