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Hooray! Summer has finally arrived.

Our pedicured feet have been ready for some time and now we have the chance to show off our brightly painted toes in some ultra-white summer shoes.

It has long been one of the last great fashion debates: Should you or shouldn't you wear white shoes?

For years, the rule dictated that white shoes are unsophisticated or that they should be reserved for wedding dresses, nurse's uniforms, or if you're on the courts playing tennis. However recent fashionistas including Paris Hilton and Mischa Barton are defying this rule and some top designers are also paving the way.

Tamara Mellon, president and co-founder of Jimmy Choo, says if you are wearing white shoes then opt for simple or strappy styles, either a delicate flat or sandal: "The most important part of wearing a white shoe is that it blends with your skin and what you are wearing and doesn't end up being the focus of the look in a "shocking" way."

Michael Kors says white shoes are OK for men and women as long as the wearer has kept up on his or her grooming. "They look best with self-tanner and a good pedicure, preferably not red nails. You never wear hosiery with white shoes!"

White shoes are crisp, modern and versatile but how should we wear our white shoes?

Ballet pumps

Cute and so simple to wear, the staple ballet pump is a must-have in any lady's summer wardrobe. You can wear them to work with a pair of rolled-up chinos or with a pretty floaty summer dress. Ballet pumps are not only chic but they are also extremely comfortable. White ballet pumps are the perfect accessory to any outfit.

We like the Millie stunning flat shoes in off white leather with papaya orange contrast edging and cut out delicate flower detailing. They come with a wonderful padded insole and shock-absorbing heel.

A much simpler style is the Polly white leather ballet shoe with gathered front detailing and soft rubber sole.

Or if comfort is your main priority this summer why not try the Savana super soft and flexible flat shoes with a flexible moulded rubber sole featuring cut out detailing, a velcro buckle & beige contrast stitching.

Summery espadrilles

Not only are espadrille wedges comfortable they are brilliant for the beach and around the pool. At the height of fashion this summer, espadrilles are a fabulous addition to your holiday sundresses or even shorts

We particularly like the Lily White hessian wedge heel sandals, leather lined with canvas outer and

white ribbon ankle fastening. The wedge heel adds height without compromising comfort, perfect for day wear.

Flip-flops

Flip-flops are perfect for the beach or wearing on a hot summer's day. We like the simple Danielle soft woven leather toe post sandal with a leather patterned insole and also cushioned for extra comfort.

Smarten up in a pair of sandals-cum-flip flops like the Helena sparkling diamante toe post mules in imitation white leather with padded insole.

Alternatively, hit the heights of fashion with the Pilar Abril gladiator sandals, elegant mock crocodile white patent with silver trim and side elastication for great fit.

Shine bright in white this summer.

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