

Stripe Up The Bland

In the world of fashion there are classic styles and patterns that are reworked over and over again by designers, and at the top of the list is the striped knit shirt! There are so many variations to this striking pattern that it would be hard to list but a few of them. So we will stick to practical and fashionable ways to wear this hot trend.



When shopping at your favorite Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center, you should always check out anything with horizontal stripes. I know that people say that they may be unflattering to the larger folks out there, but I disagree. In that case you should just opt for a smaller stripe, definitely not a wide stripe, as well as keeping the colors a little more classic, like blue and white, red and white, or black and white. This will allow you to access the hottest looks this spring and summer!



Look 1 shows us how to adopt many trends at once! She wears a slouchy black and white stripe t-shirt, with a leather jacket, jeans, ankle booties, piled on bangle bracelets and red "wayfarer" sunglasses! This is a terrific urban day look!



Look 2 illustrates how color can make stripes the focus of an outfit if it is grounded in a neutral like black. The girl on the bike has black leggings, and a tunic like striped sweater in neon tones. To accessorize she has on a belt, beret and bangles!



Look 3 show a hot trend with pieced fabric and embellishment on a classic v-neck grey and black striped knit shirt. He has paired it with light wash jeans, and wears a black t-shirt under. For those of you handy with a needle, it would be an easy project to try your hand at. Simply find a graphic t-shirt in a coordinating color to your striped top, and appliqué the design part of the shirt on to the long sleeved shirt. This look is by designer Custo Barcelona.



Look 4 is a mod layered look featuring an acid yellow and black turtleneck worn with a funky grey suede zip up vest, black jean skirt, and large pendant.



Look 4b shows another variation on this theme with a v-neck black and white top with white vest and white hat, again worn with jeans. Both looks are easy and fun to do!



Look 5 shows us that celebrities like stripes too! A scoop neck with skinny jeans and pointy boots, a halter style with jeans and knee high boots, and a 3/4 sleeve, v-neck with denim shorts!



As you can see the world wears stripes! There are striped polos for that classic "preppy" style, which always looks terrific. As well, there are lots of embellished and screen printed striped tops out there that will take you into a more fashion forward realm. The brighter the colors, the more neutral the other pieces in your ensemble should be. Remember you don't want to look like a circus clown!

So go ahead and see what you can find to "step up and stripe up" your spring and summer wardrobe at the Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center near you, I know I will!

