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## BY THE BARBIE

- Necklace \$39.99, Chezanzibar
- Shirt \$39.99, sizes 14-26, Autograph
- Shorts \$10, sizes 8-16, Kmart
- Sandals \$69.99, Gallaz
- Large tote \$59.95, Sunny Life
- Sunglasses \$19.95, Unity
- Hat \$19.95, Condura



## BEACHSIDE

- Bikini (briefs not shown) \$15 for set, sizes 6-18, Kmart
- Denim shorts \$39.95, sizes 8-20, EziBuy
- Thongs \$29.95, Havalanac
- Towel \$59.95, Sunny Life
- Sunglasses \$19.95, Unity



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## Working it

The holidays are over and the working year has begun. For a fresh start, it's a good idea to assess your work wardrobe. We can get stuck wearing the same old things day in day out, but all that wear means it may be looking a bit drab. Instead, you want to look neat and polished. After all, looking good makes you feel good, and that could even lead to a promotion or a pay rise! For starters, say goodbye to anything faded or tatty. Next, think about your essentials – do you wear a lot of black pants? Do you prefer dresses? See what you really need to fill the gaps in your wardrobe. Also, think about trying something new. A great work alternative is the wrap dress. It's flattering on all body shapes and is easy to pop on and head out the door – no matching tops and bottoms! There are great workwear buys out there, and one of my favourites are Sara long pull on pants, which you can get from EziBuy ([www.ezibuy.com.au](http://www.ezibuy.com.au)). Plus-size UK brand Evans ([www.evans.co.uk](http://www.evans.co.uk)) has heaps of workwear, from animal prints to pencil skirts. If it's pants you're after, then Gap ([www.gap.com](http://www.gap.com)) has every style and cut you could imagine. They are opening stores in Australia, but they will ship from the US. Keep an eye out for chic accessories too – a funky necklace can brighten a plain outfit. So if you're feeling a bit low about returning to work, give your mood a lift by updating your look. If it makes you feel better when you step out the door for another long day, it's worth every penny. ■



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