

## Springtime Statements

Do you know the term "statement" piece? This would mean one standout item in your outfit or attire that commands attention more than anything else. Everyone should have a statement piece or two or three in their wardrobe. For me, I have a cool velvet military inspired jacket with brass buttons and other great details. It doesn't matter what I wear it with jeans, slacks, etc., it always makes me look and feel great. Take a good look at your closet and see how many "statement" pieces you own. If you were definitely lacking in that department, perhaps now would be a good time to look for some at your local Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center! Let's take a look at what I mean.



Jackets, as I mentioned before are a great "statement" piece to start with. Military styling is so "in" right now, so maybe look for something with epaulets, embroidery or other detailing. Since it's spring you might also look for a bright color or floral jacket that fits well and defines your figure. These types of coats, blazers and jackets look great when worn with simple t-shirts and jeans. You just can't go wrong!



Slacks/Jeans are another way to make waves in the style world. I purchased some very bright red corduroy pants that always makes me feel like a rock star! The same can be said for embellished jeans, but just be careful not to wear anything that competes with them. This is where I see so many people go wrong! The looks can seem excessive if paired with other "statement" pieces.



Shoes are the easiest way to add dash to everyday duds. A bright pair of heels or flats can really transform the most ordinary outfit. They can also add the "unexpected" pop of color to a more neutral or monochromatic ensemble. Remember the rule that accessories need not "match" what you have on, in fact a contrast seems to be much more of a fresh choice. I always see so many cool pairs of shoes at the Goodwill near me. I just purchased some Phat Farm lace ups in a Crayola red. I admit it! I like red a lot as an accent color!



Jewelry pieces like the "bib" necklace shown here on a black dress is a great statement! But then again any large necklace, or layers of necklaces can work. I used many strands of different pearls on a photo shoot for Amazinggoodwill.com a while back, and it looked terrific. Keep in mind when layering necklaces to vary the lengths and textures for the most drama!



Handbags are always a “good” way to stand out in a crowd. Whether you choose bright patents, metallic, woven, or other types of fabrication, just remember to keep the rest of your ensemble more muted so as not to take away from the impact.



Now that you know the rules of “statement pieces”, I think it’s high time to head to the Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center near you to find your own so you too can make a “statement”!

