

Fashion DAN AHWA

THE PARTY SEASON HAS BEGUN, SO KEEP IT ELEGANT IN THE PERFECT DRESS

With a slew of invitations to various summer festivities no doubt making its way into your inbox/mailbox already, the question of what to wear can often be perplexing. This season's crop of party dresses, however, does away with stringent dress codes, working seamlessly from one event to the next whether it be a summer wedding, garden party, cocktail drinks or even a day at the races. When it comes to the perfect dress, you can't look past the popularity of mid- 20th century-inspired shapes, an era that really understood the power of the dress. Several designers have tapped into the silhouettes of that time, such as the fuchsia silk sleeveless dress by Liz Mitchell (#3) complete with matching sash that elegantly ties around the waist. Kate Sylvester's beautiful "Ashley Insert dress" (#4) cleverly combines a navy linen rayon with black silk, finished with delicately embroidered flowers. It's a failsafe dress that requires little accessorising – except for perhaps a pair of classic black wayfarers. If the dress code requires something full-length, there are several options now available from Glamour Boutique, particularly the full length gowns from American power brand BCBG Max Azria. The "Riley Sunburst Pleat dress" (#2) is the perfect dress to transition from summer to winter next year where you can add a leather jacket and a pair of tights and boots. It is also available in white, an appropriate option for the bride-to-be who prefers her special dress to have a bit of a youthful edge. ©

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Stockists
Diva diva.co.nz
Glamour Boutique
glamourboutique.co.nz
Helen Cherry (09) 303 3735
Kmart kmart.co.nz
Kate Sylvester katesylvester.com
Liz Mitchell (09) 380 5047
Mimco (09) 523 2412
Mi Piaci mipiaci.co.nz
Number One Shoes
Swarovski (09) 522 1518
Trelise Cooper trelisecooper.com

Stylist: Dan Ahwa
Hair and makeup:
Katie Melody Rogers
Model: Kelvin Konoplyasova
from Clyne
Stylist's assistant:
Danielle Clausen

PARTY FAVOURS

- 1 Helen Cherry dress, \$498. Mi Piaci clutch, \$220. Kmart heels, \$25.
- 2 BCBG Max Azria gown, \$649, from Glamour Boutique. Diva necklace, \$40. Swarovski crystal pendant, \$245. Number One Shoes heels, \$450.
- 3 Liz Mitchell dress, \$799. Swarovski necklace, \$760. Mi Piaci heels, \$260.
- 4 Kate Sylvester dress, \$595. Mi Piaci heels, \$260.
- 5 BCBG Max Azria gown, \$599, from Glamour Boutique. Swarovski drop earrings, \$560. Mi Piaci heels, \$230.
- 6 Liz Mitchell bolero jacket, \$699. Trelise Cooper dress, \$999. Number One Shoes heels, \$50.