

Outfits

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ally wraps around your neck — in beautiful prints, patterns and colors. Just pick out a scarf you like (go big with a pattern or a fun color!) and pair it with a trendy T-shirt or top to look like you spent more than one minute getting your look together.

And don't forget about throwing on a maxi dress or a shorter, flowing skirt with an elastic waist that moves with ease. Just add a headband, scarf or jean jacket, and you'll look like you (almost) planned to pull a U-turn and head back to the school office with the lunchbox your child left in the back seat.

No time for makeup? No worries. A quick swipe of blush and some bright lipstick or gloss will do more to brighten up your face than anything else.

We all have mornings when we miss the alarm clock and wearing PJs to pick up carpools isn't optional, but with a little thought to the easy pieces you probably have in your closet already — and how they can be put together — even Mom can look like she got a new outfit for the first day of school.

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Mom Stacy loves the comfort of this loose-weave Fever knit tunic top (\$68, Nordstrom), with a simple cami underneath (\$14.99, Marshalls) paired with Mossimo leggings (\$8, Target). Lulla infinity scarf (\$38, Nordstrom) Ray-Ban sunglasses (\$159.95, Macy's) and Nine West sandals (\$69, Macy's).

Daughter Madison is ready to hit the books wearing a sleeveless plaid top (\$20.94, Justice) paired with cool and comfortable shorts (\$17.99, Justice) and Ciro leggings (\$6, Target). Pink sperry Sperry Top-Sider shoes (\$74.95, Nordstrom), Embark backpack and lunch kit (\$18, Target).



Fall's big tracksuit trend is perfect for moms on the run any time of day. The Parker tracksuit pant (\$118.80) is 100 percent silk and has a figure-flattering banded tie-waist and wide side stripe down each side. Pair it with the perfect spandex and rayon scooped-neck Hinge tee (\$26), both from Nordstrom.

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