



A Costume Designer's Secrets for Buying, Wearing, and Caring for Accessories



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The Accessory Handbook: A Costume Designer's Secrets for Buying, Wearing, and Caring for Accessories



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A practical and inspiring guide to how to style, wear, purchase, and look after every sort of accessory, from the New York Times best-selling writer of *Ways to get Dressed*. from hats and hosiery to jewelry, bags, and shoes— Rather than prescribing what to wear or personal, Freer empowers you to put on whatever you want—and shows how exactly to draw it off—and explains how to best shop for, care for, and wear each with flair. In *The Item Handbook*, Freer breaks down all sorts of accessory—Costume designer and article writer Alison Freer is beloved on her behalf sassy, rule-breaking advice on fashion, which emphasizes that design ought to be fun, personal, and functional. with humor and wit.



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Questions about accessorizing?! Occasionally I feel carefree and assured about my accessory video game, but I've become pretty conservative over the years and would like to mix things up a bit more; this reserve gives me the self-confidence to take some chances I wouldn't ordinarily take on how I put things together. I especially valued the section about accessorizing for glasses-wearers! There is certainly more that goes into this decision than I recognized. The most important takeaway from this reserve is certainly Alison's encouragement to test out accessories of all types to find what is most effective for you and your personal design. She's fun and it's a quick browse but I marked webpages like the scarf and jewelry sections I will refer back to. Personally I think like I know her, like she's my own stylist. Reading the chapter upon jewelry and the section on necklaces actually helped clarify individuals feelings--why something feels wrong or right. Best Comprehensive Accessory Information for Real Women Tights, belts, hats, eyewear, shoes, purses and handbags, jewelry. Where else are you gonna have anywhere near this much fun learning about belts? If you love to be a part of fashion, or just to watch the style world, Alison's tips and tidbits are fantastic. Probably one reason I've dressed so conservatively lately is basically because I can't inform if something is working or not with any confidence. Alison's simple and sunny design of writing (and very funny anecdotes about her experiences as a costume designer) gives me a jolt of self-confidence and a willingness to exceed what I would normally choose. Displaying me how much will go into the decision of how to gown actors in a scene to establish mood and character makes me understand I'm not being fussy--the best choices (and there are various right choices, not just one way of doing anything) change lives. Love this book and I'll be gifting it to my sisters and friends who struggle with a few of the same issues because I understand it will help them just as much as it does me! Lifehack your closet I cannot tell you how many accessories we have in my closet that I NEVER wear because, truly, I never knew HOW to wear them. There's a genuine existence idea from Alison for it all. Glad I purchased this. This publication is like a lifesaver if you love fashion but are not an expert (and do not want that truth to hinder your ability to rock the very best looks). There is indeed much practical advice (just like her first book) which helps you not feel just like you are drowning in choices but rather able to as she says in one chapter "be your personal jeweler" and afford "champagne jewels on a beer spending budget." Also, this may sound super dumb, but I believe I most likely saved a few hundred dollars simply in the purse chapter by itself in helping me figure out what went wrong with past purchases therefore I can avoid them later on. The Accessory Handbook isn't just an amusing read, but can be a great guide to fashion past/present/and future. Better than high heels I really like this book! I've never liked wearing high heel shoes, and under no circumstances knew what things to wear instead. Five Stars Great ideas for putting your lifestyle together well! Many thanks Alison - the wise-cracking, infinitely wise sister I never had! Transforming This book can make you think differently about how you dress, it makes dressing an extremely exciting event and it can transform the way you look and the best part is that you may already own everything you need to be stylish. It is an excellent read and lead on how to dress, accessorize and look after your accessories, highly recommend it for everyone from minimalists, traditional dressers to edgie outrageous fashionistas Everyone may accessorize! I always feel like anything near my face is "too much" with my eyeglasses, but her tips have really helped. I am even more excited about "The Accessory Handbook," as I constantly buy adorable necklaces and then leave them in a drawer because I've no idea how exactly to style them. Many thanks Allison for breaking this down for those of us that are fashion illiterate and for giving me access to creative ways to

