

BOBBI SCHWARTZ/ PERSONAL STYLIST
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Bobbi Schwartz's tips for dressing for success:

Men:

Gray, navy, and/or black suits

Good tailoring is essential. It is all about fabric and tailoring.

3 button or 2 button doesn't seem to be an issue but my personal feeling for a stunning impact that will be a longterm addition to your closet, I recommend the 2 button

For people who are just getting started, budget is generally important. For this I have two suggestions, first is to get a made-to-measure suit which is not in about budget but highly desirable as the fit will be impeccable. Practically every major designer offers this service. Second, shop at designer discount houses such as Nelman Marcus Last Call and Off 5th. You can find the best designers at a fraction of the cost.

I always lean toward white or pale blue shirts; white can have a texture or tone on tone pattern, blue, a subtle tone on tone print (plaid or stripe) but very subtle and quiet

Ties are a place where you can show a little creativity, but in dressing for success they still need to be conservative.

Power ties: reds and blues and yellows are what you want because they are colors that inspire trust psychologically. As you get more comfortable use other colors but keep the tie conservative.

Belts and shoes. They need to be high quality, don't think you can skimp because they are small items. They are incredibly important to an overall look and the details are very telling to the quality of your attire. They tell people where you are in life.

Your shoes and belts need to match or coordinate

Brown and black are the color of the day and don't be afraid to wear your brown shoes with your black suit.

A nice watch is important as well, especially when it accompanies well manicured hands!!

Women:

A black suit is the basic, and depending on the conservativeness of the work place, pants or skirts are acceptable. If skirts are a necessity at some point to meet the dress requirements, always buy three pieces, skirt, pant, and jacket, to extend the life of the suit because you will multiply the use of the suit many times over.

Skirt length: should be at a conservative length, this is not a nightclub.

Jacket lengths and styles on women, there is not really a standard, it is all about what is going to be flattering and rich looking on her body.

Underpinnings: either a simple jewel neck knit of good quality, or a tailored shirt/blouse. Both in either white or offwhite. Keep it clean and simple.

Shoes and handbags: this is a definite telling point for women. People begin at your feet and end at your feet when they look at you, and so this is a place to splurge. You want a simple and clean mid-heel pump in black.

Bag and shoes should always match.

Hosiery: Neutral and sheer when wearing a skirt, but not a necessity when wearing pants.