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FEMININE GUIDE

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OVERVIEW

This guide covers professional dress that leans toward traditional feminine looks. Feminine wardrobes have a lot of flexibility and space for creativity, all while maintaining a clean, professional look. Learn to mix and match your separates to have an endless supply of outfits!

FOUNDATIONS

Build your wardrobe with a strong base of separates in neutral colors. After you have a foundation of neutrals, begin to introduce bolder colors and patterns. You will want to aim for conservative clothes with modest necklines and fingertip length hemlines at minimum. Aim for clothes that fit you well, nothing too tight and nothing too baggy!

DRESS

- Blouses and tops in a variety of colors
- Skirts and slacks in neutral colors. Knee length and midi length skirts are in vogue!
- A blazer or two in black, brown, or blue
- Sweaters that easy to remove if you get warm

ACCESSORIES

- Classic, understated jewelry. Pearls are considered very classy!
- Shoes with modest heels (2-3 inches) or flats
- Leggings are not a foundation piece. Opt for stockings or tights under skirts instead.

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MAKE IT YOURS

EXPLORE OPTIONAL WAYS TO DRESS IT UP OR DRESS IT DOWN

DRESS IT UP

- Find a complete 2 piece suit with either pants or a skirt
- Black is the most formal color, followed by navy blue.
- Wear a white, button up blouse with your suit.
- If you have longer hair, updos are the best option.
- If possible, have your clothing tailored to best fit your body.

DRESS IT DOWN

- Opt for more flowy, less structured separates.
- Ditch the slacks and wear clean jeans or khakis with no rips or fraying.
- Explore bold colors and patterns in your clothes and accessories
- Leggings can be an option, if you select items that are dark colors and you style them with professional tops, blazers and accessories for a polished look.

NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHAT TO WEAR, CONNECT WITH SOMEONE WHO WAS IN YOUR SHOES!
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