

## TIPS ON WEARING WHITE

**Memorial Day is the unofficial start of the "white" fashion season. To answer the burning questions as to when, where and how are the best ways to wear the color white, Suze Yalof Schwartz executive fashion editor at large of Glamour magazine ([www.glamour.com](http://www.glamour.com)) stopped by The Early Show on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2009.**

To see Suze's blog, go here: <http://www.glamour.com/fashionbeauty/blogs/suze>.

Suze's words-to-the-wise:

Every year we ask the question when is it ok to wear white....have the rules changed or is it still between Memorial Day and Labor Day?

There are no more rules. The thing is you want to wear winter whites or summer whites. We are going to be showing you summer whites. Summer whites use different fabrics, like linen and cotton.

Can women of all sizes wear white clothing?

Absolutely, it's the way you wear it. White can even create proportions. For instance if you are wearing a shift that is not hugging the body it is not going to look different from dress in a different color.

If you're not keen on wearing white clothing, what's the best way to wear white accessories?

The thing is you can throw on a great white bag, or white watch which we are seeing this season. I really don't like white shoes, if they are mixed with another color than that's ok. I've had a thing about white shoes they look "cheesy". I've never worn them well.

Can every figure wear a white jean and look flattering? No. If you're heavier at the bottom wear a longer top and that's the look right now.

The bigger question is: How do you keep your white pieces clean? Just be careful. Throw it in the washing machine and then you're good to go. Or you can carry the tide pen or baby whites/ or makeup remover to remove stains from white pieces.

## CLEAN WHITE LOOK FOR THE OFFICE, WORK IT WHITE, USING ACCESSORIES

Model wore a white skirt, white shirt and then a tan belt and tan strappy high heel sandals. A bright blue leather clutch bag, a gold bracelet and a gold necklace. Wearing all white accessories such as white sunglasses, white shoes and a white handbag is a definite don't. Do add a pop of color like a bright bag or statement necklace to take the look up a notch. It works because you have contrast and are breaking up the white. The neutral shoe elongates your legs, and we've added tortoise sunglasses.

### Accessories

Problem: White-Out (wearing all white at once)

Solution: Change Accessories

Skirt: Express, \$59.00

Top: Club Monaco, \$80.00

Shoes: Payless, \$25.00

Accessories:

Bag, Banana Republic, \$49

Belt and Earrings, Vintage, Get great vintage finds at ShopHousingworks.com  
Bangles: Topshop, \$40  
Sunglasses: Old Navy, \$5

### **NIGHT OUT LOOK, WHITE NIGHTS**

Model wore a perfect white shift dress with gold sandals, big stone earrings and a gold clutch. the best accent for white is gold. Don't wear a white dress that is too tight. Do wear a classic white shift that is flattering and summery. The shift is not tight, but still has the sex appeal. It's a look that can go from day to evening. If you wear it to work, I would change the accessories and throw on a cardigan in gray or camel.

Problem: Too-tight White Dress  
Solution: Structured Shift

Shift Dress: Banana Republic, \$130.00  
Clutch: Aldo, \$20  
Necklace: Topshop, \$40  
Shoes: Nine West, \$48.00

### **CASUAL/WEEKEND LOOK - WEEKEND WHITES**

Model wore pair of white jeans. it goes with everything. it's the easiest thing to pack , just add a bunch of white tops and you have an outfit. Don't wear all white that appears completely see-through. For instance, a see-through top and a skirt or pants where the pockets are visible. Do wear a white jean or thicker material skirt that doesn't show what's underneath

Problem: See thru pockets and top  
Solution: White jeans, thicker fabric

White Jeans: Ann Taylor LOFT, \$49.00  
Blue Top: Gap, \$48.00  
Sandals: Steve Madden, \$49.00  
Clutch: Ann Taylor LOFT, \$39.00