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Flip flops with rainbow straps

Come spring and summer, their comfortable, breathless, really casual flip flops can be a godsend. Their ease of wear - simply tuck them in and go, in jeans or shorts or minis - makes them a hot weather staple. They are not, however, the only option for open footwear. Here, five stylish alternatives to flip flops when you're looking for something taller, dressier or just a little more attractive. They may not substitute your flip flops for daily wear, but they do offer a nice variety that can complement your spring/summer wardrobe. First, the strap-down sandals you'll see everywhere, and with good reason... The contents of espadrilles Huaraches T-strap Open-toe Flatforms These sandals have a strap base that can add a lot of interest to the summer look, and they are very versatile. You'll find espadrilles in a variety of styles and textures, from print canvases to strappy metal to perfect neutral leather that does a great job of dressing up in maxi dresses. They can also add height, which is useful for longer dresses and wide leg pants. While espadrilles can be flat, they also usually come in platform and wedge styles that read casual and high-fashion (and high!) at the same time. Try pairing it with a flirty chiffon dress and print head wrap for a breezy summer look from head to toe. Next, like vacationing in Mexico... These shoes originated a long time ago in Mexico as flat and light sandals with woven leather uppers, and they have entered the modern shoe scene in a very similar shape. It's a rustic look known for comfort because woven leather wraps back around the heel to help stabilize the legs (and keep the back of your linen pants from creeping under your feet). These Mexican country shoes can also be very sexy, as more modern take on the classic huarache puts the wicket on a platform, wedges or high heels, making it a versatile and trendy spring/summer option. Ad For a casual look, don't even try, wear it with a light cotton midi and sheer farmer's top. Next, when it's all about being naked... Huaraches, espadrilles and flip flops can be fun, casual and cool on summer legs - but elegant? Maybe not. For sandals that can fill that bill, check out a pair of T straps. They can be casual, of course, but this style can also be perfected, with single straps like ladybugs all over the legs and others running all the way up the legs, the latter helping to create the illusion of longer legs. The T-strap upper may be satin, leather, braided or chained, for starters, and you'll find it topping pretty much the silhouette of a shoe, from stilettos to flat. Ad Try this look with skinny jeans and a drapery jersey top for something casually elegant that could work for a relaxing Friday as easily as a day at the mall. Furthermore, the style is really current, with a twist. Twist, the last few years, flats have become all the rage: The relaxed feel paired with the ability to, you know, walk, has made them a real favorite. But an alternative to flip-flops? yes, if you take a leg. Open flats offer breathing ability and summer shades that pair perfectly with skinnies, shorts and smoother skirts, while offering a glimpse of your pretty and painted toes (which may be teal this year, and if they are, show off). Ads Finally, a relatively new look you might want to try... Comfortable? Check. Stylish? Check. Able to add inches to your height, sleek look to your feet and work with almost any outfit? Check, check, check. They're flat shapes - crosses between platforms and flats - and they're not for everyone. A young and trendy sandal, they've got something of a 70s vibe, which may not appeal to those who actually lived through the 70s. However, they are an important alternative to flip flops, not only for flattering lifts but also because they are about the only shoes that remain fully walkable regardless of the height of the heel. A 4-inch heel paired with a 4-inch platform is the same as flat. And tall. That could come in handy if you're tired of spending extra money to shorten your jeans. Platform Sandals ads can feature one of the top styles we've talked about here, making them versatile shoes that are very easy to work with into your current wardrobe. Try it with mini denim, sequin tops, and a simple leather headband for a look that is part boho, glam part, and real head-turner. The choice is not-a-flip-flop a lot, and it's a good idea to temporarily set aside your favorite flip flops (they used to be called that!) and try something new - if only for the occasional thrill. There is nothing quite like flip flops for fast, easy and relaxing. And while you may not leave a flat shape or T strap near the door to run a mailbox, they are a great way to change it. An attractive pair of sandals can be the part that updates your look. For more information on spring/summer styles and nice shoes, see the links on the next page. What is the history of the first Nike shoes? Learn more about Nike shoes and their waffle iron origins. Learn more in this HowStuffWorks Now article. SandalSummer Style Quiz Guide Buy This, Not That: Summer Style Edition 20 Chic Spring Flats Under \$200. FabSugar, what's going on? March 26th, 2012. (April 8, 2012) To-Die-For Shoes Spring 2012. Glamorous Fashion. In 2011. (April 8, 2012) Keep up with the latest daily buzz with the BuzzFeed Daily newsletter! Etsy We understand: As the cold weather approaches, it may be hard to finally admit it's time to pack up your favorite pair of flip flops for the season. But for those who just don't give up, allow us to introduce you to flip flops socks. These hand-knitted bad boys, available throughout Etsy, are specially designed to wear with flip flops, with open heels and legs. Now, if you think anyone is going to wear this out of their mind, consider the practical possibilities. Getting a pedicure? Throw these open socks to prevent your feet from freezing for 10 feet walking to the car. Avid yogi? Open heels let you master a variety of poses without slipping or cold feet. Of course, they are also ideal for activities like, oh, dancing around the house for Christmas songs. Already addicted to these knitted socks? Buy a pair below. Ads - Continue Reading Below Hydrangea Crocheted Flip Flop Socks Spring Fling Crocheted Flip Flop Socks Boho Flip Flop Socks Grey Flip Flop Socks High Knee Flip Flop Socks Superwash Wool Socks This content is created and maintained by third parties, and imported onto this page to help users provide their email address. 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