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## Stars, Stripes and Great Style

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No matter what you're doing on July 4, the dress code is universal—festive. While stars, stripes and American flags are fun, taking them literally is sometimes a fashion faux pas. I put together some of my favorite looks for a variety of destinations that manage to fuse classic holiday spirit with on-trend summer style. Cue the fireworks...

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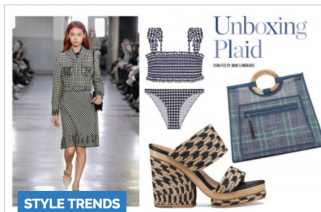
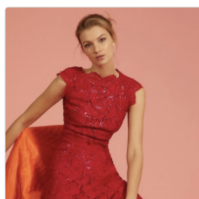
For a day at sea, Mara Hoffman's red [one piece tank](#) exudes *Baywatch* vibes yet provides ample coverage in case you want to take a dip. Make sure to add Rag & Bone's [mirrored aviators](#), plenty of SPF and a packable fedora like this [one](#) by Eric Javits. When it's time for sunset drinks at the marina, I love something easy like Free People's blue and white striped [tunic dress](#) and silver Ancient Greek [slides](#) for a look that is a unique mix of Martha's Vineyard and Monaco.

## Backyard BBQ

For a more laid-back venue, keep the look casual and playful. Star prints are still a strong summer trend and the perfect way to show off classic American style. Chaser's red and white star print [tee](#) flaunts a strappy back and looks great with a distressed denim [mini skirt](#) in a cool light wash. Continue the casual vibe with a pair of denim espadrille [sneakers](#) and Ray Ban's iconic [Wayfarers](#).

## Beach Clambake

Whether you're relaxing at Atlantic Beach or surfing at Ditch Plains, soak up the sun in Onia's lace up [bikini top](#) and [bottom](#). Subtle red, white and blue stripes make it festive enough while a lace up neckline brings sophistication into the mix. When the sun goes down and the lobsters come out, layer on Frame's Aldred [denim cutoffs](#), add J. McLaughlin's [white linen shirt](#) (I love knotting it at the hem) and stay warm while you wait for the fireworks.



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