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White out

Chase away winter blues with white-hot style. Mother doesn't always know best – it's perfectly okay to wear white long after Labour Day, but there are some rules.

Winter white is not the “blinding, pure, fresh cotton” stuff of summer, says Luisa Rino, a stylist with *Lizbellagency.com*.

It can run the gamut from cream, champagne and ivory to almost beige, but it's almost always warmed up with a little bit of yellow.

“The best way to do it is to be bold and do it monochromatic,” says Rino. But if you fear appearing more abominable snowman than snow princess you can break it up with colour, just choose smokey, subdued paler shades, she says, as opposed to harsh jewel tones.

White can be just as enticing as black for evening. A white dress or suit with a bit of black lace poking out, or paired with a black bow belt and kitten heels can be very demure and Audrey Hepburn-esque, says Catherine Dunwoody, a stylist with *theyrep.com*

Head-to-toe white's impracticality is all part of its charm. It's as if you have the luxury to say, “What me, worry about dirt?” But the sad fact is most of us have to.

Still want it in your wardrobe? “Go for a coat faster than you would pants,” says Dunwoody. And if you have a toddler you plan on letting within a five-metre radius you might be better off getting your winter white in accessories such as a necklace or a purse.

- Carly Krug, 24 hours



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Above, Coco & Peony necklace, \$75, at Umeboshi. Right, a Tracey-Lynn Eco-couture handbag, \$330 at www.tracey-lynn.com.

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