

Fashion Goes Vintage

Get The Looks Without Breaking the Bank

(NAPSA)—This year, fashion promises to be hotter than ever. In a stroke of luck for the bargain-savvy shopper, the biggest trends can often be found right in your own closet or at the neighborhood thrift store. With just a few simple tricks, it's easy to incorporate the hottest trends without breaking your budget.

Old is "In"

Fashion shows were full of relaxed, fun, vintage-inspired clothing and accessories, so start your search for new clothes in your very own attic. If you don't have a collection of older clothes to poke through, head over to a thrift shop. Keep your eyes out for rich, heavy textured fabrics like tweed, velvet and classic patterns like hounds-tooth and paisley. Add a luxurious touch by wearing vintage brooches or an old-fashioned riding cap for some jaunty flair. An empire-waist satin dress in green or indigo can also make you look classic and glamorous at evening events.

The Designers

At the forefront of the laid-back vintage movement are six of the hottest new designers: Mary Ping, Costello/Tagliapietra, Thakoon, Richard Chai, Jasmin Shokrian, and Trovata. Each was a winner of the prestigious Ecco Domani Fashion Foundation Award, a grant given by Ecco Domani® Italian wines to the most promising new designers. These six fashion whizzes made quite a splash at Fashion Week in New York. You can easily update your look by incorporating just one or two of their pieces into your wardrobe. And if you have a hankering to break into fashion, applications for the 2006 Ecco Domani Fashion Foundation competition are currently available at



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Turn Up the Heat

Chillier temps sometimes mean you have to hide your new duds. But as long as you're covering up, you might as well look fabulous. The classic cropped tweed jacket is back. Pick one up in brown, gray, or deep purple—it can be dressed up with a sleek knee length skirt or dressed down with a pair of faded jeans. Or if you have an urge to splurge, take a tip from Proenza Schouler, past recipient of the Ecco Domani Fashion Foundation award, and bundle up with a fur-collared wool coat.

The vintage look is easy to pull off with these simple tips. Now is the best time to really show your unique style, so be bold and daring. You'll be sure to turn heads with your own unique trend-setting style.