

White Shirt 12 Ways-Part 2!

As you know a white shirt or simple blouse can be the backbone of any discerning wardrobe. I showed four looks to you last week, to illustrate how this indispensable item can be worn in so many different ways. This week will continue with looks five through eight, and our grand finale will be next week with looks nine through 12!

We started with a linen three quarter sleeve button down shirt from Ralph Lauren Polo for \$4.99, that I found at the Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center near my home. It is a great basic because linen is really a year round fabric and looks good when it is a little wrinkly, unlike cotton that tends to look best when pressed! So here we go with our next four fabulous looks!



LOOK 5

We added a lovely skirt from Banana Republic in light blue cotton for \$4.99, to our linen shirt, for a simple and pretty daytime look. Adding punch is the metallic gold braided belt for \$1.99, and a really cool necklace in gold with a white pendant for \$2.99. Doesn't it make a huge difference when accessories are added? I could see this with metallic sandals or flats and some gold hoop earrings for extra dazzle!



LOOK 6

Is all about the skort (hybrid of skirt and shorts) I found for \$4.99! I just couldn't resist doing a "Brittney" schoolgirl look! This skirt has the great zipper and of course the highly defined waist that makes the proportion of our basic blouse look different. With the men's tie for \$1.99 we have an absolutely hip and modern look. I would put dark tights and maybe some great boots or booties with this to keep it "rock and roll"!



LOOK 7

Is a tribute to the office gal! Our shirt is a great base for the pinky red Etcetera cardigan for \$3.99 that ties at the wrist. Under it all is a Banana Republic pinstripe pencil skirt with side slit for \$4.99. Accessories include this sweet belt with heart shaped buckle for \$1.99, and a necklace worn under the collar for \$1.99. This would work well with some nice pumps in black or tan to keep the elongation we get from the pencil skirt going!



LOOK 8

It takes layering to a whole new level. Our basic shirt looks great under the plaid cotton Pappagallo short-sleeved blouse for \$2.99. This blouse had some darting in it, which is why we put it over our Dana Buchman silk skirt for \$3.99! The tones all blend effortlessly and we again use our metallic braided belt for \$1.99 at the waist to give us a little more polish. I also used a funky gold lapel pin to keep the plaid from being too overwhelming, after all, that is what good accessory placement will do! This outfit should have pumps or pointy flats worn with it to keep it professional.



Now that wasn't so hard was it? Just think of all the things you can do with just one high quality, well-fitted item. The possibilities are indeed endless, and of course you'll never run out of ideas when you patronize your local Goodwill Store yourself! Come back next week and see what we have in store for our last four looks. Until then keep making informed choices and re-circulating your unused items by donating them to the Goodwill Store & Donation Center nearest you!