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+STYLE PICK

CUPCAKES AND FASHION Rebecca Taylor and Billy's Bakery have created two cupcakes inspired by Taylor's spring/summer '09 line: Vanilla Twinkle and Mocha Meow. Available through June at Billy's Bakery, 184 Ninth Ave., 212-647-9956.

Frocks for \$50 or less

BY CASEY FELDMAN
Special to amNewYork

Beat the heat — and the recession — with affordable and adorable sundresses.

They'll take you from a casual brunch to the bars,

meaning there's no need to shell out dough for two different outfits.

Here's how to do it:

■ Add accessories that'll dress up the outfit, said Judy Kou, owner of New York-based online dress shop SundayBrunch.com.

Swap flats or sandals for heels or try cinching a patent-leather belt around a looser dress.

■ Change up your hairstyle. "A low ponytail with a side part is easy and dressy in a pinch, and good for warm weather," Kou said.

■ Christine Nehrenz, owner of online vintage-inspired clothing company Cutiemus.com, suggests throwing on a jacket in a modern shape for night.

"Sundresses look best with a slightly masculine-looking jacket because it

contrasts with the femininity of the sundress and gives your outfit a little edge," she said.

Here are amNY's picks for dresses \$50 and less.



Charlotte Russe
watercolor floral dress, **\$28.99**; at Charlotte Russe



Fred Flare
butterfly dress, **\$44**; at Fred Flare, 131 Meserole Ave., Greenpoint, 718-349-1257



GoJane
ruffle tank dress, **\$38**; at GoJane.com



Avon halter dress, **\$14.99**; at Avon.com



H&M
floral dress, **\$24.99**; at H&M



Charlotte Russe
seersucker dress, **\$26.99**; at Charlotte Russe



Avon cotton woven dress, **\$29.99**; at Avon.com



GoJane Shirred dress, **\$28.80**; at GoJane.com



Radhika Patel, of Forest Hills, goes cheap and chic with this \$20 dress from the Queens Center mall. (MARIE CLAIRE ANDREA)

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