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*Answers to what to wear*

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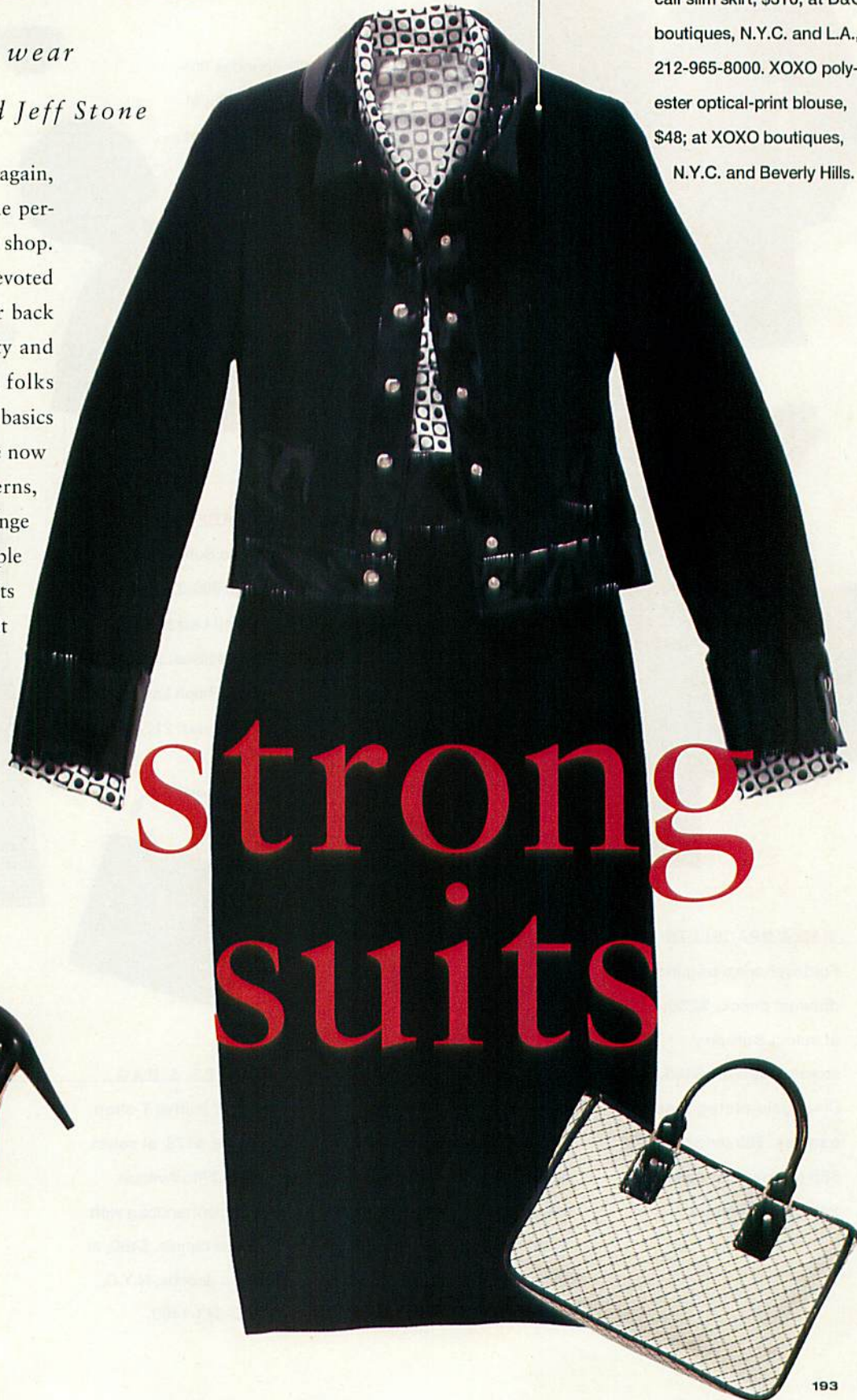
Whew! The suit is finally fashionable again, and if your closet isn't stocked with the perfect black pantsuit, now is the time to shop. If, on the other hand, you've been a devoted wearer—one who could never turn her back on the suit's flattering lines, versatility and wearability, no matter what fashion folks say—then you've most likely got your basics covered. So take a deep breath, because now you have options. Bright colors, patterns, unusual fabric mixes and details like fringe trim, cutouts and buckles take the simple suit (whether for day or night) far from its conservative roots. For more super suit looks, visit [chicsimple.com](http://chicsimple.com).

## SHOES & BAG

Ralph Lauren glass-calf pointed-toe ankle boots, \$525; at select Polo

Ralph Lauren boutiques.

DKNY vinyl bias-plaid tote with double handles and zip closure, \$85; call 800-231-0884 for stores.



# strong suits

## SUIT & TOP

D&G Dolce & Gabbana wool-polyamide snap-front jacket with patent trim, \$460, and matching mid-calf slim skirt, \$310; at D&G boutiques, N.Y.C. and L.A., 212-965-8000. XOXO polyester optical-print blouse, \$48; at XOXO boutiques, N.Y.C. and Beverly Hills.

