

## RUNway/REALway-Part 2

I thought it would be great to look at current fashion trends for Spring 2010 that have been seen on runways all over the world and translate those ideas into wearable styles for the everyday man and woman—namely us! I will break down the components that encompass that trend and show you how to interpret it using items easily found in your own closet, or at the Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center near you!

Like last week, I wanted to look at those wonderful monochromatic looks from the fashion shows! Monochromatic literally means, “having, or perceived as having only one color or tone.” Believe it or not, most tones in the same shade range will work together. A prime example would be all the red tones shown in these looks from New York Fashion Week Spring 2010. It may seem “a little out there”, but bear with me. Color is something to be embraced, not be afraid of. Unfortunately, that is why we see so many blah beige, grey, brown and black ensembles. Color just seems so right for spring, so get on track at the Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center near you!



I started by scanning the racks for colors in a similar palette, which was easy given that most are sorted by color at the stores! I always like a turtleneck as a base for a sleek ensemble, so we have one from Coldwater Creek for \$4.99, paired with these fantastic Banana Republic stretch cotton gabardine slacks for \$4.99. The simplicity of monochromatic palettes is what makes them stand out.



Just to show you how details make the garment or, accessory, I found a wonderful Pendleton wool blazer for \$6.99 that could easily be layered over our turtleneck and slacks.



Notice the buttons on the jacket, as well as the buttons on our patent leather GAP flats for \$3.99, which is what I mean about subtle detail. They go together well. Trust your eye when it comes to the tones of your monochromatic outfit, at a glance you'll be able to tell whether it is a complementary shade, or clashing! Talk about "red-hot"!



I think our "Runway" translation looks great, and hope it inspires you to add some color to your wardrobe for spring. Next week we'll translate another colorful runway look and do it with "Amazing Style"!

