

A woman with long, wavy brown hair is smiling and posing on a sandy beach. She is wearing a black, one-piece swimsuit with a wrap-style front and cutouts on the sides. She is holding a large, light-colored parasol with a wooden frame and a woven top. Her right arm is raised, and her left hand holds the parasol. The background shows the ocean and a cloudy sky.

*by the sea, by the sea*

Think Zelda Fitzgerald or Coco Chanel: summer clothes that evoke France in the 1920s. Black or navy with white. Sailor stripes. Short skirts, long pearls, and vintage rings. *Photographs by William Garrett*



Over a tank (Banana Republic, \$38) or bikini, the striped poncho top (Chalken, \$194) is a cool way to cover up. It's linen, as are the indispensable white drawstring pants (Linda Allard Ellen Tracy, \$225). Leather flats (Hermès, \$650) are chicer than sneakers and feel almost as good. *Opposite page:* Bare and tight are not de rigueur for the beach, which is good news for those of us with too, too solid flesh. A wrap swimsuit (Chalken, \$140) with selective zones of exposure makes you feel dressed yet daring. It would also make a great bodysuit—imagine the effect with a big, breezy skirt.

Sunsets are absurdly flattering. The light brings out the glow of your skin and the sparkle in anything you're wearing. For drinks on the beach, keep embellishment low-key, with hints of vintage: a glittery beading around the deep V-neck of a silk and cashmere tennis-inspired sweater; a flouncy black skirt in rich, light-reflecting lace (Carolina Herrera, \$1,690 and \$1,290); long, sexy (faux) pearls (Kenneth J. Lane, \$65) and an Art Deco faux-diamond bracelet (Ben Amun, \$300).





Don't blow all your suitcase space on flimsy things—there are cool spells by the water. Our pick of the warm stuff: a fisherman's striped, side-buttoned cashmere pullover (Loro Piana, \$675) and a snug beret (Hat Attack, \$25). The flared cotton skirt (Gap, \$50) is so easy to move in, it's a nice alternative to shorts or capris. If you're kicking up—or off—your heels, do it in shiny patent leather T-strap (Luisa Beccaria, \$700): These charmingly retro shoes are big news this summer.

## *get a jump*

on your vacation in a long, tall top and flippy little skirt—one of those slimming silhouettes that made the twenties roar.

Tender is the night in a see-through top made modest with strategically placed ribbon (Chanel, \$5,080): The decorative horizontal bands are offset by a vertical calf-length jersey skirt (Old Navy, \$27). And in case you haven't heard, the age of minimalist jewelry is over. Pile on the pearls (Kenneth J. Lane, \$65); stack up gold bracelets (Ben Amun, \$18 each).



A photograph of a woman's legs in a black dress, lying on a patterned rug. The rug features intricate paisley and floral designs in shades of brown, red, and purple. The woman's legs are positioned diagonally across the frame, with her feet pointing towards the right. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the rug and the smooth skin of her legs.

*realism is overrated.*

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# *a big coverup*

can be a better strategy than a major exposé, especially as evening comes on. Try a thick, delicious sweater that looks like it's stolen from the boys.

Call us old-fashioned, but the sight of a woman in an oversize sweater has a cozy-yet-sexy quality that never goes out of style. This generously proportioned pullover (Celine by Michael Kors, \$950) comes with a wide ribbed V neckline that slips down to show a bit of shoulder, a discreet flash of strap (Chaiken bikini, \$110). To accentuate the mix: drawstring shorts with rows of ruffles (Juicy Couture, \$62)—a sophisticated take on a little girl's rompers.



A woman with her hair in a bun, wearing a long white silk gown with a crisscross apron-style back and a square neckline, walks away from the camera on a grassy golf course. She is carrying a wooden tennis racket case in her right hand and wearing a gold bracelet and a ring on her left hand. The background features palm trees and a clear sky.

*Love. Match. Court.* The very language of tennis is romantic, and the clean, glamorous skirts are famous for the way they flip, sway, and keep up with fast footwork. Here's the long version: a silk gown with stitched-down pleats, a square neck that hits just below the collarbone, and crisscross apron-style straps in back (Ralph Lauren Collection, \$3,298). For this goddess dress, try classic jewelry: an 18kt-gold link bracelet and a diamond and emerald ring (Demner).

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