

# Summertime Wardrobe Must-Haves

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Summer this year has been hot, hot, hot! Which is terrific for all of us who adore the sweltering heat! Sometimes it's hard to look put together when the humidity gets us sticky.... But it's no challenge for any fashion monger who can't wait to get his or her hands on the latest and greatest the season has to bring! What's even better about summer is that this season's best items are usually pretty affordable- looking so fab never cost so little!

So what's the best bet for beating the heat but looking fashionably cool? Ladies, it's all about the dress- long or short, cotton, twill, or silk. It's the easiest thing to throw on and look instantly chic! The non-constricting styles are also ultra-

comfortable and breezy! Dress yourself up by paring with a wedge sandal or dress down with Grecian-style sandals or flip flops. Try a trendy new style like a 60's inspired shift and get extra mileage out of it in the winter by pairing with dark tights and boots! OR try an au courant longer style on for size and finish with the season's favorite the wide belt.

It's a guarantee that you will be envied—and look terrific! Hate being girly in a dress? Try some shorts! Not too short though- the most flattering fit are a bit baggy, with a cuff, and pleats. Never pair your shorts with a tight top, instead be an iconess and go with a floaty/romantic peasant style top. Chiffons or silks with a bright

pattern are usually most flattering- and the most fun. Finish with flats (open toe) or a wedge. Store your stilettos until cooler weather arrives—they are much too severe for the summertime.

Love to love accessories?! Personally, I adore a great pair of stand out shades! You can go totally cheap-o with a wildly trendy pair and not distress if they get lost or crunched up



somewhere. The popular styles right now are LARGE and in charge! The bigger the better! For summer get wild by trying a bright white or red pair that are sure to spruce up any bathing attire or otherwise. Not hot on oversize? Try another trendy option, the aviator. Insiders tip: you can nab a SUPER affordable stylish pair at places like: Wet Seal, H&M, and Forever 21- check these places out ladies- you are sure to score some GREAT shades.

While the ladies will be care-free, comfy, and chic in their summer dresses the guys will maintain a firm fashionable grasp by incorporating white accessories into their wardrobe for a cool South Beach look. You can make denim more



summertime suitable by finishing with a white belt and a sleek pair of white slip-on loafers. White shoes not your thing? Be adventurous in a white summertime cap (or try a pattern if you dare). Bucket styles are de rigour and look really great while lounging poolside with a pair of aviators. If shorts are your favorite item



to pull out for summer go with longer styles with a slim fit. Pair with a button down- the super trend right now is gingham, but if you feel silly try a solid style in a light weight fabric like linen to stay cooler and look hot.

If shorts make you cringe store your cotton twill pants for a couple months and exchange them for a drawstring linen pair. Linen is way

comfortable and breezy for those sweltering days. Just keep in mind that these gems wrinkle like CRAZY so be prepared to have a rumpled, yet fashionable look by the end of your day or night. Don a button down with your trousers (long or short sleeve) but NEVER tuck it in! Leave out loose for a carefree look.

