## Sort out, take stock and hit the shops

Don't panic, but there's only a few weeks of summer to go, so Gloucestershire stylist **KATE** PARKER is already thinking about transitional items to see you through to autumn. Here are her style tips

AS the summer season begins to draw to a close it's a good time to take a look through your wardrobe and think about some transitional items.

Transitional items. The stores are in full sale swing and some are even giving us the first glimpses of autumn-winter, known as the pre-collections, so distance and the state of the state



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Reiss suede ankle boots, reduced to £79 from £159

Consider whether there are any last minute items you may need from the sales, before they are no longer available.

Buy a copy of your favourite monthly fashion magazine either the August or September issues to see what trends are coming up and which appeal to you.

And consider the pre-collections, which are coming into the shops over the next few weeks.

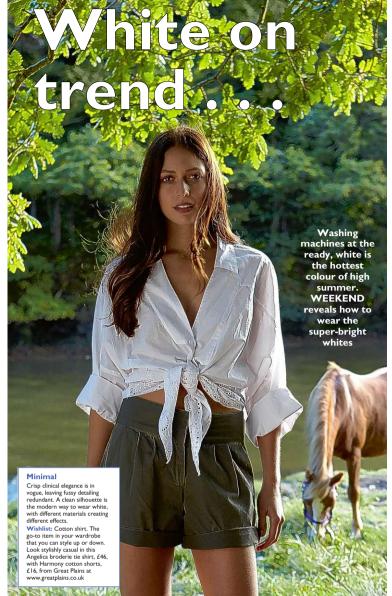
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Some great pre-collection pieces include this London Gigi Dress, £149, from Hobbs and the chocolate leather bilker jacket, £225 from Mint Velvet, Cavendish House, Cheltenham. For more details, visit www.kateparkerstyle.com





WEEKEND



## HOW TO GET A STATEMENT LOOK

- Being such a bold solo act, top-to-toe white doesn't need much in the way of accompaniment. A tan belt or pair of nude shoes are all the accessories you need.
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  White has varying shades. To see if
  the shade suits you, hold it up to your
  face. Buy if it makes you look healthy
  and ditch if it washes you out.

  If you have warmer undertones in
  your skin, sitck to softer whites, such as
  ivory or cream (which generally suit
  most people). Icy whites work against
  skins with cooler undertones.
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  If white feels too garish, build up your confidence with one key accessory, like a white bag or scarf.
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  Ensure your pieces look fresh white and not even remotely yellow or grey. Washed-out whites will instantly let down your look.

  Beware of dry cleaning bills. Whites may need more attention in the wash, so ensure you read the care labels and avoid hand wash or dry clean unless you're committed to the aftercare.
- Beware of tell-tale fake tan and foundation stains. Tide marks against stark white is never going to be on-trend.



## Relaxed

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Embrace white in your casual wardrobe with drapey pieces and loose tailoring. White attracts the eye, so think about how and where you wear it.—If your hips are your problem area, then wear white jeans with a tunic.. If you want to steer attention away from a bigger bust, avoid clingy, translucent orisp white tops and go for deconstructed draping fabrics.

Wishlist Slouchy palazzo trousers. Wear with flat sandals for beachy daytime chic or with wedges for a hippy Seventies vibe. These Marisota Arlene Phillips white wide leg trousers, are from £40 at www.marisota.co.uk