

Hello students, welcome

SEMESTER 3: GE 14 FASHION ACCESSORIES

MODULE 9: COORDINATING ACCESSORIES AND OUTFITS

Outline

Introduction to accessories

Ways to match accessories to outfits

How to accessorize a dress

Learning outcomes

Students will learn about coordinating accessories with their outfits, this will be an inspiration for students to design their own collection.

- ☐ Keeping current fashion trends in mind, accessory designing is one of the most upcoming and intriguing fields in the world of fashion
- ☐ Accessories add a splash of color, personality and style giving the wearer a more polished look
- ☐ Accessories allow us to gain insight into who the wearer is and makes personal presentations even more interesting. Accessories are the finishing touch to an outfit, and create the ultimate exclamation point for an overall good look
- ☐ However, one has to be careful when using accessories. Accessories can work with you, but they can also work against you. Therefore, coordinating accessories is vital
- ☐ An accessory can be said to be anything that you carry or wear other than your clothes
- ☐ A famous fashion designer Oscar de la Renta has said, "A woman makes an outfit with accessories." highlighting the importance of accessories in fashion design

WAYS OF MATCHING ACCESSORIES TO AN OUTFIT

COLOUR

It is a skill to be mastered when matching accessories with color

- Staying within the same family based deals, jewels with jewels and so on
- Find clothes that are complementary colors on the color wheel. If the clothes are one color, accessories can be the opposite
- Use a lighter or darker shade of color for your accessories to the clothing color
- When wearing standard colors like black, white or neutral colors, accessories in any color look stylish and coordinated. But when the dress is colorful, using simple solid color fashion accessories balance the look

SIZE

The size of your accessories will also impact the final appearance of the outlook of the outfit

- Large accessories go well with simple monochrome outfits
- Small accessories are best complemented with patterned or embellished clothing
- The height of the person is also a deciding factor when choosing accessories, for a taller woman, carrying a medium to large size bag would work the best. It is more suitable to carry a small to medium sized bag for a petite body
- When wearing silhouettes that are ruffled, sequined, embroidered or embellished the accessories should be simple so that more emphasis is drawn onto the clothing

STYLE

Fashion accessories can define your style. If there is a need to repeat the same outfit, example white shirt, black jeans or a simple black dress. It is not a problem. With stylish and trendy fashion accessories, you can wear the same outfit in different styles with different accessories on different occasions. Here are some common accessories to consider to highlight the personal style

For a **classic** look, choose the classic accessories like pearl or diamond studded earrings, a silk scarf, leather clutch and classic pump shoes.

For a **glamorous** look, choose glamorous accessories like chandelier ear-rings, bib necklaces, large cocktail earrings, crystal clear clutch, oversized sunglasses and high heel shoes

For a **work day** accessories can be simple, like delicate necklace, classic watch, a shoulder bag and kitten heels

For **casual** look, use casual accessories like a bracelet or watch simple sunglasses, a crossbody bag floppy hats and plain sandals

Method 1

Accessorising for the color of your dress

Match your accessories and the color of your dress

Match your accessories to at least one detail in the dress

If you wear bold color accessories with a neutral dress, wear neutral accessories with a bright color dress

It is key to match jewellery to the tone of the dress

Method 2

Accessorizing for the cut of your dress

Wear a necklace compatible with a V or U neck dress

Avoid necklaces with high neckline dresses like halters. Here, one can wear a chain or long necklaces with necklines like crewnecks

Balance the look of a one-shouldered dress with a bracelet so you can draw the emphasis to the hand
Wearing long earrings with strapless dresses looks phenomenal

Method 3

Pick the right accessory for the occasion

Wear the right kind of shoes, when going for a casual function, you can wear sandals, while you should wear heels or stilettos for a formal event

Make sure the quality of your jewellery is appropriate. For casual functions, paper, metal or plastic jewellery is ok. On the other hand, for formal wear gemstones, pearls and diamond jewellery

Carry the right handbag. For formal wear, there are purses, clutch is which give you a formal look

Wearing less jewellery on a formal dress, draws attention to the dress

Method 4

Matching accessories to each other

Match your metal jewellery and your accessories

Wear only one statement piece if you are wearing dangling earrings, let the whole emphasis come on the earrings do not carry a shiny bag that would be drawing attention onto the bag

Pick bright and neutral shades for coordinating accessories with the outfit

Pick only one or two bright colors for your accessories. In this way you will be bringing more emphasis onto your accessories

Method 5

Creating a look with your accessories

Wear sophisticated accessories with a chic dress

Stick to neutrals. If you're wearing a flowery style of dress

Wear edgy accessories with any type of dress

Orchestrate your look with a basic dress

Select clothing and accessories that show your personality to the world.