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tackles your questions about dressing for the office in "Stylista Q&A" (p. 52). Find more of her musings in her "Fashion Whip" column for The Huffington Post, where she covers the meeting of politics and style, and in her book, *Style Bible: What to Wear to Work*.

Your go-to accessory?
I never take off my *aritos*.

Fave comfort food?
Una tostada con croquetas de jamón.

Most played on your iPod...
The *Buena Vista Social Club* soundtrack.

ASK A STYLIST

Cuban-American celeb consultant Lauren A. Rothman shows us how to glam up or down at work.

By JESSIE AZURE

Q **I want to look professional but don't want to buy a traditional black suit. What can I wear?**

A "Power dressing is getting redefined. Whether pairing a chic sheath dress and blazer, or finding a suit in a fun color, modern workwear is anything but boring. Look for flattering cuts or details, such as a peplum waist or zippers. The most important thing about choosing a good career ensemble is fit. Most suiting can be bought now as separates, which is great if you're bigger on the top or bottom. Also, invest in a good tailor."

Q **I'm on a budget! What are three wise investment pieces?**

A "A great handbag, a chic button-down, and a flattering work-appropriate jean are must-have investment pieces. It's all about the details when selecting a good bag or top; find fun pieces with metal hardware or interesting shapes. The key to choosing office denim is to go for a clean dark wash in a trouser cut; from far away, it should look like a pant."

Q **I work in a fashion environment, but am not a stylist. What can I do?**

A "It's all about the accessories! Make a statement. This can mean two things: either a conversation-starter, like a wild embellished necklace, or a classic, gorgeous go-to piece, like stackable bangles."