

Reporter: A Question Of Style



Celebrity stylist Karen Ng answers your fashion queries.

Q My wardrobe is full of solid-coloured separates. How can I refresh my look without breaking the bank? – Pat

A Dear Pat, I am going to share a simple tip that will help you discover different looks and styles using your own wardrobe.

Start by separating the tops and bottoms (even if they are parts of a suit) and then arrange them according to colour, from light to dark shades. Begin with white, off-white and yellow on one end of the spectrum, and orange, red, purple, blue, green, grey and then black on the other. Repeat the process for accessories like belts, handbags and shoes.

Now, this is where the fun begins. Simply pick an item, for example, an orange blouse, and pair it with all the bottoms and you will start to see the various choices that match the top. Of course, you have to be discerning when mixing and matching an ensemble. After all, you may not really want to match an edgy vest with a bohemian lace skirt.

That said, don't be afraid to try clashes like green and orange or red and blue — you'd be surprised that some of the most unexpected colour combinations really do work. As long as shoes, a handbag or even your makeup matches one of the colours, you should be on the right track.

More important, this colour-coding helps you figure out the hues that are missing from your wardrobe. Once you've stocked up on shades that are absent from your closet, your next step would be to introduce patterns like florals, graphics, artwork, stripes and animal prints into your repertoire and, *voilà*, you're well on your way to being a versatile glamazon!

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