

White Shirt 12 Ways!

After the interest last month in my "One item 12 Ways" theme, I thought I would do it again for you. This time I am using another "go to item" in your wardrobe—the simple white shirt. The one I chose is a CHAPS Ralph Lauren brand made of linen and priced at just \$4.99. It has 3/4 sleeves that can easily be rolled up or down, and some darting in the back for detail. Linen is very sturdy, easy to launder and a year round fabric. I also like it because it has a little natural wrinkling to it, so it has a nice lived-in feeling for layering with other things.

I came up with more than 12 looks by utilizing my basic white shirt and incorporating items I found at my local Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center. However, I will show you four looks each week for the next three, until we reach our 12th and final look.



LOOK 1

This is a classy way to go for almost any occasion. Our white shirt is complemented here with a (brand new with tag that said \$58) Lapis floral skirt for \$4.99, and some soft lavender "pearls" for \$1.99. I loved the way this skirt had a horizontal stripe at the waist for a "self belted" look!



LOOK 2

The English Countryside was the inspiration for this look. Pairing a wonderful Liz Claiborn cardigan, \$4.99, with a Forever 21 pencil skirt, \$3.99, and a colorful scarf to set it off, \$1.49. Great for the office or anywhere for that matter. Casual and chic.



LOOK 3

Whether you know it or not, all whites and creams work well together. Witness our next look. Short sleeved Isaac Mizrahi jacket, \$4.99, with the sleeves of our blouse rolled up, worn over a BEBE ruffled skirt, \$4.99, and sparked by our turquoise color beads at the throat, \$1.99. This is such a fun and flirty look for daytime, and could easily be worn at work.



LOOK 4

Preppy is the word I had for this ensemble. Utilizing a v-neck sweater by Liz Claiborn, \$4.99, and a terrific pencil skirt with interesting texture, \$3.99, topped off with a string of beads, \$1.99. Again, the role of separates is so important to creating so many different looks.

Are you starting to get the idea? Yes, one item can and should be worn multiple times in your wardrobe. Searching out a higher quality item like our linen shirt will start you in the right direction! Meanwhile head over to your local Goodwill Store and see how many looks you can pull together using one of your own "go to" items! Make sure to come back next week for looks five through eight!

