



## 2020 Summer Essentials

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Summer is here, and everyone wants to look as stylish as possible while being modest. 1 Timothy 2:9 states that women must adorn themselves in modest apparel. It is important to be an example by showing that you can be trendy and beautiful while being modest. You can prove that dressing modestly does not equal unfashionable. When it comes to fashion, it's all about creativity and what feels most "like you". Fashion isn't restricted to just clothes, make sure to have fun with jewelry, belts, sunglasses, etc. Don't be afraid to wear bold colors and vibrant pieces to make your outfit pop.

Let's start with shoes! During the hot summer it is a necessity to have a couple great pairs of sandals. I recommend brown sandals. Why? Because they complement most bright and pastel colors. Another suggestion is Birkenstocks, they are comfortable and easily accessible. Another shoe style is, the sneaker.... Some have mixed feelings about wearing sneakers with skirts and dresses. It is totally up to you. If you choose to, you can do it! I recommend all white sneakers. Some of my favorite sneaker brands are Vans and Converse. Both brands produce some fairly feminine shoes, and they are both affordable. They also provide a huge variety of colors for the sneaker of your choice.

Moving on to separates.... For the summer, I suggest having a few simple tank tops and short sleeve shirts to match any skirt. Just be sure that your tank tops don't reveal cleavage. You can find affordable tank tops of different colors almost anywhere. Shein, Forever21, Romwe, and Zaful are just a few popular companies to explore. Next we have skirts, there are tons of types of skirts to choose from. I suggest midi skirts, jean skirts, and flowy skirts. Remember, skirts and dresses must be below the knee (even while sitting) to be modest. Midi skirts come down to your mid-shin and come in a variety of different patterns, colors, and materials. Jean skirts are also a vital addition to anyone's closet, and not just for the summer time. A jean skirt is the staple piece of any wardrobe because you can mix and match numerous tops and patterns with them.

Dresses are also important to a summer wardrobe. Like skirts, there are a wide variety of dresses to choose from. A few dress styles are midi, maxi, wrap, or flowy. For the summertime, I encourage everyone to wear bright colorful dresses. I also recommend dresses that complement your complexion that will make your skin pop. If a dress or skirt is a bit see through, make sure to wear a slip under your clothes. Tube tops can also be used as an undergarment so that way you won't have straps of a t-shirt showing.

Last but certainly not least, accessories! Accessories can be used to dress up a simple outfit. For these warmer months, gold necklaces and hoops, bangle bracelets, and anklets are must haves. Accessories aren't limited to just jewelry; sunglasses, purses, and hair accessories are vital components to any outfit.



To summarize, there are plenty of ways to remain stylish while being modest. Remember to keep your head up. Don't be embarrassed to let your light shine in your fringed skirts and dresses!

1 Peter 2:9- "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light."

Shalom Sisters MHNCB!