

20 ways to revamp your wardrobe

1 Be proud. Flaunt the extra curves you've accumulated during the festive season. Bin baggy clothes, along with your insecurities, and show off a voluptuous figure with sexy, body-skimming styles. It works for Sophie Dahl.

2 Be bold. Make a point of not falling into the black hole when shopping and buy colour, the biggest story for spring. Bright hues will give your whole look a facelift and can brighten moods as well as wardrobes.

3 Be prepared. Bikini season may be six months away but early birds are already moisturising and toning. Bikinis are skimpy for summer, although Michael Kors offered matching cardis as a cover-up, right.

4 Show self-control. January sales are a risky business for the impulsive shopper. Bypass the gold party dresses and opt for less time-sensitive pieces such as a quality leather jacket or winter coat.

5 Be ruthless. According to American magazine InStyle, 85 per cent of us wear only 25 per cent of our wardrobes. Take anything you didn't wear in 2000 to your nearest charity shop.

6 Measure up. A well-fitting bra makes all the difference. Get properly measured at a good department store and watch a more streamlined shape appear.

7 Look good, feel great. If you've already joined a gym, Uth has transformed the tracksuit, Gap has made the sweat an art form and Puma's stylish new yoga range (developed by Christy Turlington) will coax the laziest of fashion fans into the lotus position.

8 Economise. Don't write off last year's worn, shabby knitwear. Spend £6.99 on a Remington Fuzz Away (from Boots), or use a sharp razor to remove bobbles and loose fibres.

9 Save time. Claim your weekends back from the high street and vow to make more of the Internet. Check out yoox.com for discounted designer labels, jigsaw-online.co.uk for favourite essentials, intofashion.com for hot trends and littleblackdress.com for cyber-glamour.

10 Streamline. Unpick the patch pockets from last year's jeans and trousers to give them 2001's simple, lean silhouette. Keep aside a pocket from each pair for mending, or sew one on to a shoulder bag à la Dior.

Beachwear will get skimplier

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Prom queen style by Sarah Jessica Parker

11 Downsize and smarten-up. Do you really need to carry that battered holdall?

Empty your handbag and throw away every tissue, receipt and squashed lipstick then reward your bravery with a chic Kelly bag from Furla (from £50 at Fenwick).

12 Be a Prom Queen. Corsages and buttonholes — as worn by Sex And The City star Sarah Jessica Parker — are sprouting up all over the place. Wear real, silk or leather flowers around the wrist, neck or wedding-style on the lapel for an inexpensive route to ladylike grooming.

13 Be whiter than white. If you still don't have a white shirt then it's a wonder you manage to leave the house each morning. Versatile and timeless, even glam as worn by Sharon Stone, the white shirt will make your year in fashion the easiest yet.

14 Be resourceful. Brooches are big news for 2001, and look great on a ruched top or silk scarf. Scour charity shops for cameos and jewelled pins or check out Top Shop's selection. Granny would be proud.

15 Invest. Forgo a few months' impulse buying and splash out on a stylish watch such as Fendi's Bussola (£199), right, a trendy timepiece in assorted neons which will

Kelly bag by Furla



Get your Chloe shades early



still hold its appeal long after that Lurex bat-wing number has been confined to mothballs.

16 Be first in line. The steeplechase for Chloe's sunglasses has become an annual event. Get on the waiting list for this year's oversized square aviators months before the rest. Available from David Chulow for £135 and opticians nationwide.

17 Share and share alike. Grab some red wine and pizza and throw a clothes-swapping party for friends. Everyone will have a great time and many a flagging wardrobe will be transformed. Set aside a few hours to work on stains on otherwise wearable clothing.

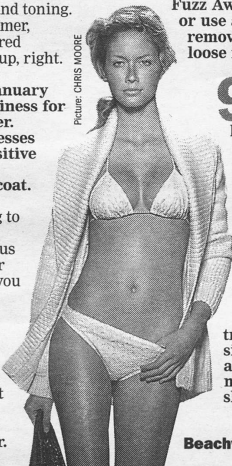
18 Clean up your act. Rescue the dry-clean only items from their natural habitat at the bottom of the laundry basket and dig deep in your pockets to get them all cleaned. You'll feel as if you've won a new wardrobe.

19 Don't be a heel. Last season's stiletto boots are still in but their worn-out heels are most definitely passé. Catch them while they're still salvageable and take them to a heel bar for an overhaul.

20 Recycle. Before confining old denim to the nearest skip, cut off waistbands, collars and cuffs for the last word in fashion accessories, as worn by Kate Moss.

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QUICK FIX: Kate Moss revives denim by removing hems and waistband; Sharon Stone making the white shirt glamorous; Sophie Dahl proving curves are sexy

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