

Fashion FORECAST

Secrets To Looking Festive And Fabulous

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(NAPSA)—'Tis the season to shop! And the best part is, after making your list and checking it twice, you can feel guilt-free about treating yourself. With family gatherings, friendly functions and company parties, there is always a merry occasion to dress up for. In fact, there's no better time of year to have fun with fashion and celebrate in style.



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Glam it up this holiday season. Wear your grandmother's heirloom jewelry on a Monday if it helps put your best holiday spirit forward. This season it's all about indulging in little luxuries. Find something you love and don't be afraid to have fun wearing it. Here are some tips for looking fashionably fresh this holiday season:

- **Be bold.** It may be dreary and grey outside, but that doesn't mean your wardrobe should be. Don't be afraid to experiment with color this holiday season. Lush greens, deep reds or even a pretty pink will add the perfect amount of holiday cheer to any occasion.

- **Make it your own.** Take this season's trends and personal-

ize them. Accessorize with fun, vintage jewelry, which you can find in thrift shops, or even a pair of sequined ballet flats to create a style that's all you.

- **Show off your feminine side.** Feminine, flirty looks are back, so embrace your curves and have fun with fashion this holiday season. From beaded cardigans and silk camisoles to plush velvet blazers, there are so many rich fabrics and textures to add a little sparkle to all your holiday parties. For a more casual affair, dress up the perfect pair of black pants with a colorful v-neck sweater or flower appliqué shirt. And you don't have to break the bank to celebrate in style. Old Navy is one of my favorite places to shop for great deals on the latest trends. You can pick up an entire outfit and feel totally guilt-free. And you can't start ringing in the New Year without the perfect accessories so glam it up with a satin sash belt or a gold metallic clutch.

With these tips in mind, it's never been easier to look fabulous and festive this holiday season!

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