

COMPETENCIES #6 AND #7: Recognize how accessories can stretch your wardrobe.
Develop "wardrobe stretching" techniques.

CONCEPT: Accessories are the finishing touches to your wardrobe planning, and can stretch your clothing dollar.

MOTIVATOR: Wear or have a student wear a simple, basic colored outfit. You could choose a basic dress, pants and a shirt or sweater, etc. Bring to class or borrow "off the bodies" of your students, different accessories both casual and dressy. Change the look of the basic outfit by adding or changing accessories.

Students can come forward and change the look by changing only the accessories.

PREPARATION: Find pictures in magazines that show great use of accessories. Mount for display.

LECTURE/DISCUSSION

Accessories are the finishing touches to your wardrobe planning. Some examples are the scarf that makes the outfit, the hair decoration that pulls the colors together in what you are wearing today. Earrings, belts, ties, watches, suspenders, pins and other jewelry, are very important to your total image. We sometimes forget or overlook these important finishing details.

Show pictures of accessorized outfits.

Discuss how the look would be changed without any accessories. Accessories need to fit into your wardrobe and into your budget. If your budget is limited, choose accessories that will go with many different outfits. Earrings can be gold or silver and match many outfits rather than having many different pairs of matching colored earrings. Belts can be reversible to match any color of pant, shirt or dress. Costume jewelry makes it possible to afford a wide variety of pins, necklaces, bracelets, belts etc.

Accessories can expand your wardrobe. A scarf might be worn as a belt, a headband, a shawl or just as a neck scarf. A basic black outfit can be worn as "dressy" if it is accessorized with silver or a sequined belt. On the other hand, the same outfit would be casual if bright yellow earrings, belt and scarf were added.

NOTE INVITE AN ACCESSORY STORE TO COME TO CLASS AND SHOW THE NEW TRENDS IN ACCESSORIES. COMPLETE THE ACCESSORY ASSIGNMENT