

WHAT NOT TO WEAR TO WORK

Summer will soon be upon us and, with the warm weather, those of us that work in offices might be curious about the fashions that are appropriate for work and those that aren't. And plenty of offices now have young interns or recent grads, looking for a little guidance when it comes to office wear. So, on *The Early Show Saturday Edition* on June 6, 2009, InStyle magazine (www.instyle.com/instyle) Senior Editor Isabel Gonzalez showed what's appropriate, what's not, and what you can do to make some of the most popular summer outfits wearable from 9-5!

Asha - wearing casual shorts for the weekend with a strapless top and flats

Summer Weekend:

- * Top: Anthropologie, \$148; available at Anthropologie stores, www.anthropologie.com
- * Shorts: Banana Republic, \$49; available at Banana Republic stores, www.bananarepublic.com
- * Sandals: Frye, \$148; www.thefryecompany.com

Add a short sleeve jacket in a bright color and pair with summer friendly flats to be work appropriate for the week. Dress up with gold hoops and stacked bangles to complete the dressed up version of summer shorts. Many often think strapless tops or dresses are too revealing for the work place, but simply top off with a cardigan or blazer and the casual look turns cutting edge yet conservative enough for work.

- * Jacket: Trina Turk, \$348; Trina Turk NYC Boutique, 67 Gansevoort Street #212.206.7383
- * Sandals: Nina, \$89; www.ninashoes.com
- * Bangles: Ben Amun by Isaac Manevitz, \$60 - 120 each; www.ben-amun.com
- * Earrings: Banana Republic, \$34; available at Banana Republic stores, www.bananarepublic.com
- * Tote: Elliot Luca, \$268; www.elliottluca.com

Kathleen - Summer whites are super fresh for the season. Dressed down with a tank and flats off the clock, the look is always cool and crisp.

- * Tank: LNA, \$53; www.lnaclothing.com
- * Pants: Theory, \$200; available at Theory Retail stores; www.theory.com for store locations
- * Sandals: Miss Trish of Capri for Target, \$29.99; available at www.target.com
- * Hat: Eugenia Kim, www.eugeniakim.com

Clock in for work looking classy in a crisp button-down, and make it pop with a fabulous pair of snake skin peep toes in a bold shade. With the solid, color-blocked clothing a glam pair of shoes and layered jewels dress it up and are anything but ordinary. The finishing touch ... a structured tote roomy enough for your laptop.

- * Shirt: Theory, \$180; available at Theory Retail stores; www.theory.com for store locations
- * Belt: Eugenia Kim, www.eugeniakim.com
- * Shoes: Colin Stuart for Victoria's Secret, \$89; www.victoriasecret.com
- * Turquoise Necklaces: Marnie Rocks, \$125 - 185; www.marnierocks.com

- * Gold Necklace: Ben Amun by Isaac Manevitz; www.ben-amun.com
- * Tote: The Sak; \$199; available at Lord & Taylor

Gloria - The summer go to outfit is a cozy tee shirt, light jeans and sandals.

- * T-shirt & Tank: LNA, \$68 - 75; www.tee-zone.com
- * Jeans: Twenty8Twelve by s.miller, \$240; available at www.nordstrom.com and Nordstrom stores nationwide
- * Sandals: Chie Mihara, \$347; www.revolveclothing.com

Convinced your most comfy tee is too casual for the work place? Here it is transformed. By adding statement jewelry and tucking into a pretty print skirt, you can stay comfy while still looking on par for the office. A neutral pump is the perfect touch to have the foot covered just enough, yet warm weather friendly.

- * Skirt: Jasmine Di Milo, collection available at www.mywardrobe.com or www.aloharag.com
- * Necklace: Banana Republic, \$69; available at Banana Republic stores, www.bananarepublic.com
- * Sandal: Charlotte Russe, \$32.99; www.charlotterusse.com
- * Tote: Elliot Luca, \$298; www.elliottluca.com

Sheryl - the little black dress that our First Lady, Michelle Obama wears so magnificently is a must have for every girl's wardrobe. This one happens to be geared towards a night out on the town with a sexy revealing back detail.

- * Dress: Club Monaco, \$179; Club Monaco stores nationwide, www.clubmonaco.com
- * Shoes: Magrit, www.endless.com
- * Clutch: Lisa Perry, \$150; available at www.shop.lisaperrystyle.com

With this adorable cardigan, no one would even know there is a sexy back on this dress, and it now looks like a classic sheath. The chartreuse cardigan brightens up the black for a great day time ensemble. Pair up with some purple and fuchsia tones to coordinate and this work appropriate look is complete.

- * Cardigan: Tibi, \$288; Tibi Soho Boutique #212-226-5852
- * Belt: Club Monaco, \$59; Club Monaco stores nationwide, www.clubmonaco.com
- * Shoes: Butter, \$230; available @ www.endless.com
- * Tote: Victor Alfaro, \$225; available at www.bonton.com
- * Bracelets: Marnie Rocks, \$95 - \$125 each; www.marnierocks.com

On Isabel - Her Rebecca Taylor strapless frock is transformed with a sweet ruffle cardigan to make day/work friendly.

- * Dress: Rebecca Taylor, www.rebeccataylor.com
- * Cardigan: Rebecca Taylor, www.rebeccataylor.com