

Make This A Fashionable Halloween!

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I take every opportunity I have and turn it into a fashion moment and Halloween is the one time of year I know anything goes. I have never been a fan of dressing frumpy on this ghoulish holiday—as I prefer more to make a fashion statement while donning my character gear and would much rather look glam than frumpy or scary. This newsletter is dedicated to making the mundane costume one that will stand out in the crowd—It just takes a tweak or two and you will have every head turning when you walk through the door or go a-knockin' for treats!

Obviously some costumes are more oriented to the fashion set than others. One thing to keep in mind when you are out shopping, is to pick pieces that are ultra-versatile and can be worn for various characters. One such item is a long cape. The best kind is one that is double-sided - red on one side, black on another. Capes can typically be found at any costume shop and can be worn many times over. For instance, if you are feeling a bit “devilish” keep the red side facing out and don all red underneath—The fashion-ey approach is red leggings (popular right now) with a fitted red top and finishing with to-the-knee black or brown boots. Turn up the fashion factor by balancing glitter horns atop your head (made simply out of cardboard and an old headband and red glitter) and a sparkling pitchfork to match! Not feeling the red? Turn the cape over and make yourself into a bewitchingly beautiful sorceress. Grab your favorite little black dress or even a black mini and a black top. Fishnet tights and black pumps or boots are great options and a witches hat made out of stiff black mesh and stamped with bold golden stars and glitter is a more enchanting approach than basic black and can be easily and inexpensively assembled. Other cape ideas include but aren't limited to: Little Red Riding Hood, The Royal Queen, and a Vampire.

Make good use out of those black leggings that are the must-have for the season and pair with a skinny turtleneck. Finish again with your favorite to-the-knee boots. Stuff some old black tights with old socks or cotton to make a

tail, add some fuzzy black ears and you will be the puurr-fectly dressed up! Add more glitz by making a pretty collar. Chokers are the best accessory to resemble your favorite kitty. Run out to the fabric store and buy some black tulle. Cut into varying lengths of fringe. Bunch together and wrap around your neck. You'll be the cutest tiger in town. Going out on the town with your favorite friend and coordinating costumes is a fun way to get dressed up! Be creative and come up with different “couples-looks” like a rabbit and a carrot. The taller of the two can take the role of the lovely orange veggie—and will make the part fashionable by donning orange head to toe and finishing off with green fluff on your head. Try using the left-over green grass from your Easter basket. Glue clumps of the stuff to a pliable surface and have long strands hanging down. Glitter-ize whatever material you use for the carrot top to really make your entrance gleam—tie under your chin with an elastic band. Now for the bunny rabbit— all white head to toe will definitely do and donning pink mittens and socks will do the trick for the paws. Raid your bathroom for cotton balls and glue together adding a little zest with glued on sequins in silver. Don't forget your bunny ears either. Wrap an old headband in fuzzy white fabric. Use a hanger to form tall ears and cover with the same soft fabric you just used. Glue the ears to the headband base and voila! What a cute couple!



Ok guys—I know, I know most of you want to be ghoulish and frightening or just something funny. But for those of you out there wanting to take a different approach there are a few options for you as well. For you debonaire types James Bond is always a great option. Put on a black suit gel your hair back a bit and borrow a black bow tie. If that's not your style try the Dick Tracy look. Rummage through a thrift store or run to a costume shop and rent a white pinstriped three-piece suit. Authenticate the look with spectators and a hat worn cocked to the side. If trendy is more your game play up the eighties look that's so hot right now and rock it out! Make the eighties cool again by sporting tapered jeans a jean jacket with a popped up collar, vintage tee and some retro-sneaks. Go the punk rocker approach and purchase one of the temporary spray on hair colors in a neon green or pink and you'll capture the look.