



About Amber

Amber Woodroff, nearly 40, has an 18-month-old baby and works full-time. She has lost her sense of style and the confidence to choose clothes. Desperate for a new image, she needs smart clothes for work and casual pieces for weekends. She doesn't want to look too young or too mature.

What to wear

Chata Romano gives Amber Woodroff a stunning new look as a brunette.

One of Chata's favourite expressions is 'Fabulous at 40' and Amber certainly does look fabulous. One of the biggest challenges at this age is finding a way to be fashionable without looking like a 14-year-old or a woman beyond your years. Chata wanted to give Amber a classic look that incorporates some trends. Amber enjoyed her makeover: "I'm happy with the result. I now see 'me' when I pass a mirror, but it was at least 10 days before that happened. The clothes were all lovely, the make-up was natural and it was great having my hair done."



Evening

A halter-neck dress supports a fuller bust while an elegant necklace adds glamour. Victoria Spring necklace, \$120; Diva earrings, \$5.95.

The double sash on this feminine dress draws attention to the waistline and is flattering, especially if you have long legs. Dusk dress, \$280.

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These gorgeous heels finish off the look perfectly. Shoes don't have to match your dress exactly, but it's important that they are in the right tone. Evelyn Miles shoes, \$499.

Casual

This pretty chiffon top, with fashionable antique lace, can be worn day or night. Magali Pascali top, \$260; Diva earrings, \$14.95.
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Patchwork bags with metallic trim are in, and work well with everything from jeans to smart suits. Mollini bag, \$159; Dinosaur Designs bangle, \$50.
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Jeans can be worn with high heel shoes for a smart casual look. 7 For All Mankind jeans, \$299; Zoe Wittner shoes, \$129.95.
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Smart

Full sleeves soften the structured shape of this blouse and add a feminine touch to wide-leg trousers. A square neckline also makes narrow shoulders look wider. Saga blouse, \$345; necklace, \$70, from Metropolitan Museum of Art Store.
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A textured bangle adds interest. Dinosaur Designs bangle, \$70.
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Wide-leg pants are one of this season's must-haves. Add height with platform peep-toe heels. Nicholson trousers, \$269; Estilo bag, \$263; Zoe Wittner shoes, \$139.95.
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BEAUTY

Amber has deep-set eyes, with a prominent brow bone, so the challenge was to make the eyelids more pronounced. We used a light colour on the lids, slightly darker in the crease, a highlighter under the brow and a coffee-coloured eyeliner on the top lid, smudged for a smokey effect. A vibrant pink shade was applied to the lips. Using two coats of mascara on upper lashes, leaving your lower lashes bare, will make the eyes look wider.

HAIR

Amber didn't want to cut her hair but was prepared to if necessary. Chata was happy with the length but felt it needed style and shape so layers were added, making the hair look thicker. Although the blonde colour suited Amber's skin tone, the rich brown colour we chose has enhanced her features. To create this soft, feminine style, a thermal protector product was used with large tongs. The front was then blow-dried into a fringe, sweeping over to one side.

Your personal colour chart

The Chata Romano Colour Chart is a personal hair, make-up and clothing chart. It includes: your 16 best hair colours, correct make-up colours (such as foundation and lipstick), 60 clothing colours and jewellery colours. It's designed to fit into your handbag, so you can consult it when you shop. For more information, visit www.chataromano.com.

