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Summer style: what the best

The sun is out (finally) — we asked the fashion insiders for their shopping lists. Cue cool shades, straw bags and high street swimsuits. By Hannah Rogers

Your social life is bouncing back and soon you might even have some — whisper it — parties to go to. But have you bought anything new for our (fingers crossed) summer of freedom? If not, this list is a good place to start. These women keep a keen eye on what's in the shops — and what's worth having.

Claudia Winkleman, broadcaster and Times LUXX columnist

The summer sweater
I don't do floaty dresses and swirls of colour and toes out. I don't do burnt-orange kaftans and pearlised nail polish. I like heavy black coats and boots. I love extra-chunky cable knits. So, yes, I have chosen this Me & Em sweater. But I think the collar and cuffs are a nod to summer. It will have the lightness of white near my face. This is good as it really sets off the spray tan. I'm being perfectly serious. Lofty cashmere curved hem sweater, £225, *meandem.com*

The slinky jumpsuit
If I have to go out and look glamorous then it will be in this Zara jumpsuit. Long satin jumpsuit, £29.99, *zara.com*

The stalwart trainer
Let's discuss feet. I live in boots but at this time of year people can think I look a little weird if I'm in full buckled pirate numbers. So for the next couple of months it will be white trainers as I refuse to flip-flop. The ones I want are the classic Stan Smiths, but they can now be personalised. I'll stick my kids' names on there to embarrass them. Stan Smith trainers, £75, *adidin.co.uk*

The Breton basic
Nothing says "I'm a happy human and up for anything" more than a striped, slouchy T-shirt. Can be worn with jeans at all times. I'll get it in an XL and will do the school run with vim. When I say vim. ...
Asos Design striped long-sleeve T-shirt, £12, *asos.com*

The grab bag
Anya Hindmarch's recycled bags are the greatest invention and this one is labelled Important Things. I will fill it with lip salve, eyeliner and white lipstick. And my keys, which I lose about six times a day.
I Am A Plastic Bag Pouch, £225, *anyahindmarch.com*

Deborah Joseph, editor-in-chief, Glamour

The trench coat
There are many great trench coats on the high street: I love this one from H&M.
Trench, £79.99, *hm.com*

The floaty dress
Sleeper dresses are so pretty — they're easy to wear and suit all body shapes. I'll wear this one with sandals (see below) and a denim jacket.
Sleeper Atlanta dress, £260, *harrods.com*

The gladiator sandals
I've bought varying versions of these sandals. I love them with a floaty dress.
Strappy leather sandals, £59.99, *zara.com*

The back-to-office blazer
Blazers are my wardrobe staple and I like the updated oversized shoulders on this style.
Totême Loreo oversized blazer, £480, *harveynichols.com*

Kate Reardon, editor, Times LUXX magazine

The summer frock
No one makes summer dresses like Catherine Prevost.
Long cotton dress, £695, *catherineprevost.com*

The boyfriend shirt
There's just nothing better than wearing a great man's shirt and no one does them greater than Ralph Lauren.
25th Anniversary striped shirt, £380, *ralphlauren.co.uk*

The dressy flat
Chanel's slingback is the ultimate shoe, often copied, never outdone. Totally chic with jeans.
Shoes, £710, *chanel.com*

Lesley Thomas, beauty editor, The Times

The perfect summer dress
With sliders, with trainers, with heels. I plan to wear H&M's smock top dress to death.
Dress, £17.99, *hm.com*

The bolt of blue
It's time to embrace colour — Mango's bright blue dress is an easy way to do it.
Crisscross strap dress, £29.99, *mango.com*

The sexy [illegible] shades
Some big, bold catwoman sunnies for people-watching in.
sun, Norfolk.
Sunglasses, £40, *mellerbrand.com*

The picnic blanket sandal
I'm kicking off summer 2021 with these seersucker beauties.

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Kitten heels, £245, *gianni.com*

The lippy
It's time to wear bold lipstick — head to Zara for its new make-up collection.
Ultimate matt lipstick in Jackpot, £11.99, *zara.com*

Prue White, personal stylist

The shirt
I love Zara's tie-dye pyjama-style shirt in silk — great with jeans or a pair of tailored pants. Try tucking in one side to break up its squareness and team it with some gold jewellery.
Silk tie-dye shirt, £89.99, *zara.com*

The must-have shade
Browns and taupey neutrals are the hot colours this season, but where beige can be tricky to wear on some skin tones, rich chocolate is universally flattering. I love Massimo Dutti's wide-leg trousers in the shade — very slimming.
Trousers, £89.95, *massimodutti.com*

The bright bag
I'm a sucker for a bright accessory; be it shoes, a knockout pair of earrings or a handbag. It's the easiest way to elevate the most basic of outfits. I love the dinky size on Zara's orange leather bag. Bucket bag, £79.99, *zara.com*

Prue White, personal stylist

The sunglasses
Cat-eye glasses are surprisingly flattering on most face shapes but, most important, are great for accentuating cheekbones. Angular cat-eye sunglasses, £23, *stories.com*

The go-anywhere sandal
I have lived in my Tevas for the past few summers but I'm ready for a style update. I've bought a pair with a black-and-white gingham trim — still very versatile but just that little more summery than my black ones. Midform sandals, £60, *Teva at office.co.uk*

Kenya Hunt, deputy editor, Grazia

The summer knit dress
After a year of swaddling my body in roomy sweatsuits and sweaters and swoosh dresses, clothes that show off