Your style rules

Our readers share their guidelines for looking good

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We asked you to tell us the rules that govern your wardrobe, and you didn’t hold back. Some of you sent long lists, others even 1-o-n-g-e-r lists. And some of you were so helpful that you gave us rules that should govern other people’s wardrobes. One of our favorites came from a mom in Lyndhurst, who begs her son to follow three simple guidelines:

1. Always have a statement necklace.
   A statement necklace added to almost any outfit can steal the show. It can be inexpensive or over the top in cost. Everyone will notice. You really need to own several.

2. Wear a watch.
   The watch should serve as statement piece rather than timepiece, because we know what time it is by looking at our cellphones. Get a plastic, colorful watch or a trendy silver/gold piece or a men’s watch.
3. Shop vintage.
A fantastic way to add individual style to set yourself apart from the group. Everyone knows that you can find a lot of designer items at bargain prices. Pick up an old-fashioned textbook so you will know what labels to look for, and be sure they are in perfect condition. Always begin your search with the accessories, as you can never go wrong with vintage jewelry. Cleveland has lots of vintage retail shops.

4. Own a good umbrella.
Something colorful and fun that makes you feel great even when it is pouring cats and dogs. It does not have to be big, just big fun.

5. Wear Spanx.
Oprah Winfrey featured them on her show as one of her “favorite things.” They squeeze you in at all the right places. If they are not in your drawer, they should be. Everyone can look like Hollywood glam with Spanx.