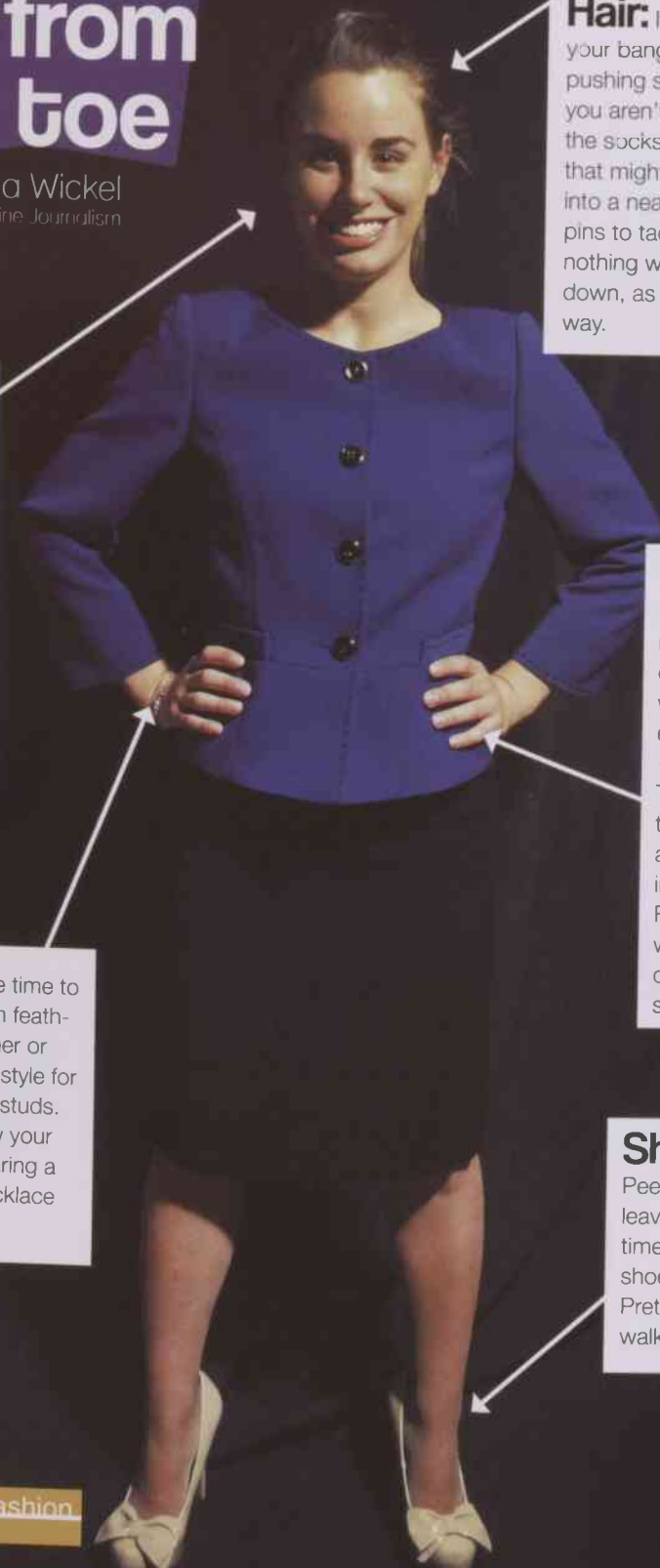


Internship success from head to toe

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Hair: If you're busy sweeping your bangs out of your face or pushing strays behind your ears, you aren't focused on knocking the socks of your boss. Avoid hair that might distract you by pulling it into a neat ponytail or using bobby pins to tackle fly-aways. There's nothing wrong with wearing it down, as long as it isn't in your way.

Makeup: Natural is best. You should be getting attention in your interview for your skills — not your eyeshadow. Swap sticky lip-gloss for Chapstick and try and stick to neutral colors. The same goes for nails. Beige, pink, French manicure — you know the drill. When you're not wearing polish, make sure your nails clean and shaped.

Outfit: There's one rule for what you're wearing: When in doubt, it's out. You shouldn't have to wonder if your interview ensemble is too anything — casual, trendy, sexy. There's no substitute for the classic suit, so go for a jacket and skirt or slacks in black, blue or gray. From there, a blouse in white or light blue should do the trick. Remember to secure those buttons!

Jewelry: Now is not the time to be trying out the latest trend in feathers, leopard print, patent leather or anything else that might be in style for the week. Keep it simple with studs. But it's important to also show your creative side, so consider wearing a cool bangle or long charm necklace that matches your outfit.

Shoes: No toes, ever. Peep toe heels are fun, but leave them in the closet this time. Consider a solid black shoe with a medium heel. Pretend you'll be doing a lot of walking and choose from there.