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## ***UNIQUELY YOU*** ***Look Great in a Dress*** ***Holiday Party Checklist***

Dear Orene,

This season, the predominate silhouette in the stores has been blousy tops with slim pants or skirts. For those of you who have hourglass or triangle body shapes, this style covers up one of your best attributes - your waist. There is a great solution for this that is right on trend - the dress!

The ease of slipping into a dress, adding a few accessories and running out the door makes dresses a must-have wardrobe option for any season. If a dress fits well and flatters your coloring, there is no easier way to get dressed. I have listed tips to help you choose a dress and determine the few items you'll need to pair with it in order to create an outstanding outfit.

Enjoy!  
*Orene*

## Holiday Party Checklist

Take the stress out of your holiday events by using this handy checklist.

### **One week (minimum) prior to the party**

#### **\*The party outfit is ready to wear!**

Try on your party outfit. Does it fit? Is it clean? Do you have the entire outfit or is something missing? If so, schedule a shopping trip now to finish your look. Does a key piece need alterations? Schedule it. Drop off anything that needs dry cleaning and schedule the pickup.

#### **\*I have a coat or jacket if it is chilly!**

Be sure you have a wrap that



looks good with the outfit in case the temperature is chilled just like the martini glasses.

#### **\*My beauty**

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### Explore a range of color in your dresses.

- The little black dress is for you if black is truly a flattering color on you. Otherwise choose your best neutral color to create your own version of the LBD like navy blue, dove gray, pewter, taupe, brown, charcoal, French blue.
- If you have a favorite bold color that looks great on you, wearing it in a solid dress can be a showstopper.
- If you're attracted to a red dress but are nervous about the intensity of the color, choose one in coral, tangerine, berry, or rose.



### Fabrics create the tone for your dress.

- Wool crepe or matte jersey fabrics look smooth on the body and don't wrinkle.
- If you fall in love with a linen dress or a silk shantung dress, know that these fabrics will wrinkle quickly.
- If you want a dress to be flirtier, choose one in chiffon. It will move with you and create fluttering patterns.

### The shoe can add spice or be understated.

- If your dress is heavily patterned or lacy, keep the shoe simple. Try a nude pump.
- If a dress feels too feminine for your personal style, tough it up with a knee high boot.

**appointments are scheduled!**

Make sure to schedule beauty appointments early in the week. Manicure? Pedicure? Blowout by your hair stylist?

**\*I have a gift for the host!**

Don't forget to show your gratitude with a host or hostess gift. Getting one before the day of is one less thing to think about.

**Day of the party or event**

**\*Leave enough time** to comfortably and completely finish your hair and makeup.

**\*Eat a little something** before hand in case there isn't much food available right away. Drinking on an empty stomach is not a good idea.

**\*My backup supplies are packed!**

Bring extra hosiery in case you get a big run. Be sure you've got your lipstick or lip-gloss packed in your handbag. Pack a blister remedy in case your shoes are rubbing you the

- When wearing a solid colored dress, add personality in a fanciful shoe-brightly colored, metallic, or patterned.

**Jewelry choices will depend upon the neckline.**

- A dress with a jeweled neckline is a great canvas for a statement necklace. Go big!
- If the neckline is very detailed (ruffled, draped, or beaded), avoid a necklace and keep the earrings simple.
- A wrap dress that creates a deep V-neck can use a dainty chain with a simple pendant. Add bangles on the arm for more impact.



**Your dress needs the right bag.**

- If your dress isn't a work dress, don't wear a workbag.
- If your dress is super simple, go for an exciting bag. Consider one with studs, sequins, chains, or patterns.
- Always keep a clutch handy in one of your neutral colors. If your dress or jewelry is getting the most attention, your handbag can stay in the background.

**Don't forget the outer layer.**

- A fine cashmere or silk cardigan sweater is an easy addition to a sleeveless dress.
- A silk blazer that repeats the line of the dress adds polish for evening occasions.
- A trench coat that has sheen to it, or a silk trench coat, is a great all-around choice for many dresses.

Would a dress be a good choice in your wardrobe? Need some help to find just the right ones? Let me help you shop for the dresses that you'll love wearing.

wrong way.

### **Optional party planning solution**

Call me! I'd love to help you create outfits for your party needs whether we go shopping for it in the stores or in your closet.

### **COMPLIMENTARY CHAT**

Sometimes you may feel that you are in a fashion rut or that you are looking frumpy and it is time to look more up-to-date. You may not have much time nor inclination to figure out how to put together items you already have in your closet in a new way. Being busy doesn't always allow you time for shopping. Or, perhaps you don't know where to shop to maximize your dollar.

Wouldn't it be helpful to have an expert who can help you with all of this? If you are ready to take some action, schedule a free initial conversation with me by [clicking](#)

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