

a uniform work



CAROLYN

WEARS: dress, was £184, sale price £129, by Cacharel at Selfridges (0870 8377377); **belt,** £40, by Topshop (0845 1214519); **shoes,** £319, by Olivia Morris (020-8962 0353); **bag,** £695, by Marc Jacobs at Harvey Nichols (020-7235 5000); **beads** from a selection at Portobello Market

Styled by
Eve Thomas

Photographer:
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Hair and
make-up: **Alisha
Bailey at
MichaelJohn**

CAROLYN TREVOR

Profession: Architect at Trevor Lahiff Architects

Age: 45

Salary: £50,000-plus

"I like to be practical," Trevor, an architect and mother of five, tells me, somewhat unconvincingly. Most people might not consider 45 Diane von Furstenberg dresses (at her husband's last count), 15 pairs of cowboy boots and a wardrobe full of jeans practical, but this is what works for Trevor. On a day-to-day basis, she needs to move freely between her practice, in the basement of her South London home, meeting prospective clients, and building sites.

Practical, as Trevor has discovered, doesn't need to mean boring. "I am always being lectured by builders for wearing incorrect foot attire — what they call prohibited footwear — on site," she says, laughing. "But I would never actually wear heels — an Olivia Morris wedge is about the limit — and most of the time I take a pair of boots in the car."

Fortunately for Trevor, a fashion aesthetic can be indulged when she meets clients.

"I need to look smart but also stylish. Otherwise, why would anyone be inspired? Because I work for a private architecture firm, I can afford to be that little bit more casual and funky, so if I'm meeting clients, I will wear a smart jacket, jeans and a pair of boots

or a DVF wrap dress." The black Zara and Joseph suiting that she professes to wear occasionally sits lonely and unloved on her wardrobe rail. Trevor, it seems, can't actually bring herself to wear any of it. "When I started accompanying my husband, who is my business partner, to client meetings, I used to wear a lot of black trouser suits and you know what? They thought I was his PA."

So what does she wear on a typical day? "Usually something quite nautical because navy really suits my olive complexion. I hate anything too matchy, and I shop at Marc Jacobs for a more tailored look, although I love Topshop; there's probably a ratio of 50 per cent high street to 50 per cent designer in my wardrobe.

"There is a crossover between work and out-of-work outfits, but if I need to change for an evening event, luckily home is only up a flight of stairs."

TANYA KRIEGER

Profession: English and drama teacher at Acland Burghley secondary school in Tufnell Park, North London

Age: 25

Salary: about £25,000

On the first day Krieger reported to the headmaster's office, she was mistaken for one of her pupils, who don't wear a uniform, and turned away for not knocking. "That really made me



TANYA WEARS: camisole, £22, shrug, £25, and trousers, £35, all by Topshop (0845 1214519); belt, £59, by Reiss (020-7473 9630); shoes, £55, by Faith (0800 289297); bag, £12, by Bershka (020-7025 6160); bangles, £6 each, by Freedom at Topshop (01277 844186)