

Shopping Trends

Investment Pieces Worth The Splurge

(NAPSA)—Style experts advise: It pays to splurge on certain items that are classic and luxurious.

Here are five to consider from Lisa Robertson, host of QVC's "The Lisa Robertson Show."

• **Classic watch:** Choose a style that looks strong, makes a statement, is versatile and conveys a powerful status. While a watch can cost as much as a car, you can still get a good one for less than \$200.

• **Do-it-all handbag:** Stiffer, glazed leather or pure, vegetable-dyed leather can be a smarter choice for an investment piece than soft, buttery leather, since it looks better as it breaks in over time, rather than wearing out.



Style expert Lisa Robertson says certain go-to staples will last for years if you invest in top-quality items.

• **Power pumps:** High-quality, designer shoes have a look of precision that bargain brands lack. They can go with any outfit and last years with good care. Choose black or nude but for an all-season style, don't go for patent leather.

• **Leather jacket:** It should have a timeless design and just the right amount of hardware to make it modern but not too edgy. A defined silhouette is important to make the jacket look feminine.

• **Star of the show:** You'll want one standout piece to mix with all the neutrals. You can make even the most casual outfit memorable by adding a statement cuff or a wild jacket to the ensemble. Choose something with a special design element; for example, embroidery, beadwork, fringe or a bold color. It can be a go-to wardrobe highlight for years.

You can get more style advice at QVC.com/LisaRobertson.