

Reimagining the Basic Black Suit

Three creative configurations

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Everyone loves their black suit, it's a great staple in your closet. But are you really getting the most wear out of it, or does it just hang in your closet gathering dust on the shoulders? Has it lost its edge? Take heart! Letting loose doesn't mean letting go, particularly when it comes to black suiting. Think of your suit in terms of separates; the jacket and skirt can be perfectly paired with a wide selection of different pieces.

Your personal style doesn't have to be a snooze - it can be modern and show your personality!

Here are three effortless and creative ways to re-imagine your black suit and create a serious style statement. I found several knock out pieces and accessories from L.O. boutiques that will rock your closet and help you welcome 2013 in style!

Grapevine

Don't already have a basic black suit? Check out this chic, Ponte' knit jacket (also includes a pencil skirt) by Trina Turk. She's a master designer at classic, clean lines. The jacket has a notched collar and slit pockets for accents along with patch pockets. It has a great fit that's nicely sculpted to shape your body, with Trina's signature vintage gold buttons at the waist and on the cuffs.

Try pairing it with a juicy orange cardigan sporting a beige contrast stripe.

For something out of the box, add a pair of slouchy slim, cropped boyfriend jeans by AG. This is the new way to do black, only at Grapevine.

310 N. State Street

Soletta: Check out the tartan plaid slipper shoe by Bettye Muller. Note the Chanel look, complete with chain trim. A real couture feel about them.

Fresh, yet unbelievably versatile!
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Spin Boutique

Took the gorgeous Trina Turk suit and added a splash of hot pink color, with a dramatic trapeze silk top by Alice and Olivia. The skinny belt trend is hot, hot, hot and wraps the waist perfectly. It features brushed and polished accents to slim your waist. They are just brilliant together, from the Linea Pelle Collection.

440 1st Street

Accessories from the Heart: It was love at first sight - a sheer hot pink scarf to wrap around the collar for a fresh, unexpected POP. To compliment, add the Majorca drop pearl earring by 1890 and a smart clutch in pewter satin with a large pearl closure to complete the package. This is a charming destination store in the heart of Lake Oswego.

220 A Avenue

Soletta: Provided the perfect shoe, a stunning gros grain stretch pump by Eileen Fisher (see cover photo), which takes any outfit up a notch. It's also a dynamite, comfy shoe with a built in platform,

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Black suit by Trina Turk is available at Grapevine. Scarf and clutch can be found at Accessories from the Heart.



Tartan plaid slipper shoes from Soletta.



Trina Turk black blazer, orange cardigan and AG jeans - all from Grapevine.

5 easy ways to update your look:

Just swap some of your old stand-bys and add fresh ones.

1. Forget the pearls, instead try diamond hoops.
2. Trade your slim jeans for skinny cords.
3. Tired of a classic skirt? Try chic leather pencil skirt.
4. Toss the baseball cap for a French beret.
5. Briefcase takes a vacation . . . animal print, structured tote takes over!

Now that the New Year has begun, put yourself on top of your to-do list.

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