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It's The Season: Making a Fashion Statement

One of the great things about this time of year is that there are so many holiday events and that requires some fabulous clothes. You're already out there shopping so make sure you keep your eyes peeled on something fabulous for you to wear on New Year's Eve. Why look now? It's smart planning because after your gifts are all unwrapped, stores will be bare of the great dresses and accessories for New Year's Eve.

If you are traveling over the holidays, whether to St Moritz or to the Caribbean, buying ahead is essential. Of course, one can buy things when you arrive but having everything with you already makes for a more relaxing vacation. If you are staying in town, you will be the best-dressed woman at your New Year's Eve gala!

Staying in town

Share the ringing in of the New Year with friends and family and know that photos of the event will show off your fashion savvy. **Escada** has a dazzling outfit that will sparkle as brightly as any fireworks. This black strapless sequin pencil dress priced at \$4990.00 is spectacular.

Pair the dress with these strappy sandals with Swarovski crystal details, \$520.00. Make this outfit sizzle by adding black leather opera length gloves with a three-button closure, \$390.00. Available at Escada Boutiques nationwide, visit online at www.escada.com or call 1.800.869.8424.



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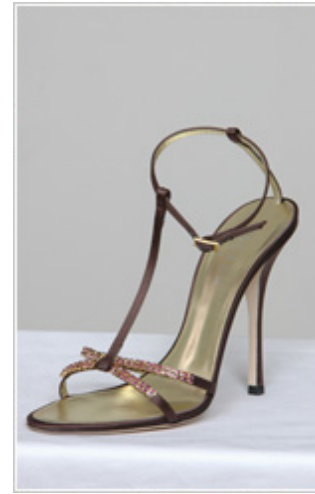
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David Yurman Earrings



Poppie Couture Stingray bag



Escada shoes

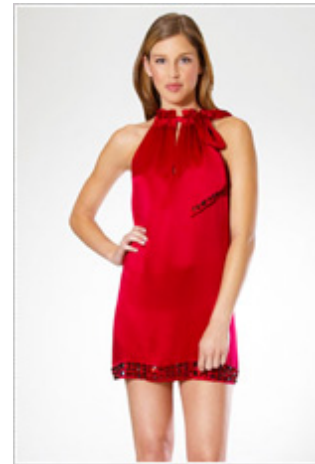
David Yurman, the Quatrefoil Black Onyx Earrings offer a bit more dazzle with the star-like design and the simple black drop silhouette, priced at \$750.00 and available at Neiman Marcus stores and www.neimanmarcus.com. Add a bit of color and contrast texture with a Poppie Couture Exotic Foldover Bag in Metallic Stingray in platinum, priced at \$650.00 and available at www.poppiecouture.com or Bergdorf Goodman, New York.

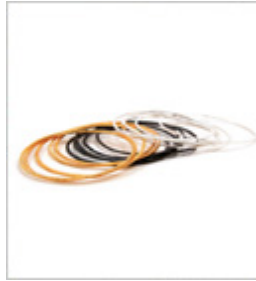
Following the sun

Maybe you're heading to the Caribbean, the Greek Isles, even Tahiti. There's no reason not to dress up albeit with a different touch for the relaxed beachy feel. From Hale Bob, this gorgeous red silk charmeuse dress features bejeweled detailing on the hem and scarf. It's perfect for any occasion but for New Year's Eve, this one is smokin' hot (or haute). The dress is priced at \$260.00 and available at www.halebob.com

Minimalist jewelry is the way to go for this dress. Gorjana has a beautiful selection of a set of three textured bangles in silver, gold and black gold. If you love the warmth of gold on sun kissed skin, choose the gold. For a different feel, try the black gold for contrast, priced at \$160.00.

Simplicity is essential when accessorizing this dress, large textured hoop earrings in gold, silver or black gold is a great choice, priced at \$140.00 and available at Elements Clothing on Lovers Lane, Dallas or visit www.gorjana.com





Sandals are a perfect choice and less is more because of the details on the dress. The Dolce and Gabbana Orlando Cage sandal in camel metallic leather with 3 ½ inch heel makes a perfect neutral finish to the stunning outfit, giving you the visual of long nude legs, \$525.00 and available at Nordstrom stores, or visit www.nordstrom.com. Poppie Couture Exotic Foldover Bag makes a repeat performance with in a stunning deep red patent works its magic by underscoring the hot red vibe, priced at \$350.00 and available at Bergdorf Goodman or visit, www.poppiecouture.com

Snowbound

If the mountain terrain is your destination, make sure you have an unforgettable outfit for the snow filled evenings and warm enough to ward off the cold. **Yes Virginia** leather coats are unusual because of their soft leather, depth of color and interesting designs. This beautiful Tuscan Lamb coat in a rich crimson red and lined with a shearling dyed in a pomegranate color to enhance the look of the coat, is an incredibly warm and very easy lightweight coat to wear.

Shown as an ankle length coat, **Yes Virginia** will cut the coat to the length you desire. It is shown with cuffs and collar folded back. The collar has a bit of wiring to be able to turn it up and protect your neck against the cold, thus forgoing the necessity of a hat or scarf.

The leather and shearling in each coat have different striations thus making each coat a one of a kind design, priced at \$7400.00. The belt is an extra accessory and also made of lambskin and comes in brown or gold metallic, priced at \$250.00 and all available at www.yesvirginia.biz or call 416-964-5877.



Pair this stunning coat with a cashmere sweater like **Vince's Cashmere Soufflé Sweater** with a tunic like length and less fitted turtleneck in a soft gray, priced at \$240.00 and available at Saks Fifth Avenue, www.saks.com. Make jeans an easy wear with the **Thirteen Denim Bob Calf Stocking Jean** that turns a jean leg to a sock at mid calf so that it's an easy jean to wear with boots whether you are in snow country or the city, the jeans are priced at \$230.00 and available at www.thirteendenim.com or www.shopbop.com.



Vince Cashmere sweater



Thirteen Denim



Yes Virginia Boots

The perfect boot to wear in the mountains is one that features great leather and a great fit and can be worn both in the mountains and in the city. **Yes Virginia** has custom made boots available in chocolate, cognac or black! These boots feature leather sole and lining along with a rubber tread and are hand stitched. Yes Virginia boots get better over time, like fine wine! The boots are priced at \$1,200.00 and available at www.yesvirginia.biz or call 416-964-5877.

Depending on your destination, you have many fashion choices. PinkMemo.com wishes you a happy, healthy and fashionable new year!