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With a hint of vintage Gatsby glam, T-strap heels are a flirtier stand-in for polished pumps and a more grown-up alternative to mary janes. For an “office-sexy feel,” Patrickson suggests wearing them with tights and a body-skimming pencil skirt. Avoid looking old-fashioned by leaving the top few buttons of a white oxford undone.



Clockwise from top: Leather and suede, Jill Stuart, \$485; at Jill Stuart, 212-343-2300. Leather, Marciano, \$198; marciano.com. Calf hair, Sam Edelman, \$175; samedelman.com.

How To MAKE YOUR SHOES LAST

We talked to David Mesquita, vice president of Leather Spa luxury shoe repair in New York (leatherspa.com), for some tricks on getting more mileage out of your favorite footwear.

REINFORCE THE SOLES

Add rubber guards to the fronts and backs ASAP. If the bottoms are too thin from wear, you'll need to replace them entirely before adhering a protective layer, says Mesquita. (\$34/pair)

REPAIR THE TIPS

The bottom of the toe area is the first to go, warns Mesquita, even with a guard. “It wears out much sooner than the rest of the sole.” Have the worn section cut out and replaced to bring the shoes back to life. (\$20/pair)

KEEP 'EM CLEAN

Use an antibacterial shoe spray to prevent odor (our MacGyver hack: a cleansing wipe). Also, cedar shoe trees absorb moisture to prevent yuckiness. If it's a lost cause, you can swap out the insole, complete with designer label sewn back in. (\$40/pair)

CHANGE THE COLOR

Reinvent a tired pair by dyeing them a new shade. Leather can take any hue, but for tricky suede, Mesquita sticks to black. Any embellishment—grommets, jewels—is a deal breaker. “They make it impossible to do it right,” he says. (From \$80/pair)