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Impress for Less

Stylist **Tina Chai** consults for hip lines like Thakoon and Lela Rose. We asked her to create a designer look from items **under \$100**

Chai's Tips for Smart Shopping

1 Even if your purchase is a steal, it should still be super-versatile. "This blouse and sweater would also go with jeans and a blazer," says Chai. "You could pair the skirt with a T-shirt and tailored jacket too."

2 "Inspect the fabric. Avoid poly blends, which I find don't hold up well in general. I'm a fan of cotton, wool, silk and cashmere. Something can be inexpensive and still be a waste of money."

3 "Mixing scale is a basic rule when combining prints. Here, the skirt's design is large, while the one on the blouse is small."



\$69
Silk blouse,
Banana Republic;
bananarepublic.com.

\$68
"The proportion of the short sweater over the long shirt looks great."
Cotton snap-front cardigan, Madewell; madewell1937.com for stores.



\$80
"I love this shoe's color and raffia detail."
Leather and raffia platforms, Libby Edelman; 877-932-7726 for stores.

\$58 & \$72
Plastic link (\$58) and bead (\$72) necklaces, Orion Fashions; 212-563-5420 for stores.



\$98
Cork clutch with wood ring, Ananas; 212-219-1647.

\$58
"I like full skirts; they're very flattering on most bodies."
Polyester skirt, Simply Vera Vera Wang; kohls.com for stores.

