

## **How to make inexpensive clothing look more expensive**

*Julia Grieve shows you 5 easy tips to take your fast fashion to slow fashion over night, all with out breaking the bank.*

**Tip#1:** When you are looking at clothing that is shall we say 'easy on the pocket book', look for pieces that are in neutral colours - blacks, beiges, nudes - these will always look more expensive, no matter what the actual fabric is.

I purchased a slightly different pair of pants for \$29. Still black, but with a full fly and zip. For an extra \$10 I bought the pants that have the front construction. That always look more tailored and designer and is worth the extra 10 bucks. It already looks more expensive before I have done anything.

**Tip#2:** I have added a gorgeous black/silver pipping to the jacket and pants. It is very easy to do. You do need to thread a needle, but you don't need a sewing machine. It's just attached by hand. This now makes this suit completely custom. It's one of a kind, and has a very 'Chanel' look to it. Invest in quality trims.

**Tip #3:** My next tip to make your clothes look expensive is FIT FIT FIT. The number one giveaway about cheap clothing is that it doesn't fit properly. The waist is in the wrong spot, it's too boxy, it's too long...

Have your clothes fits your body properly and you will look and feel like a million bucks. SO when you are buying low cost clothing, err on the large size. Go up a size or two. This will give plenty of room for alterations. And you do not have to be a master seamstress to alter your clothes. You would be surprised how talented your local dry cleaner is. it fit perfectly. Not much, a few nips and tucks. Then we added a few custom details.

**Tip #4:** BUTTONS. Buttons are a number one way of elevating your clothes. When clothing is in mass production (i.e fast fashion), they will always use the cheapest buttons. So if you want your clothes to look more expensive don't use those buttons. I have been know to buy things vintage or second hand, strictly for buttons. I have a huge collection of buttons, and it is so easy to attach them to a new garment, and make it feel completely different.

One of the easiest ways to make you clothing look high end, is to pair it with something of extreme quality. Use high quality fabrics, like linen, silk, leather, - and pair it with your lower quality pieces, and the overall effect with be an up-scale expensive outfit.