

For a night you'll never forget, make your outfit a pleasant part of the memory. Reach for a flattering, unfussy dress; and by all means leave that ring finger vacant. Amaris Davidson of Page Parkes Models wears an RN Convertible dress, \$305, Leap. Urban Embellishments necklace, \$229, earrings, \$149, and bracelet, \$169, Homestretch. Carlos Falchi clutch, \$840, Linda Cunningham.

### Expecting a ring

**VB says:** "The perfect date dress is one that gives a hint of sexiness — but just a hint — and shows off the best of your body shape, but is also comfortable so you don't spend the whole evening fidgeting with it, and you can concentrate on being sparkly, witty and fabulous."



Go for Sugar but hold the Spice

# What to wear on a date

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Perhaps if she'd followed her own advice, Victoria Beckham wouldn't have led Mr. Blackwell's 48th annual Worst-Dressed list or been among the Houston Chronicle's Fashion Turkeys of 2007. Too-short skirts and overly exposed implants will get you there.

In spite of that, Posh Spice's book, *That extra half an inch* (Harper Collins, 378 pp., \$19.95) includes a few sage tips on what to wear for a date. With her inspiration, we've rounded up three looks that'll get you noticed — in the right way.

Our setting was the new Boheme Cafe & Wine Bar, a good place to savor each other's company over a bottle of cabernet.



Been together forever

You want to stoke those embers. Reach for a sleek, sophisticated and sexy pencil dress — preferably in black — that says you've grown up together — in a good way. Just Cavalli dress, \$515, Linda Cunningham. Urban Embellishments ring, \$98, Homestretch. Necklace and shoes, Urban Rendezvous.

**VB says:** "Little black dresses are always a good option as they look sexy but are not too over-the-top."



No pressure

Maybe you've only chatted online. Maybe you're old buds suddenly feeling a twinge of romance. Either way, keep the look casual. Start with a great pair of jeans and a pretty blouse. Vince top, \$180, Marc by Marc Jacobs jeans, \$188, and Marni bag, \$1,605, Saks Fifth Avenue. Jim Barnier boots, \$615, Leap. Gold cuff, \$238, Linda Cunningham. Urban Embellishments earrings, \$78, and ring, \$189, Homestretch. Styling by Dawn Bell. Hair and makeup by Kathy White of Pastorini-Bosby Talent Agency.

**VB says:** "Worn in the right way, blouses can actually be very youthful, very cool and very, if subtly, sexy. The best way to wear them is just with a pair of jeans, a vintage-looking belt and boots; with a miniskirt they can look a bit finicky and overly girlish, whereas jeans balance out the blouse's overtly feminine style."