

Fashion news

Put some power into winter style with a versatile pants suit and bold accessories, plus learn how to warm up a summer dress.

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NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

New Zealand-designed and Bali-made, Live Like Lil is the newest handbag and wallet designer on the block. In beautiful shades and textures (such as the Madison bag, \$155, left), there is a match for any outfit. livelikelil.co.nz

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Perfectly suited

Once reserved for business only, the female pant suit is back in power. The co-ordinated set is great for any occasion and the bonus is your blazer and pants can be worn separately, adding more options to your wardrobe.

TRY: Sportscraft Parisian pants, \$220, and blazer, \$390.



ANIMAL APPEAL You'll look the cat's pyjamas in leopard print this winter. Not brave enough for a statement coat or dress? Try it as an accessory such as Redcurrent's Leather Leopard Gloves, \$75, and Kathryn Wilson Pennie Heels, \$299.

ASK LJUBENKA



Q I have a wardrobe full of dresses but most of them are summer styles and not warm enough for the colder months. I don't want to buy more, so I was wondering if there was any way to make the summer dresses, particularly the sleeveless ones, work in the winter?

What a great question! It's all about extending the mileage (or kilometres) from your current wardrobe rather than expanding it with pieces you don't really need. Summer dresses are an easy, affordable and sensible way to get more looks out of your wardrobe from season to season. You can add additional layers of warmth during the cooler months and dismiss them entirely when the weather is appropriate. *Some winter tricks include:*

- Wearing a top, such as a button-up shirt, a merino tee, a turtleneck or jumper over or under your dress (a thinner top can be worn under your dress; if it is bulkier, wear it on top).
- Wearing your dress over pants, jeans or leggings.
- Swapping bare legs and sandals for opaque tights and boots.
- Adding a jacket, blazer or coat over your dress for additional coverage and warmth. And don't forget a scarf and/or hat.

See Ljubenka on Instagram @holdtheglamour.



Glamorous eyewear

The new eyewear collection from Le Specs has a hint of 1970s glamour and a very modern take on shape, material and finish. Called Joie de Vivre, the range can be seen at lespecs.com.