wear products I already personal! The Accessory Handbook includes a whole chapter focused on scarves therefore i am no longer at a loss as how to tie my scarves. I love this book! After all, I have stood in front of the mirror attempting and discarding necklaces, feeling it's "not right" however, not being capable to find out why. Style is fun, and this book helps make it more fun. A how-to that really shows you how-to! Alison Freer can be an experienced costume developer and has tons of practical suggestions for looking after your accessories--I now understand that I am storing my scarves all wrong and will remedy that! I've always admired people who could pull off accessories and appearance effortless, but which has never been me. I've struggled with how much to add to an outfit without going over the top. In this publication, Alison Freer clarifies how to wear various types of accessories and not appear to be an overdressed weirdo. For example, how very long should a necklace become that matches me and the clothing both? After my super stylish aunt passed on, I inherited some scarves from her vast collection.. I like her because she's snappy, funny and ultimately positive. Become a part of Fashion Fun Alison is a blast!. I'm investing in a copy for other accessory lovers to provide them the same accessory makeover that this book helped provide me. Alison easily reduces intimidating topics like how exactly to style a cute silk scarf, how to pick a hat that truly suits your face, how to create the perfect purse collection, and how to wear a couple of different bracelets simultaneously without looking just like a lunatic. You'll never have an accessory question once again! I REALLY LIKE this handbook! Listed below are the answers I was excited when We learned Alison would be writing a book about accessories since We enjoyed her first reserve, How to Get Dressed, so much, and she does not disappoint. Many thanks for sharing your experience with us! How do I live so long without? Usually these types of books inform you what you can't do (think What Not To Put on) and make me hesitant to accomplish some thing and I am right back in my same design rut. This reserve is readable, knowledge-loaded, and pleasurable as hell! The Accessory Handbook had great tips for alternative shoes to look sharp without killing your foot! You Need This Book! It's a money, time, and sanity saver! Unless you are a nun or are on an extended yoga retreat, your accessories probably provide you with some level of aggravation every day. Necklaces obtain tangled, mystery staining appear on your own favorite ladies handbag, you can't figure out how to put on a belt apart from through the belt loops of a pair of denim jeans, the haystack approach to shoe storage isn't working out for you, all your tights have works, and your vintage beret has the aroma of vintage dirty hair. Fashion Wisdom That Also Fashion Novices Can Understand Alison is great at demystifying fashion — We loved her last book, "WAYS TO GET Dressed," which helped get me personally out of my fashion safe place (of black-on-black ensembles). Awesome! And if you want to accessorize, you are on the way! Alison is the best and most stylish person I know and I could hear her voice as if she's talking through the entire entire thing..? I'd love to develop the insouciance to simply toss on a scarf and be sure that it adds some design instead of either engulfing me or overpowering me, and I'd love to combine and match prints and shades... It's a great and quick read, and will be helpful to refer back to in the potential. The colour theory section was very useful. Accessories FIT when clothing can be a real pain haha! And boy do I ever obtain it. She's also got a short quip about the annals of each that i find to be amazing (origin and just why we started wearing it to begin with), a wear suggestion, and storage tip. Freer encourages me to create even more concepts for myself - to be more confident and adventurous with my design and it's refreshing. The writing design of the author is indeed delightful that it's a great read but boy did I learn a whole lot! Real women can use this guide - types who have actual

bodies, on a budget, need a vote of confidence every now and then. I'm like a child in a candy shop with regards to accessories, but not so very much with how to put them on most effective. Hey, it's less costly than the last couple of hoop earrings I purchased haha! Loaded with positive tips on accessorizing Whenever I see Alison Freer's articles about the internet I have to stop and go through because they actually tell me something new and helpful. I then found out she's an writer and own her first book (How to Get Dressed), so when this one on Add-ons was on pre-launch I was prepared to get it. Thanks a lot Alison! She comes from a unique host to understanding the secrets and what functions.! Fav section: Color Theory... Pleased with my purchases compiled by her. She just saved me money because I just went into my drawer and brought out all these goodies I'd already purchased through the years and going to breathe new lease of life into them for my work and "venturing out" outfits this fall. I needed item help. Except I have no idea how to properly tie a scarf beyond folding it fifty percent and placing the ends through the loop. So Much Good Info My daughter in laws gave me this book because she knows just how much I love accessories. I like the index in the back to go back again and look up anything that i will use. The section on belts and scarves by itself are worth the purchase but there is indeed much more info. I find myself buying that stuff more than I perform clothes. This is a book I'll keep referring back again to when selecting an ensemble. I recommend.



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