

Your style

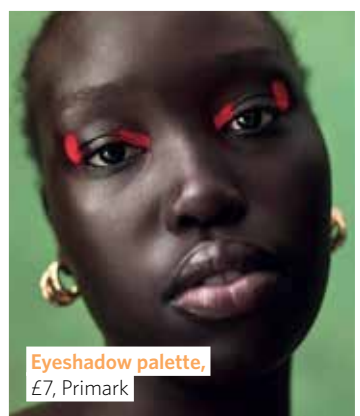
Post-lockdown looks

Lounging in loungewear or lazing in joggers - we've all struggled to get ourselves motivated to get dressed over the past year. Fast forward to summer 2021, we're going to be out and about socialising. But what does this mean for your wardrobe? Award-winning stylist Susie Hasler, who runs www.styledbysusie.co.uk, helps you get dressed post-pandemic.

● To book an online style session with Susie, go to www.styledbysusie.co.uk

The eyes have it

We don't yet know whether face masks will be phased out, but I can see many of us opting to wear them for a while longer yet. Many of my clients have spoken about how they have now perfected their eye makeup skills during the past year, watching YouTube tutorials and opting for brighter, bolder eyes. And they've stepped away from brighter lips. However, the moment masks can go for good, expect a burst of colour on our lips as we finally get to show them off without the smudge risk!



Eyeshadow palette, £7, Primark

Don't save for best

Whether it was a dinner date, wedding or a party, most of us tended to save certain items of clothing for 'best' before the pandemic hit. With so many events and occasions cancelled last year, we have learnt that we don't know what's around the corner. It's given us a more carefree, seize-the-day attitude when it comes to clothing. Make up for lost time! Expect to go big and glam even for casual pub dates with friends. More people will put more efforts into their outfits, and dressier pieces being worn.



Dress, £38, Lipsy



Dress, £60, Lipsy

Prepare to dress up again

Buy what you need

The past year has taught us that we don't need wardrobes bursting with clothes that we perhaps have only worn once or twice. We can very much operate a needs-based style. This will continue post-pandemic. I advise my clients to shop in a more aware way - will that item go with three or more things you already have in your wardrobe? Avoid impulse buys - chances are you don't need those bright red quirky heels. And avoid the sales - there is a reason it didn't sell, right?



Jeans, £20, George



Dress, £70, Very



T-shirt, £6.50, George

Wear it with confidence

Figures show some women are anxious about lockdown restrictions easing because they've put on weight over lockdown. Many of my clients have told me they're feeling nervous about socialising again. My advice? There are many ways to boost confidence that don't involve changes in weight. Firstly, let's all congratulate ourselves for getting through the past year. To feel your best, treat yourself to a few new, carefully selected items of clothing. If you have to go up a size, remember no one knows what size your label says. If you wear something that fits well and makes you feel happy, you will shine with confidence.



Active collection, £29.50-£45 Oliver Bonas

Embrace your new body

Smart casual

Jeans with a blazer, a skirt with flats and a denim jacket with wide leg trousers. These are all styles we'll see as we transition from working from home to the office. T-shirts with pretty sleeves, and lots of accessories - sunglasses, masks, bag and jewellery to jazz up your new office uniform. We will also be wearing brighter colours and patterns to subconsciously celebrate a move out of lockdown.

Combine style with comfort



Blazer, £69.99, Freemans

T-shirt, £6.50, George

Trousers, £49.99, Freemans

Lounge outdoors

Loungewear sets boomed during lockdown. If you weren't a fan of joggers pre-2020, chances are you now own more than a pair or two. Don't wave them goodbye completely. Loungewear, joggers, hoodies, sweatshirts will remain in the shops but this style will no longer be a priority in our wardrobes. Dress up your casual clothes and intertwine these pieces into your day-to-day outdoor style.



Sweatshirt collection, £35 each, Oliver Bonas

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