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Save the skin you're in by dressing for solar protection

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With all that we know about the sun's harmful rays, covering up is one of the best ways to be careful *and* chic. USA TODAY shines a light on some skin-saving pieces that will protect your best assets while keeping you on trend for the summer.

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The look



The advantage

Maximum (under) exposure

Long, flowing maxi dresses are a perfect summer staple. They're comfortable and roomy, and they provide great shelter for skin without being too restrictive or hot. Try one with an understated, abstract pattern that can be paired with just about anything, from statement jewelry to metallic shoes.

At left, Zoe maxi dress by Gypsy05, \$121 at [WHotelsTheStore.com](#). At right, Laundry by Shelli Segal Print Jersey Maxi Dress, \$235 at [Nordstrom.com](#).



At arm's length

You don't have to get rid of your tanks and halters, but a nice (and safe) alternative is a billowy blouse with drapery sleeves that looks good and covers up plenty of skin. Pair it with a dressy pair of shorts or trouser-cut jeans.

Maj handkerchief top, \$110 at [Candace Paige](#). Call (949) 673-5705 to purchase.



SPF-ically for faces

Sunblock at the beach or by the pool is common knowledge, but make sure you don't neglect your face. Try a makeup primer with SPF that protects the face and helps keep foundation, blush and bronzer in place during the sweltering summer.

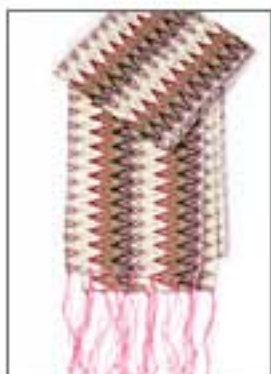
POP Beauty's Face Magnet Primer with SPF 8, \$26 at [PopBeauty.co.uk](#).



The proper topper

Many people forget that the scalp is susceptible to sun damage, too. Keep yours protected with a breezy straw fedora, which maintains an on-trend shape in a light, breathable material.

Raffia fedora, \$74 at [WHotelsTheStore.com](#).



Wrapped up in protection

Summer scarves, in all their counterintuitive glory, are big among the hipster set, but you don't have to be cutting edge to get in on the trend. Wrap a thin, pretty one around your neck and shoulders to protect exposed skin from the big, bad sun.

Goodie goodie scarf, \$14 at [ShopTheLook.net](#).

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