



Festive Holiday Dressing Ideas

Well, well, well, can you believe that the holidays are upon us already?! It's the time of year when our creative juices are running a bit low due to our fastidious Halloween costume planning—with that behind us we can focus on looking festive and fabulous at all those holiday gatherings that are coming our way. How glorious it is to receive an invitation in the mail for a spectacular get-together full of holiday cheer—but what to wear!?! Read on for some great inspiration to ensure a grand entrance.

It's hard to look overdressed at holiday times. Take advantage of the season and its luscious fabrics and glitzy accessories. The Holidays are all about cheerfulness and celebration—let your wardrobe reflect the happy mood and compliment your hostess/host by glamming it up a bit



which will only show him or her that you appreciate their efforts in throwing the splendid shin-dig. Rather than going the easy route and

pairing your favorite skinny denim with a fancy top reach outside your regular comfort zone and trade the denim for this season's popular silhouette the baggy



trouser. Take the pants up a notch by pairing with a silky camisole or strapless top and layer with a slim fitted shrug for the shoulders ('tis the season for freezing weather). Wear hair up in a pretty twist and load on a variety of necklaces in different lengths.

FASHION TIP: Remember your proportions for this look—If you are wearing baggy pants be sure the top is fitted so as to not overwhelm the look and take away from the focal point which is the pants. Every outfit should have it's focus.



There should only be one—and everything else simply adds to it—in this case the pants.

If the pants aren't your thing but wearing a dress or skirt is more your speed then go for it! I love this season's waist-accentuating looks—the new look is fresh and oh-so-feminine! Choice of fabric really dresses up or down a look—satins and velvets are obvious dress-up options and

are great looks for any winter festivity. So, for that upcoming cocktail party pull out your favorite satin or velvet dress, or skirt from years past and update it by cinching your waist with a fantastic belt in a different shade. If it's a pencil skirt finish your



look with a plain top in the same color and instead of stilettos try ankle booties with thick tights. If it's a more



a-lined shape dress or skirt bring down the frou-frou factor a bit and pair with knee-high boots. You will look polished, pretty, and perfectly in-line with the latest trends.

Fashion tip: You can change the whole look of your ensemble by the shoes that you wear. In this case the choice of shoes takes you from demure to more edgy—but still sophisticated. Change the look of some of your old stand-bys by pairing with a different shoe and give yourself a mini-wardrobe make-over.

Guys we know that you don't like to get dressed up—as comfort is usually the goal but remember you are a guest at a party and he or she went to a lot of effort to make everything lovely for you. Your gratitude will shine through by showing up in something debbonnaire. No need for a



suit, but a simple sport coat will spruce you up a bit. Like the girls, jeans are best left at home for a nice party. You have plenty of other occasions to rock out your denim! Switch it up and cozy up into warm winter

fabrics like wool or corduroy. Pair your cords with a done up layered look—either a plain cotton button down, no tie and sport jacket OR a plain button down,



striped tie, and finished with a zip up mock turtleneck sweater. If cords seem too preppy for you try basic black for the holidays and look like a hipster by pairing slim

black trousers with a black turtleneck and wool scarf in a brighter hue. Shoes should be sleek and black is best.



The Holidays are great time to celebrate and socialize with those near and dear. Make each occasion you attend this year memorable and don't be afraid to dress outside your comfort zone! You'll turn heads and by looking fabulous you will feel fabulous too!



Happy Holidays!

