



A lacy underlayer adds volume and charm

YOU ASKED

Q I'm tired of wearing the same basic outfit to work. How do I jazz up a white shirt, a cardigan, and navy pants?

Swap in a floral, striped, or abstract-print blouse in place of your button-down to breathe new life into a cardigan; we like the ones at christopherandbanks.com. While it's wise to stick with neutral pants, add interest with low platform heels or wedges in a bright shade (try softshoe.com); they'll smarten up an outfit beyond the standard pumps.

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SHOP \$MART Jason Wu's ethereal, elegant clothes for First Lady Michelle Obama earned him a spot in the Smithsonian. (Remember the floaty white ball gown she wore on Inauguration Night? All his.) From now through March 6, you can also find his designs at a very nice price on the racks at Target. His limited-edition line of dresses (the sequined-tulle-edged one above is \$60), tops (\$24 for the one shown), skirts, scarves, and handbags is refreshingly ladylike, decked out with grown-up trimmings like ribbons, pearls, and lace.



Brighten Up!

Defrost your wardrobe with small doses of tropical hues. *From left:* Forever 21's enamel and gold-tone stretch bangle (\$11) is total arm candy and shifts chicly from winter to summer; a bow-topped yellow belt or a braided grass-green version by Express (\$24 each) provides a preppy pop of color at the waist.

THE NEW LEG WARMERS

There's no reason skirts and dresses have to hibernate all winter. These opaque tights by Plush (\$35, plush-apparel.com) are lined with the thinnest layer of fleece to ward off chills, whether you're outdoors or at your desk. They come in a handful of colors and styles (including leggings) that you'll get a real kick out of.