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## Summertime and the styling is easy

**Catherine Boyle** consults the experts on how to avoid the faux-pas' that invoke those superior fashionista glares

So summer's nearly here and like me I'm sure you want to turn your attentions to the more important tasks of sipping Pimms, instead of wrestling with your wardrobe. So listen up, we've hunted down some style savvy fashionistas and got the low-down on what's hot, and what's not.

Krista Madden, founder of fashion and beauty website [www.beautyandthedirt.co.uk](http://www.beautyandthedirt.co.uk) says: "I'm fed up with seeing skinny jeans and those ballet pumps. And don't do espadrilles - they're a bit last year."

So what should we be sporting I cry? "Go for a straight leg jean. I love James Jeans. And



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of course lots and lots of white. Where shoes are concerned it's all about the wedges," she says.

If your pre-summer diet hasn't quite got off the ground and those trips to the gym are still being postponed then fear not as Natalie Goodman, *Elle* magazine fashion assistant reveals "dresses will be hot this summer." They are, apparently, the perfect attire to conceal any unsightly bulges.

Still seeking inspiration? Then look to the stars, your favourite stores and magazines, say the fash-pack.

"I think Nicole Kidman looks expensively stylish," says Madden. "Maggie Gyllenhall and Kate Hudson have a cute, quirky style too." Fine, if you have their multi-million budget. But star-style doesn't have to break your student purse strings I'm told.

Stores like Topshop are hot on the trail of designer trends. Their summer's collections for this year include ranges like Warhol, Miami, Modernist and Babylicious; themes seen in shows from the likes of Julien MacDonald, Eley Kishimoto Roberto Cavalli and Modern[jist]. Think lots of



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White trend: Jennifer Smith for Fashion Awareness Direct

juicy brights, bold prints and cinched waists.

Madden's golden rule is: "wear what suits you and buy it in the right size - nothing looks worse than seeing someone squeezed into a size 10 when she is nearer to a 14!"

To this Goodman adds: "Don't be a fashion victim. One key trend per outfit is understated cool. And definitely avoid mixing too many prints together." You heard it here first.