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Fashion TALK

UNDERSTANDING DRESS CODES

THIS TIME OF THE YEAR I receive so many phone calls with questions regarding the dress codes and definitions for many different events and social gatherings.

My goal is always to share information and offer a solution to every fashion problem. I appreciate the many phone calls and feedback I get from all of you, and I will do my best to continue sharing information with you from my many years of knowledge and experience in the fashion industry that will solve your fashion dilemma. You are of course always welcome to stop by the store for a personal visit and consultation.

Summer weddings, as you all know, are one of the areas of confusion for dress codes since there are so many wedding options. For the perfect attire let's look at some of the interpretations of what each dress code means.

BLACK TIE

A black tie invitation calls for formal attire. For women, long dresses, cocktail, and evening separates are totally acceptable for black tie functions.

BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

You have the option to wear a formal long dress, but you can also wear short cocktail or dressy evening separates.

CREATIVE BLACK TIE

Creative black tie is a trendier interpretation of formal wear. In many cases, it could be a theme party which leaves room for a more fun way of dressing.

RESORT FORMAL

Resort formal usually refers to warm weather events, like a beach wedding, for example. Wear something bright, light weight, or floral.

SEMI-FORMAL

No long dresses here. For an after 6 p.m. event, a cocktail dress is perfect. For daytime, semi-formal events a short dress or dressy suit will do.

COCKTAIL ATTIRE

Wear a short, elegant dress. The little black dress is a must-have in every woman's wardrobe and appropriate for most special occasions.

DRESSY CASUAL

This is a version of a dressier casual look. Jeans shorts and T-shirts are not appropriate for dressy casual.

CASUAL

Casual implies anything goes, including jeans T-shirts and shorts.

I hope this helps to define the many different dress codes and if in doubt, always ask the hostess what they expect their guest to wear.

-Starr

Summer Dresses for Every Occasion



There is nothing quite like wearing a crisp black and white dress on a hot summer day. The perfect fun and elegant cocktail dress for all your evening events this summer.



Be cool and comfortable in this dress. Perfect for a pool party, beach, wedding, or resort. It's so versatile because you can wear it over your bathing suit. Use fun and colorful accessories to complete the look.



Make a style statement in this sexy little strappy dress. Team it up with the little bomber jacket, strong, bold accessories, and strappy sandals and you're guaranteed to turn heads.

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Must-Have Neutral Basics



The long necklace. Team it up with multiple texture strands of chains.



Easy does it. Chic, elegant, and sophisticated twin set in super fine silk and cashmere. Accessorize with multiple strands of chains.



Cool cotton eyelet dress for fun summer days or nights. Dress it up or down with the perfect accessories.



On everyone's list. The tummy tuck techno stretch pant. The hidden panel inside flattens the tummy and gives you the comfort you want.



The metallic sandal to go with everything you own.



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Cool Blue



Be sure to add multiple layers of chains to your outfit this season.



This comfy cotton versatile knit jacket can serve you well for cool days or nights. Dress it up or down and make it your own.



The perfect summer tunic to wear with leggings or the skinny tummy tuck pant.



The denim dress for this season. For a casual chic look pair it with strong accessories.



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