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Holiday Dressing Tips

By Kristi Kelley & Robin Baab

It's that time of year again ladies: Holiday Party Season! We can't prevent you from overdoing it on quiche and hot toddies, but we can guarantee that **you'll look stunning in your duds this season.** These tips, trends, and tricks will guarantee that heads will be turning in your direction all evening, and not because you just passed out in the punch bowl.

Black is back, ladies! It's a staple color that will never go out of style. You'll look great in your LBD, but so will everyone else at the party. Don't be afraid to experiment with the season's other hot colors: purple, deep teal, plum, cranberry, red, champagne, and chocolate brown. Add a bit of color and you'll be sure to stand out in a sea of black.

The holidays allow us to be a little more over-the-top in our attire. **Add interesting textures** like velvet, shiny fabrics, beading, metallics, sparkly details and embellishments. But please, not all at once! This brings us to our next tip....

Don't go head to toe with too much glitz. One wrong move and you'll look like a bedazzled disco ball. Pick one fabulous piece of jewelry, a glittery belt or bag, or signature look and work around that. Less is always more.

Don't worry about trends as much as what style works best for your body type. Avoid drawing attention to areas you want to conceal. Avoid beadwork around the hips if you are fuller in this area. If you have a large bust, steer clear of ruffles, or detail on a blouse.

Make this holiday party **an event free of VPL** (visible panty line). Wear body slimmers like Spanx® or a seamless bra and panties for

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Contrary to what your mother says, it is perfectly acceptable to **go hose-free** these days, especially if open toe shoes are involved. Nothing kills a look faster than a visible toe seem sticking out of your gorgeous Jimmy Choos. If you can't go without hose, then make sure your shoes are closed toe.

Don't break the bank on a new holiday outfit. Go with a simple pant or skirt and blouse and **jazz it up with fabulous accessories**. Pearls are hot right now. Bourdage Pearls on Southport is one of our favorites.

Try a shawl, wrap, or velvet stole in place of your usual bulky winter coat. A lighter overcoat will add to the elegance of the evening and give you a special look.

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