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SUMMER STAPLES: THE ULTIMATE (AND AFFORDABLE!) SHOPPING GUIDE FROM STYLE.COM

May 21, 2008 –Summer is just around the corner...and with the heat rising and economy tight, Style.com has the solution: seven essential pieces--all under \$500-- that are absolute must-haves for those steamy days and nights, along with the 100 perfect accessories and extras to make each one go the distance until September.

For the *complete* summer shopping guide, including information on where to purchase each item, log onto www.style.com.

1. **THE MAXI DRESS:** Banana Republic Long Tank Dress \$175

Accessorize with:

- Anthropologie Straw Ombre Tote \$78
- Gap belted roll-up cardigan \$49.50
- Juicy Couture Anika wedge sandal \$195
- Melissa Joy Manning sterling silver chain necklaces \$150

2. **THE DAY DRESS:** Vince Graphic Swirl Dress \$285

Accessorize with:

- BCBG Alexandra cotton coat \$298
- Eugenia Kim for Coach Tara hat \$128
- J. Crew jelly ballet flat \$45
- Lauren by Ralph Lauren beaded necklace \$78

3. **THE CARDIGAN:** Cynthia Steffe cotton cashmere cardigan \$295

Accessorize with:

- D+G beaded racer back tank \$155
- Hudson denim short \$143
- Mystique cabochon bubble sandal \$145
- Stella McCartney beaded necklace \$285

4. **THE MINISKIRT:** Loeffler Randall tiered tulip skirt \$225

Accessorize with:

- Cole Haan suede moccasin \$165
- DKNY stainless steel watch \$185
- Rogan for Target plaid shirt \$29.99
- Michael Kors giraffe print canvas tote \$298

5. **THE WHITE JEAN:** James white denim

Accessorize with:

- CUT-IT-OUT by Yelena Konovalova heart duffle bag \$175
- Erickson Beamon cocktail ring \$195
- Aldo gold bangle \$10
- Boden beaded top \$90

6. **THE BLAZER:** J Crew navy blazer \$235
Accessorize with:
 - Virginia Johnson canvas tote \$175
 - Club Monaco front pleat silk printed dress \$189
 - American Apparel cotton short sleeve tee \$16
 - Maiw teardrop and pearl necklace \$400

7. **THE “IT” JEAN:** MIH high waist denim with gold buttons \$270
 - L.A.M.B. convertible clutch tote \$425
 - Old Navy gold bikini \$40
 - Subversive for Target multi-layered beaded necklace \$59.99
 - Splendid stripe tank top \$54

"Summer is a season that demands versatility-- great looks for every occasion from days at the office to backyard barbecues to rooftop cocktails," said Style.com's Meenal Mistry. "Our summer shopping guide gives you seven wardrobe staples--all priced under \$500-- that can be endlessly mixed and matched to have you looking stylish for any event."

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