

White out

Laia Farran Graves looks to a cool white palette for this summer

When your skin has that 'healthy summer glow', few things look as good as a crisp white outfit.

Unlike previous white seasons, this trend is very versatile and varied, and includes some far less romantic looks that are crisp and simple, yet sophisticated. At one end of the scale, you have the usual summer dresses in gauze or cotton. But these aren't girly and non-descript: instead they are strong and directional. Match these up with a skinny tan belt and some flat leather sandals for a striking day-time outfit (as seen as Diesel Black Gold, Kenzo, Issey Miyake).

You will also find a lot of white dresses that are structured and utilitarian, which gives them an air of almost clinical sharpness. These are real showstoppers, but remember: less is most definitely more.

If you want to look sharp, go for a fitted blazer (as seen at Comme des Garçons) or a trouser suit (check out Salvatore Ferragamo, Ralph Lauren, Paul Smith) and wear with a white shirt for maximum impact. Evening gowns were also all over the catwalk, from floor-length gowns (Max Azria, Dolce Gabbana, Rick Owens) to some fabulous and very sexy mini dresses (Gianfranco Ferré) to be worn with heels and plenty of attitude.



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