



How should you dress for your next job interview? Insiders from conservative and creative industries share their advice

Four experts weigh in...

THE TY CORRESPONDENT SAYS.

Alina Cho, CNN national correspondent and host of Fashion: Backstage Pass

It's important to feel confident with your interview outfit. In most settings, a fitted dress with a three-quarter sleeve

in emerald or violet will be appropriate-jewel tones complement almost everyone and are timeless. If you go with a sleeveless dress, pair it with a slim, belted cardigan so your arms aren't bare. It gives you that professional feel, but is more comfortable than a traditional suit. Heels in nude or a dark color and a not-toosparkly necklace are great finishing touches."

Her Take: Try Jewel Tones!

THE FASHION DIRECTOR SAYS

Kate Dimmock, People StyleWater fashion director

For a creative workplace, wearing a suit says that you had no idea what to wear.

But you can still play it safe in clothes that are classic with a twist. A simple dress that incorporates a bold pattern and trendy accessories like ankle strap peep-toes will create a stylish moment to be remembered. Never feel like you have to dress as if you're straight off the runway."

Her Take: Wear a Stylish Dress.

THE RECRUITER SAYS.

Lizandra Vega, cofounder of Perennial Resources International, a recruitment firm, and author of The Image of Success

In a formal environment, a coordinating pants or skirt suit

is ideal. You can't go wrong with a collared button-down—the collar frames the face, which is the feature your interviewer will focus on. Add a lightweight scarf for a pop of color. Denim, activewear and graphic Emily tees are never appropriate." VanCamp

Her Take: Pick a Collared Shirt!

THE BLOGGER SAYS...

Kat Griffin, founder of work style blog Corporette.com

You want your words and accomplishments to be the main focus, so my go-to interview outfit for a corporate

job is a black, gray or navy skirt suit. For a blouse, think of button-front shirt colors that conservative businessmen wear. Nude hose and closed-toe pumps complete the look. While you shouldn't wear bracelets (too noisy) or dangly earrings (too distracting), there's still room to experiment with tasteful jewelry: a pendant or post earrings are the best options."

Her Take: Stick to Classic Pieces!