yes, FASHION is all over the place with runways dictating what’s “IN” this season, it’s enough to drive you crazy – that is if you are fashion conscious. And if you aren’t, think about it... Do you really want to wear anything in the name of comfort? I don’t think so! Don’t let the heat make you look dull and dowdy; rather gear up to beat the heat with a bang – up look. When at work it’s not always practical to sport up a happening look but what can be done is - blend the fashion basics with the latest trends.

WHEN AT WORK
It’s not always necessary to succumb to boredom with the same old formal look. Try hunting for shirts with slightly playful sleeves and collars. Cotton fabrics and linen seem to be the best option yet and are easily available. The materials don’t change much for the trousers except try experimenting with shades of neutral colours, be it cotton boot cut pants or ones with a straight fit. And if you really are looking for a change, go for the skirt. Get experimental with different styles, as far as you can maintain the dress code.

ACCESSORIES
Team up your ensemble with scarves, be it with vibrant colours and prints or the wacky animal prints or you can always throw in funky junk jewellery. With a lot to play around it adds more facets to your look. But remember it better be moderate and not overdone. Also help a lot to cut out the monotony of a formal look. Don’t always go for the usual boring size, you can experiment with a little wider belt and go for a very thin sized one. Don’t shy away using bright colours with single coloured attire.

WORK TO PARTY
Don’t be lazy! What’s stopping you to change your looks, just a little shift of accessories and you are done to suite the mood. The scarves can also be used as a sash tied around waist as a belt, with a shirt tucked in. If you already have a belt; it’s best to team it up with a nice flitty brooch onto your shirt. It always helps to carry a brooch, preferably black, white and brown. In case you don’t mind the vibrancy, than go ahead and play with more colours but try and coordinate it with your entire look.

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Black Boots - search out a pair of boots that you know you’ll wear a lot.
Studs and/or Zippers - if you don’t have anything with studs or zippers, add some onto an old bag or grab a cool, old leather jacket from a thrift store that you can alter.
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