



SOFT TOUCH

It's easy to be drawn to dark velvet, but this luxe fabric gives vivid colours a beautiful softness, meaning you can wear a strong shade like red with confidence.

Blazer, £198, trousers, £130, sizes 6-22, both boden.co.uk; Jumper, sizes xs-xl, £98, pre-lit Grand Spruce Christmas tree, £695, baubles, from £4, wrapping paper, £16, ribbon selection, £15, all thewhitecompany.com; shoes, £42, next.co.uk; crackers, £8, bmstores.co.uk



SEQUIN CHIC

Create a feel of relaxed glamour by teaming heavily sequined pieces with an oversized card. Barely there strappy sandals and a simple clutch complete the look.

Dress, £140, sizes xs-l, quizclothing.co.uk; cardigan, £35.99, sizes xxs-xxl, shop.mango.com; jute sack, £6, bmstores.co.uk; crackers on mantelpiece, £29, Hazel Gardiner at merimeri.co.uk >>





STREET TO SAND

→ Finding the perfect swimsuit is never easy, but we might have found the one with this beauty. With hidden bust support, it's a forever classic that doesn't compromise on fit.

→ Get more mileage from your swimwear and let this swimsuit double up as a top—just add wide-leg trousers and a blazer.

→ Add extra coverage with a lightweight kimono, injecting a boho feel to your look.

Kimono, £35, sizes s-xl, next.co.uk
 swimsuit, £162, sizes 8-16,
 uk.jetsaustralia.com
 earrings, £16, bettyandbiddy.com



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THE FINER DETAILS

→ Whether you're a roller or a folder, no one wants to be ironing on holiday, so look to crease-free materials such as this lightweight dress, which you can pull out from the suitcase with ease.

→ Don't underestimate the simplicity of this frock. Extremely versatile, in colder temps, you can layer a cable knit on top and add your go-to ankle boots.

→ Stylish and safe, a hat protects your face from the sun and adds a dash to your look. Opt for soft raffia designs that pack down.

Dress, £49, sizes 8-20, johnlewis.com;
 hat, £49, hobbs.com; neckscarf,
 £39, grovemade.com; ring, £42,
 mstvetvet.com; bag, £9, Primark





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