

# From desk to drinks in a trice

Amp up your office look for a night on the tiles with the Telegraph fashion team’s time-saving hacks

Life is busy and no one wants to drag an entire change of clothes to the office before a festive soirée. What you need is a plan and a few strategic items to zhuzh up your day look. Forget about the old formula of LBDs, sheer tights and high heels – and try these ideas instead.

## ADD A SPARKLY SOCK AND A VELVET PLATFORM

*Sarah Bailey*



**DESK...**  
Pleated scarf skirt, £109, Zara; sparkly silk tweed red socks, £18, Genevieve Sweeney; leather block heel mary janes, £315, Lili Curia

The key to a happy office-to-out transition is to keep your tweaks as simple as possible. Gone are the days when I could be bothered wriggling into a tiny dress in the office bathroom or battling for mirror space in a fog of Elnett as everyone glams up. Too stressful. My advice is to start the day on the front foot, by going to work in an outfit you love, and when it’s time to turn your screen off and switch the glamour up, elevate with a couple of bold touches. For me, a sparkly sock and a velvet platform is an instant mood lifter. Miu Miu platforms are the dream. Monsoon offers a fantastic dupe. Similarly, extravagant earrings always give an outfit some fizz. These floral garland numbers (Monsoon again) are light as a feather...so no sore lobes to spoil your night. Grab a faux fur jacket and get thee to a dancefloor.

**... DRINKS**  
Velvet bow platforms, £65, Monsoon; faux fur coat, £180, Hush

**OTHERS TO TRY**

Velvet platforms, £59.99, Office

Ribbed lurex socks, £12, Anthropologie

Faux fur bomber, £65, Next

## GO FROM A WHITE T-SHIRT TO A WAISTCOAT

*Tamara Abraham*



**DESK...**  
Cotton corduroy suit, £530, Kipper; T-shirt, £30, Cos

“If in doubt, wear a suit” is a very useful motto at this time of year when you’re expected to go from school drop-off, to work, to a Christmas carol service, to dinner. The kind of day that requires a 14-hour outfit. To transcend occasions, it’s important that the suit doesn’t look too office-y – that’s why I’ve gone for this rich burgundy cord from Kipper, the women’s suiting label founded by stylist Sarah Corbett-Winder, a woman who really “gets” the juggle. I swapped my daytime T-shirt for a similarly hued tailored waistcoat at sundown, and added a dash of bright red lipstick. A glass of champagne is all I need to complete the look.

**... DRINKS**  
Tailored wool waistcoat, £225, ME+EM

**OTHERS TO TRY**

Velvet blazer, £279, and trousers, £180, both Jigsaw

Plume Lip in En Feu, £32, Violette\_Fr

## TURN YOUR BLAZER INTO A DRESS (ALMOST)

*Jessica Burrell*



**DESK...**  
Wool-blend suit jacket, £149.99, Mango; wool-blend suit trousers, £109.99, Mango; Merino-wool top, £45, Cos

My favourite “desk-to-dancefloor” party trick is to wear an oversized blazer as a dress (with a mini skirt or silky shorts added for sake of modesty). Whip off the top you’ve been wearing in the office all day, button the blazer up, add some black semi-opaques and a heel and you’ll be ready to go. It’s great if you want to get more wear out of your tailored pieces while giving an irreverent take on the “corpcore” trends we’ve seen on catwalks for the last couple of years now. I’m aware that this is a divisive styling move, but it’s certainly a fun one. If you’re sceptical, keep the trousers on and just lose the daytime top for a more sensible take.

**... DRINKS**  
Mini skirt, £57, & Other Stories; The Fifteen sheer tights, £30, Heist; heels, from a selection, Loeffler Randall

**OTHERS TO TRY**

Wool blend blazer, £140, M&S x 16Arlington

Wool-blend tuxedo blazer, £465, Malina