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Closet

ADDING ANY ONE OF THESE 10 VERSATILE ESSENTIALS WILL TAKE YOUR OUTFIT TO NEW HEIGHTS OF FABULOUSNESS

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Acetate-
polyester,
IRO, \$625;
saks.com.



1 WHITE TUXEDO JACKET

It stands out in a sea of traditionally neutral blazers (you've already got navy or black down). And unlike its more predictable cousins, a white jacket can do fancy (lightly tossed over the shoulders of an evening gown) as easily as it can go casual—with jeans and a T.



**LEONA
LEWIS**
in ALC

**JESSICA
ALBA**
in Christopher
Kane

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Rayon,
Express, \$35;
express.com.

Cashmere-silk,
Denis Colomb Lifestyle,
\$480; 213-489-8130.

Silk, Diane von
Furstenberg, \$185;
646-486-4800.

Polyester,
Aerie, \$20;
aerie.com.

2 **VIBRANT SCARF**

Instead of a necklace, try a soft loop of bright fabric to perk up a mundane outfit instantly. It's a fun and simple way to mix prints. Wrap it once or twice around your neck, letting both ends hang loose.

3 **STUDED FLATS**

If you have a glamorous event and your feet are begging for a break from stilettos, slip into some decorated flats like the ones shown here. This contrast of edgy and feminine suits cocktail dresses, of course, plus flirty skirts and dark trousers.

Leather, Valentino
Garavani, \$795;
212-772-6969.



4 **POLKA-DOT BLOUSE**

Punch up your office wear or faded denim with this snappy classic. Reveal a little (top it with a crewneck sweater so only your collar shows) or a lot—untucked and flowy over white jeans or a solid navy or gray skirt.



ALEXA CHUNG
in Alexa Chung
for Madewell



MILLA JOVOVICH
in Prada



Silk georgette,
Sportmax
Code, \$305;
212-674-1817.



Studded
cotton twill,
Gryphon New
York, \$645; at
Nordstrom.

5 **EMBELLISHED COAT**

There's hardly an ensemble that can't be upgraded by the addition of this exciting spin on the traditional balmacaan—a silhouette that looks good on every figure. Pair it with capri pants, colored jeans, a striped mini, or even your favorite LBD.

6 **EYE-CATCHING HEELS**

Make your outfit interesting from the front *and* back. This vivid design allows you to color-block with clothing in everything from silver or white to cobalt, orange, or yellow.



Leather with enamel
heel, BCBG Max Azria,
\$295; bcbg.com.

7 **BOLD CUFF**

Decorating your wrist with one of these clean, modern shapes elevates your total look. Make a splash with clothes that have short or $\frac{3}{4}$ -length sleeves—or clasp it over a long-sleeve blouse.

Brass, Jennifer Fisher, \$500; jenniferfisherjewelry.com.

8 **PLEATED SKIRT**

When so many options for your bottom half are solid basics, kicky printed pleats are unexpected. With this drop-waist silhouette, you don't need to worry that you'll be adding volume to your middle. Try it on with a T or tank in white, gray, or black, and finish with a denim jacket.

Cotton, Milly, \$275; 718-338-2649.

Lapis and gold-toned metal, Ann Taylor, \$68; anntaylor.com.

Gold plate, Giles & Brother, \$185; gilesandbrother.com.



JAIME KING
in Jason Wu
for Target

TAYLOR SWIFT
in Olivaceous



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9 **STATEMENT NECKLACE**

Not as over-the-top as last season's versions, this new incarnation combines darkened metal with glitz and a bit of color for results that don't seem wildly out of place during office hours.



KELLY ROWLAND
in *Rainbow*



JULIANNE MOORE
in *Lanvin*

Swarovski crystals and brass, Lionette Designs by Noa Sade, \$398; lionetteny.com.

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BRIGHT BAG

A sleek, colorful purse will complement neutrals, brights, or pastels. Just don't match it with clothing in the exact same shade. (Go for versatility: This one converts to a clutch!)



Cowhide, Botkier, \$375; botkier.com.