

Creating Your Own Signature Look

Ever wonder what gives certain women or men their edgie-ness? It's usually a small touch that separates their monochrome ensemble into something delicious—and no matter what it is, we can't help but stop and stare and wince with a twinge of jealousy that he or she could pull off such a fabulous look. You too, can have your own individual style it just takes knowing what your best features are and highlighting them with funky accessories. The great part about this, is that you don't need a million dollars, just a creative mind.

Tiny waist? Try this easy trick. Run to a fabric store and purchase a yard to two of a punchy colored medium-width grosgrain ribbon and tie in a bow at your waist over anything like a tank, tube top, or even a lady-like cardigan.



Self-conscious about your midsection? Draw attention upward with an eye-catching swarm of necklaces. Get kitschy and run to an inexpensive accessories store or vintage shop and build up a collection of cute charms and or large medallions. Don't mess with a gold or silver chain, instead, try a skinny black (or any color really) satin ribbon and tie at the neck. Varying the size of the charms etc. will make for a really cool look.

No matter how depressed a girl can get, a killer pair of new shoes usually banishes any woes. Kick up an outfit with a standout shoe that contrasts your look. For instance, if wearing a fitted hoodie and jeans, replace athletic shoes with a really girly pair of heels in a pretty color or with fancy embellishment and a strand of pearls. A l t e r - n a t e l y , if you are doing it up in a frilly mini and top, finish

your look with a super casual flat shoe with an edge or even an athletic shoe like slip-on Van's. Contrasting two looks will make you stand out in the crowd for sure.

Guys, you can make or break your look with accessories too. It's easy to cultivate your own cutting edge look without being overly flashy or girly. Like the girls, it's great to contrast looks. If you are wearing dress slacks and a preppy striped shirt leave out the loafers and opt for a punky pair of athletic shoes. On the other hand a pair of jeans and fitted graphic tee look great with pointed or sleek leather dress shoes.

Think the same way when accessorizing with items like sunglasses. The hot new shades for gents at the moment are aviators and will modernize your look completely when you throw them on. A great place to hunt for them is at vintage shops where you may score a retro-70's pair that you can be certain no one else will have.

Men's jewelry is a touchy subject. The general rule of thumb is - less is more. If you wear a ring, wear one on one finger, if you're more punky than preppy wide leather banded bracelets are cutting edge but not scary and if your style verges more on the classic side a timeless watch will polish up your look. Necklaces can get gawdy especially if they are large—and they look especially out of place outside of your shirt. Religious crosses should be tucked discreetly under your shirt and not displayed for all to see.

It's easy to create individual style no matter what your age, size, or amount of money you have. Having a signature look just takes knowing yourself and what you are comfortable in. Remember always to draw attention to your attributes—and NEVER forget that a stellar hair style or hair color will also set you apart and really characterize your look completely.



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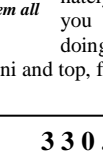
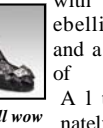
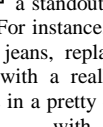
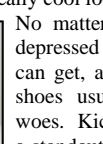
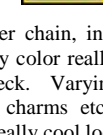
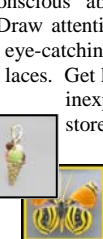
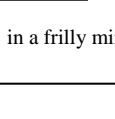
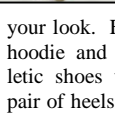
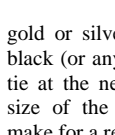
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