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13 Fresh Ways to Wear a Dress with Sandals

Sun's out, toes out.

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Sandals tend to fall into two categories: very casual and incredibly chic. While dresses are relatively simple to dress up or down with the right outer layers and accessories, it's more or less impossible to style a flip-flop for a formal event. The same goes for sleek stiletto sandals. Even paired with an oversized T-shirt dress, they're just not made for a day at the beach. That said, there are plenty of ways to mix luxe sandals with casual dresses and vice versa – you just have to know which fashion puzzle pieces fit together.

The I3 dress and sandal outfit ideas ahead provide a masterclass in this often perplexing style pairing so you can step out into pedicure season in style.

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Lace and Lug Soles



A lacy mini paired with chunky lug sole sandals is another dress with sandals outfit that benefits from its high levels of contrast. Don't be scared to pair your daintiest lace dress with your clunkiest sandals, but do keep things coordinated by sticking to a single, neutral color palette.



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Palladium Revolt Mono Sandals, \$90

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