

Fabulous Accessories

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What better way to beat the winter blahs than to incorporate some fun new accessories to your regular repertoire? For the ladies this wintry 2009, headbands are the easiest way to add a bit of spunk to your stand-bys. Since these hair gems are super popular right now they come in basic everyday styles and even larger than life glitzy and glammier ones that could add ZING to your night time ensemble! While everyone is most likely familiar with the typical hair band styles (worn on top of the head behind the ears) a newer version has re-emerged that is worn across the forehead.

I am loving feathers right now especially when worn in the tresses and many headbands these days are embellished with them. This particular style is definitely avante-garde and not for the faint of heart, but would look super stylish with a wispy chiffon frock in ivory or dressed down with hippie-like flared denim and an oversized sweater vest worn with an androgynous thin leather belt at the waist.

Maybe you're jonesing for a little something special to wear for an upcoming soiree... Try a sparkly headband or one with an oversized flower. Just think how pumped up your demure little black dress will look when finished off with a beaut like this one above. Perhaps don a pair of fishnet stockings to punctuate your look and a dab of red rouge on your lips. Whichever style you choose, try to balance out the rest of your look to compliment not detract from your favorite new accessory. Too much of a look is NEVER a good thing.

Well guys, you can't incorporate headbands into your wardrobes—unless of course you're at the gym or playing a sport that may require a sweatband... However, there are many

ways for all you fashionable gents to update your collection of accessories. One easy change-it-up look is to try a skinny tie versus the regular or tying your knot a little larger than usual, otherwise known as the Windsor knot, for a subtle change from the norm. If you want to show a quirky side try a patterned bowtie worn with a v-neck sweater. Remember, bowties don't only have to be worn for black-tie events!

Another simple way to update your look is with shoes! Boots of course are great for winter and done in a shiny black patent are super cool. This pair I have pictured to the left are of particular interest and would look fab-o with black pants, a white shirt, and leather jacket. Another great texture for the cooler months is to don a supple suede. This tie-up version would be great done with conservative cords in maple and a nice wool sport coat or even a brown-ish argyle sweater!

Whether you are a guy or gal who enjoys anything and everything fashion related just remember you can always change up your favorite staples by wearing different accessories. Not only will you feel like you're wearing something different, you'll be making your own unique statement and will make your outfit different than everyone else. So, don't fret when you feel like you have NOTHING to wear—you'll feel like a whole new person after you add a simple hair accoutrement or change the size of your tie!

