



We've replaced the self-belt on Banana Republic's linen safari jacket (\$138) with Virgins, Saints & Angels cool "Sacred Heart" number, \$325, from Iron Rose Boutique/Grapevine. The versatile jacket also gets a shot of color from Theory's plum cotton camisole top, \$75, and Stephen Dweck faceted smoky topaz, rose quartz and champagne mother-of-pearl rope necklace, \$695, Neiman Marcus/Fort Worth.

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Natural fabrics in neutral colors and safari-inspired prints make summer a little more bearable.

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Thanks to frequent *paparazzi* updates on glam humanitarians Brad and Angelina, George Clooney and Oprah, the urban desert look couldn't be hotter. But you needn't jet off to Namibia or Johannesburg to embrace this oh-so-practical summer trend. The heat-beating natural fibers, neutral color palette and subtle military touches of safari chic can be dressed up or down to work everywhere from laid-back beaches to the mean city streets. Add a few unexpected pops of color and you are on your way to exotic elegance.



Go from the beach to dinner in Roxy's asymmetrical cotton poplin floral skirt, \$47, and nylon/lycra floral bikini top \$39, Just Add Water/Fort Worth and Southlake. Olive green cotton camisole, \$12.50, Articles A-Z. Painted wooden bangle, \$40, and Lucite bangle, \$45, B. Whitman Shoes/Southlake. 1978 FJ-40 Toyota Land Cruiser courtesy of E. Mann of Fort Worth

You'll have it made in the shade in a Guess "Army Brat" nylon-spandex camouflage bikini top with gold-tone chain ties, \$49, and Roxy cotton Bermuda shorts, \$41, Just Add Water/Fort Worth and Southlake. Lee Angel link necklace of bone beads with sterling silver accent beads is used as a belt, \$275, Neiman Marcus/Fort Worth. Wooden frame sunglasses, \$365, B. Whitman Shoes/Southlake.

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The classic safari look that put Banana Republic on the map is back and better than ever as evidenced by this rolled-sleeve stretch khaki shirt, \$68, and chandelier earrings with brass, jasper and carnelian stones, \$42. St. John Sport cropped pant with contrast stitching, \$395, Neiman Marcus/Fort Worth. Long wooden bead and gold necklace, \$165; gold link and wood bead necklace with gold sunburst detail, \$210, and cork espadrilles with macrame and silk flower detail and grosgrain ribbon laces, \$145, B. Whitman Shoes/Southlake.

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Arts-and-crafts-looking jewelry in earthy colors, such as the sky-blue coconut beads of this necklace, serves the safari look well. Theory cotton tank, \$45, and Lee Angel large crocheted hoops in cream with beading and sterling clasp, \$115, Neiman Marcus/Fort Worth.

"Mozambique" necklace with macrame button closure, \$52, Banana Republic. Flora Bella crocheted raffia hat with flower detail, \$93, Just Add Water/Fort Worth and Southlake.

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Destination: One gorgeous summer look. Get there by mixing a pretty Lilia sunset stripe cotton knit dress (\$276, Iron Rose Boutique/Grapevine) with Banana Republic's distressed cotton military jacket (\$88), a classic that's been updated with a slim, flattering fit. Prada leather sandals with rope detail, \$450, Neiman Marcus/Fort Worth. Multistrand wooden bead necklace with gold clasp, \$300, and wood and gold bracelet, \$70, B. Whitman Shoes/Southlake. Toby Keith Signature pinched-front straw hat, \$49, Just Add Water/Fort Worth and Southlake. 1978 FJ-40 Toyota Land Cruiser courtesy of E. Mann of Fort Worth.