

FASHION UPDATE: DRESSING UP IS BACK!

Tips for Creating a Fully Accessorized Dressed-Up Look

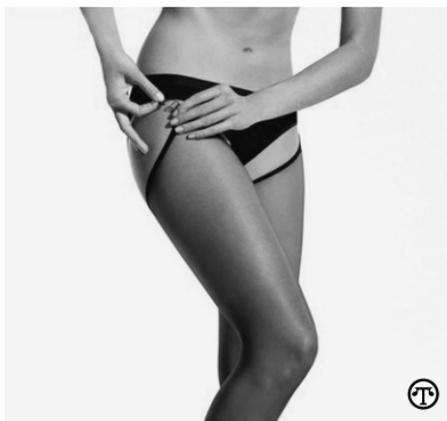
(NAPSA)—Who could resist! From glamorous goddess gowns to leather-trimmed micro mini-skirts—this season, there's a dressed up look for everyone, and for every occasion.

Going on a date? Toss the jeans and grab an antique-sequined halter dress. Gearing up for an office presentation? Forget the pantsuit, a skirted suit or detailed dress will make more impact, especially in today's competitive market. You've got a holiday party coming up? It's not even a question! A red ruffled dress is sure to be a standout!

Sounds so easy doesn't it? Just slip on the dress and you're ready to go—NOT! For many, dressing up, whether for a day at work or for a special occasion, requires some planning. Should I match my hosiery to my dress? What style shoes coordinate with this skirt? Is this necklace too much with this neckline? Can you see my bra strap?

Sound Familiar? Nadine Hall, general manager and vice president of Sara Lee Branded Apparel's Hosiery business, offers the following tips for women when dressing up:

Your Legs: Hosiery pulls together all outfits, giving a polished, complete look. For special occasion dressing, try something special and a little different, like new L'eggs® Silken Mist® Sheer Intimates hosiery. Updating the traditional garter look, L'eggs partners micro fiber bikini and hicut panties with sheer and textured stockings by using a unique and comfortable side hook to attach stockings to panties. The look is modern and sexy; priced from \$3.99 for a stocking set, to \$5.99 for a starter set, which includes the panty and a pair of stockings. Available now at Target and soon in CVS stores. In terms of how to decide what hosiery shade to wear...a sheer or opaque black shade looks best when sporting black heels, sheer fashion colors like berry or brick should be worn only when the hosiery color



coordinates back to the shoes or outfit. Sparkle hosiery looks great with silver or gold shoes, and nude-shaded hosiery is a great alternative that gives your legs a “better than bare” look.

Your Shoes: Equally as important as your dress, shoes help convey a statement, so spend some time finding the right pair to show off your legs. Pumps are making a comeback and are a must for fashion conscious women this season. Pumps look great with skirt suits and office-appropriate dresses. High sexy heels on the other hand are best for evening or special occasion outfits, and you will find that many shoe designers are making them feel more comfortable than ever.

Your Jewelry: Dresses or shirts with a high neckline usually look best without a necklace. V-Necklines, on the other hand, look great with lariat style necklaces, which are in style and come in a variety of semi-precious stone colors that you can coordinate with your outfit. U-neck styles look great with chokers and u-style chains like polished or matte sterling or gold looks.

“Overall when dressing up, it's important to be yourself, be comfortable and be confident,” says Hall. “Pull together your outfit with occasion-appropriate accessories, and try new accessories that will help you get excited to be dressing up, like our new updated garter from L'eggs Silken Mist Sheer Intimates hosiery; dressing up should be fun!”