

Wardrobe mistress

HOW TO WEAR THE KEY LOOKS NOW

The utility trend works hard for the money, says fashion executive *Sarah Rutson*, 49

"I travel a lot, so my wardrobe must be chameleon-like. That's why the utility trend suits me: you can go into a boardroom wearing it; pair it with sneakers or high heels, white shirt and a jacket, and it looks different again. I'm a strong woman with a strong face, so the practicality, robustness and strength of utilitywear work well for me. Khaki is the neutral backbone of my wardrobe."

@sarahrutson

JUMPSUIT

"I love a jumpsuit: the cotton/silk mix of this navy one is delicious. Putting it with sharp silver boots works really well – it's the balance of relaxed looseness with something unexpected. I'd wear this outfit anywhere. I don't have time to change, whether it's during office hours or downtime, so I need my clothes to work in all situations."

Lonny boiler suit, £100, TOPSHOP UNIQUE. Silver ankle boots, £165, CARVELA KURT GEIGER. Paperclip bracelet, £550, ZOHRA RAHMAN. Watch, Sarah's own

STYLE TIP

A navy JUMPSUIT with *sharp silver boots* works really well



KHAKI TROUSERS

"This is a typical off-duty look for me, no matter what the time of year. High-waisted khaki trousers with silver brogues give a modern-day Annie Hall feel. I'm always on the go and I wear lots of layers, so an oversized bomber is perfect. Clothes need to work for who you are, and how you move and feel. Nothing should ever be contrived – it doesn't look genuine."

Stripy top, £10, H&M. Navy bomber, £480, ACNE STUDIOS. Khaki trousers, £30, STRADIVARIUS. Silver brogues, £110, KG KURT GEIGER. Belt, £25, HOWICK; houseoffraser.co.uk

STYLE TIP

High-waisted KHAKI trousers with *silver brogues* give a *modern-day Annie Hall* feel



WORDS: BIBBY SOMRAY. PHOTOGRAPHS: MARK SANDERS AT DARLING CREATIVE. STYLING: HARRIET ELTON. MAKE-UP: GIA MILLS AT ERA MANAGEMENT USING CHARLOTTE TILBURY. HAIR: SOFIA SJOO AT STELLA CREATIVE ARTISTS USING FUDGE PROFESSIONAL. PHOTOGRAPHER'S ASSISTANT: ADAM LANG. STYLIST'S ASSISTANT: AMY BLACKER

SHIRTDRESS

"The shirt is a real workhorse in my wardrobe, so a shirtdress is essential. The slits add sensuality and I love the fluidity of the silk. This dress can be seen as formal or relaxed – you could wear it with sneakers at the weekend. I styled it with two brown belts to give that gladiator effect – I like to feel a constriction somewhere on my body – plus gold jewellery and leopard-print heels: they're all my signatures."

Olive dress, £418, DIANE VON FURSTENBERG; matchesfashion.com. Leopard courts, £295, RUSSELL & BROMLEY. Leather hip belt, £14, MARKS & SPENCER COLLECTION. Leather tip belt, £22, TOPSHOP. Wire choker, £13, and circle pendant, £25, COS

STYLE TIP

Wear a shirtdress with **TWO** brown belts to give that *gladiator* effect

