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Win fashion race

Looking for your Melbourne Cup outfit? Here are some last-minute tips

FOR HER:

FROCK UP

THE key trends to look out for include nude, pastel and sorbet tones, bold digital prints, 1960s *Mad Men*-inspired, two-piece power suits, feminine lace and soft flowing ruffles.

Designers Wayne Cooper, Bettina Liano, Nicola Finetti and Aurelio Costarella all know how to do a mean racing frock.

HATS ON

HEADWEAR is a great way to top off your look. Choose a hat made from straw, sinamay or fabric. Fascinators, embellished headbands and oversized bows are smaller options. Perfect if you don't feel comfortable in large pieces or dislike hat hair.

NO NAKED FEET

REGARDLESS of the pain shoes may have



caused your feet, do not take your shoes off at the track or luncheon. Play it smart and buy some Flipsters. Those foldable new flip-flops fold to the size of an iPhone and come in a cute pouch. Available in black, copper, platinum and white (\$29.95).

SKIN

IN spring we all like to look bronzed, but nothing can ruin your look more than a shocking tandoori-toned tan.

If you are going to fake it, do it a few days in advance to allow yourself

time to fix any mishaps. Always use a trusted brand such as Model Co or St Tropez.

FOR HIM:

A GOOD QUALITY SUIT

THE suit's cut should complement your build.

A slim fit suit looks great on a lean guy. Other cuts such as a European-cut suit tends to flatter most shapes.

ACCESSORIES

CONSIDER your options of a hat, cufflinks, gloves, pocket handkerchief, belt, tie, sunglasses and a flower in your buttonhole.

1. Tim O'Connor print dress \$480. Phone 9516 3066. 2. Bettina Liano corset dress \$420, bettinaliano.com.au. 3. Wayne Cooper 'Lippy' shoulder wrap dress \$350, waynecooper.com.au. 4. Farage Brighton light wool jacket \$770, trousers \$325, cotton shirt \$199, Leo silk tie \$129. Phone 9212 4509.

