

How to accessorize for any occasion

Quick easy ways to turn an outfit from blah to brilliant with a few simple accessories. College students on a budget can have fun trendy outfits too.

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Accessorizing an outfit is the key to making it your own. You can dress it up, make it more casual or give it a funky twist with a few simple accessories.

Accessorizing doesn't have to be expensive if you know the right places to shop or even make your own.

Thrift stores or stores where you would find unique items are the best places to shop. Value Village, Army and Navy and Winners are all good stores. If you wish to make your own stuff Michaels craft store is a great place to get the supplies you might need.

To make an outfit your own there are a few key parts to focus on, jewelry, belts, purses and shoes.

A simple outfit consisting of a T-shirt and a pair of jeans can be easily transformed into four different looks with the right accessories.

If you want an outfit to look dressy, add a bit of jewelry, a nice belt, a good purse and a nice pair of shoes.

The jewelry should be kept simple: nothing too flashy, a pearl necklace for example, real or fake pearls, both will give the same effect.

Add a tie-up belt in pastel colours and a small clutch purse. Then finish up with a nice pair of shoes, whether they are heels or flats.

If you wish to have a funky outfit the key is to be creative and try new things, if you do this you can really have fun with this kind out style.

For jewelry buy a necklace at a thrift store that you think is cool, add a homemade bracelet made of household articles (perhaps a toothbrush bent into a bracelet), then add as many rings as you feel necessary to get the look you desire.

Follow the jewelry with an equally unique purse; again thrift stores have great stuff not found in stores. If you are a crafty person an option

to have a one of a kind purse is to make one of your own.

Finish up the outfit with a funky pair of shoes, a pair of rain boots, a pair of runners that you find totally wacky or any pair of shoes that you think bring something to your outfit.

If you are looking for a clubbing outfit just add a few things to make you stand out in the crowd.

Jewelry is key, big necklaces and earrings that might be colourful or glittery, anything that might draw some attention.

Add a glittery belt and a pair of shoes that finish the outfit off, just remember that you will be on your feet all night so make sure your feet will survive in the shoes you pick.

To make an outfit your own and keep it casual just add some simple jewelry a good purse and a cool pair of runners.

With these tips you can give any outfit your own personal twist to make it your own.



Above: Melissa Tacheri likes belts of any kinds to add to her outfit. "You can totally alter an outfit with a belt. If you have a longer shirt a belt can give you a different look."



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Above: Big chandelier earrings are Cassandra Diedonne's favourite accessory. "I think they just make or break what you are wearing." KSA Richmond Campus Officer