

Amazing Accessories

The word accessory has a very specific definition in the dictionary. As a noun it can mean: *To enhance performance, or An item that is worn or used for a fashionable effect with an outfit.* I also checked the thesaurus and the words *trimmings, garnishes, frills, and side dishes* are listed. Interesting, because they precisely sum up the place an accessory takes in our daily wardrobe choices. In many cases shoes, belts, jewelry and handbags can make or break an ensemble.

Accessories can be broken down into four main categories: Classic, Bold & Trendy, Romantic and Green (not the color, rather the use of natural elements and hand crafting). Where else but at Goodwill Store & Donation Centers can you try some or all of the latest in accessory trends for only a small fraction of their original cost?

Classic

Understated, elegant items of the highest quality or lasting value describe a classic accessory. Think of a black, brown or tan leather handbag, a round-toed pump or ballet flat, leather belts and fine gold or silver jewelry. A classic strand of pearls is a good investment and something you'll wear for years to come. Silk scarves in refined patterns and the ever popular wool Burberry plaids are additional examples. These accessories give just the right amount of cache` without overpowering the clothing. They are always fashionable because of simplicity and restraint in style. The words timeless, lasting and traditional should come to mind when describing a classic accessory.



Classic

Bold & Trendy

A fearless, daring, adventurous item that draws attention wherever you go would be considered bold & trendy. These items would feature the latest colors, fabrics and styles of the season. Examples today would be vibrant jewel toned patent leather belts, shoes, and purses. Additional items include oversized handbags with lots of metallic embellishment such as silver, burnished gold or burgundy, and an unusual piece of jewelry made from unconventional materials such as acrylic, rubber



Bold & Trendy

or recycled materials. Be careful when purchasing this type of accessory because it can become dated very quickly.

Romantic

A romantic accessory is the soft and girly cousin to the classic accessory. It's known for its feminine style. These dreamy items include cameos, locket and velvet chokers, as well as a small pendant on a chain, exquisitely detailed earrings, delicate lace or silky scarves and soft fabric bags. A beautiful ruffled chiffon wrap worn over a simple dress is another fabulous example. Think about items that evoke another era, like the 30s and that will clue you into this lovely look.



Romantic

Green

'Green' can encompass a wide variety of things, but "Hippie Chic" comes to mind when considering this movement. One of a kind, home-made wool and cashmere knit hats, handbags, headbands and scarves have been prevalent in the fashion shows for both spring and fall. The use of straw, raffia, feathers or wood in a necklace or bracelet is another good illustration. A wearable item that evokes nature of some sort, whether in theme or fabrication, such as woodland creatures, birds, or twigs would be thought of as 'Green'.



Green

Many of today's most fashionable women borrow bits and pieces from all of the categories, but making a statement is all in the details, and accessories can bring any outfit, quite literally, to life! That is why shopping at Goodwill Store and Donation Centers is all you need to revitalize and energize your wardrobe with accessories of every variety!