

# Style

## Spice up your summer wardrobe with accessories



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With the warm weather and increased opportunities for casual get-togethers with friends, summer is the perfect time to wear over-the-top accessories. Perhaps it's because the season just makes everyone more cheerful, or that we wear less in the heat and need another way to

express our sense of style. Either way, bold jewelry, shoes, or bags are always a great and easy complement to any tank and shorts combo or sundress.

For a trendy way to incorporate accessories, try one of the biggest fashion trends of this season: black and white. Whether it's in the form of a classic black and white checkered bag seen at Louis Vuitton or a mod pair of white-framed sunglasses at Moschino, opposites attract in this summer accessories trend. Because the colours are neutrals, black and white accessories will go well with all shades of clothing.

Clear, lucite details have also been making a strong impact in jewelry, bags and even the platform and heel of shoes. Gucci and Chanel both created translucent purses for the season, while see-through details such as heel straps and side panels were spotted at many designers such as Michael Kors and Givenchy. For those who want to carry a translucent bag but prefer to keep some of their items concealed, store them in a small separate pouch before popping them into the see-through purse. It'll also provide a tidier look.

Gladiator sandals

are also in for shoes. But what makes this season's trend different from the gladiator sandals popular a few years back is the bolder, knee-high approach. Presented in a multitude of shows such as Altuzarra, Tom Ford and Alexander Wang, the dramatic look is definitely not for the fashion shy. Try pairing it with a basic black dress for a stylish night-on-the-

barbecues.

For bags, crossbody purses and small satchels were popular on the runway. Lanvin, Stella McCartney and Diane von Furstenberg all showcased smaller but bold handbags in their collections. On the opposite end of the spectrum, shopper totes are also trendy. Perfect for the beach or picking up dinner ingredients at the



For a classic look that's also on trend, accessorize with a black and white satchel. (Source: AldoShoes.com)



Rock the lucite trend with this wedge shoe by Jeffrey Campbell. (Source: NastyGal.com)

of John Lennon's. Although if you're planning on investing in a pair of sunglasses, find one that will complement your face shape instead of following a seasonal trend. For round faces, go for oversized rectangular frames. More angular faces will suit round frames while aviators will flatter those with heart-shaped faces. Most frame styles will go with oval faces, but I'm partial to shades with slight cat-eyes for a little retro glam.

Another easy accessory trend to incorporate is gold. Accent your day and night ensembles with gold sandals, belts or chunky link chains. Gold cuffs always make a striking impression to an otherwise neutral

look. For a more bohemian look, add some fringed elements. Try a fringed necklace for a cheeky touch on a minimal ensemble. Bright dangly earrings are also popular for summer. Dolce & Gabbana accessorized their models with long earrings made up of colourful beads and clusters of raffia. Whatever your sense of style summer's a great time to experiment with accessories, so go wild!

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town outfit. Be wary of awkward tan lines if you're rocking the knee-high gladiators trend in the daytime, though!

Overall for shoes, the trend is to leave the skinny stilettos in the back of the closet and opt for stacked, chunky heels. Balenciaga showed oxfords with cubed heels, Fendi studded the block heels of their shoes, and Chloe accessorized their models with an updated version of Mary Janes. The trend is a throwback to the 70's when blocked and platform heels were de rigueur. At least this season's shoes won't have you sinking your heels into the lawn at backyard

farmers market, totes are ideal for those warm days where spontaneity takes rein. You'll be at the ready with a tote packed with essentials such as sunscreen, swimsuit and shades.

For sunglasses, oversized ones are always popular. But this year's trend is also for round framed retro glasses reminiscent



Oval faces will suit this pair of round oversized, slightly cat-eyed shades. (Source: ASOS.com)



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