



ASK A DESIGNER!

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In her monthly column, the fashion pro, known for her edgy yet wearable clothes and collectible bags, gives expert style advice for real life

QI'm petite, and "tall" boots usually hit me mid-knee or above. Are there any brands that have a shorter shaft? —ELIZABETH S., ATLANTA

A Instead of driving yourself crazy searching for boots that hit your leg in the right place, buy a pair you love and have them altered. That's what I did with some midhigh boots I found. It cost me about \$40, and now they're perfect. Any decent shoe-repair place should be able to do the same for you.

QCan I wear one color head to toe without looking like a crayon?

—JENNIFER S., DENTON, TEXAS

A If you keep it chic, yes! Let the spring Gucci runway [at left] be your guide. Clean lines are essential when you're going monochromatic. Your outfit will already be attention-grabbing because of the shade, so the silhouette needs to be minimalist. If you do want to exaggerate an element, it should be only one part, like flared pants or blouson sleeves but not both.



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QI'm not heavy, but I have large thighs and knees. I feel no skirt looks good on me. Is there a specific style I should try? And how do I complete the outfit? —ALINE G., SAN FRANCISCO

A What about a formfitting cut, such as a pencil skirt? I think you want to avoid anything mini or midcalf, but right below the knee would be ideal. Combine it with a structured blouse, perhaps with a jeweled neckline, and low-heeled pointy-toe pumps. Or go boho and try a floor-sweeping maxiskirt with a tight boatneck top.

Rebecca's Spring BEAUTY MUSTS



1. This matte orangey-red liquid lipstick is what finally convinced me I could wear color on my mouth.

Stila Stay All Day liquid lipstick in Tesoro, \$22; sephora.com.

2. I like oils for keeping my skin soft, and the sandalwood scent is light and lovely.

Tata Harper Revitalizing body oil, \$90; tataharperskincare.com.

3. I discovered this at the salon where I get my hair blown out. It will make your hair feel really silky and protected.

Tresemme Keratin Smooth Keratin Infusing serum, \$4; tresemme.com for stores.

4. No one thinks you're wearing anything when you have this foundation on. Your complexion just looks even.

Giorgio Armani Luminous Silk foundation in 6.5, \$60; giorgioarmanibeauty.com.

5. I use this preservative-free face cream morning and night for dewy skin.

June Jacobs Intensive Age Defying Hydrating Complex, \$130; junejacobs.com.

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