

RUNway, REALway-Part 3

I thought it would be great to look at current fashion trends for Spring 2010 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 green 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 have always been a big fan of green, so when I saw the runway picture, I got inspired! Green tones are so fresh and beautiful, so when I saw the Privacy 3/4 sleeve silk camp shirt, and Privacy silk slacks with a mandarin hem treatment, I couldn't believe they were just \$3.99 each! They were brand new as well I might add! Again, the tones don't match however they do complement each other.



To illustrate this further, I found a Studio Works zip up jacket for \$4.99, Bandolino slides that were exquisitely detailed with beading for \$4.99, and lastly a small handbag with top-stitching that show how greens of different tones can work well together! Talk about your friends being "green with envy" that you can look like a million bucks for a mere pittance!



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"!

