



ASK A DESIGNER

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In her monthly column, the ever-optimistic fashion pro best known for the iconic wrap dress and her colorful, creative prints gives expert style advice for real life

Q I'm not that old, but my feet are—I have to wear sensible shoes. Summer is coming, and I want to wear capris. What should I put on my feet? —SHERILYN S., Sandy, Utah

A Sensible shoes? Surely we can find a solution. Animal prints, for example, are a chic way to avoid being boring. Anything with a rubber sole is nice for comfort and support: Hold the flat in your hand, and bend it to see whether it will move well with your foot. Maybe you can find a ballerina flat in a bold color such as cobalt or lime. Or espadrilles—a pair from Toms (\$44; toms.com) could be just the thing, as they have suede insoles and latex arch inserts. They come in many shades that look like the ones sold in Spanish markets, so you'll seem exotic, as if you just returned from Majorca!

Q Can you help baby-proof my jewelry? I love chain necklaces, but my son grabs them and they get jumbled up. Suggestions, please!

—KAREN S., Manassas, Va.

A Cuffs are good because they hug the wrist—no tangling. You might also add a colorful purse instead of jewelry. Carry a bright mini bag or a studded tote—both are very of the moment.

Q I'll be traveling to Europe for three months this summer. What multipurpose essentials should I take? —NICOLE M., Los Angeles

A I always say if you pack lightly, you live lightly! I would bring a scarf, a pair of the season's flowy pants, a cashmere sweater, a dress that doesn't wrinkle—try a maxidress like Jordana Brewster's that you can dress up or down—shoes you can walk in, and sunglasses. I don't go anywhere without mine.

JORDANA BREWSTER in Ella Moss



DVF's SUMMER MUST-HAVES



1. "Nars Multiple Blush in Portofino" is sheer and natural and has vitamin E to keep the sun from drying your skin."

\$39; narscosmetics.com.

2. "Evian Mineral Water Spray" is the perfect pick-me-up for your complexion. You feel refreshed when you spritz it on."

\$12; at Nordstrom.

3. "I discovered MoroccanOil Hydrating Shampoo" recently and am thrilled by the way it leaves my hair so smooth and shiny."

\$22; moroccanoil.com.

4. "I read more in the summer. We travel in August, and I read a lot while I'm on our boat. I usually choose books about strong women. I'm fascinated by Stacy Schiff's Cleopatra: A Life."

\$17; amazon.com.

5. "I love our 440 Mini handbag." It's the ideal size for traveling, and you can be hands-free when you wear it cross-body."

\$345; dvf.com.

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