

Reporter: *A Question Of Style*



**Celebrity stylist
Karen Ng
answers
your fashion
queries.**

Q I'm a 1.65m-tall business development executive and meet clients on a regular basis. I am always dressed in black, white, and other dull colours but, deep inside, I'm a fan of head-turning shades. Please advise me: How can I look professional and yet not boring and predictable? — Gin Wong



Multicolor Intrecciato Acquarello bag, by Bottega Veneta.



Wesley Lau/Leontine



Grey Balenciaga Heels with a pop of yellow, worn by Reese Witherspoon.



Banana Republic

Gin, darling, I am sorry to say that you will never get far in looking your best if you don't let forth your fashion sense. I can give you 1,001 tips to dressing perfectly, but if your exposure to fashion is zero, my efforts will be futile.

Set aside some time and make an effort each day scouring through fashion magazines (they provide insights on trends and styling, dressing tips, as well as advice on how to coordinate colours), fashion and styling books (you will learn the do's and don'ts of dressing for your body shape) as well as bi-yearly magazines which catalogue the season's catwalk fashion shows. I tear out pages with inspiring images, or articles that catch my eye, then file them for future reference.

Believe me, when you are out of

ideas and stuck in a rut, this lookbook is a source of inspiration and fresh ideas.

Here's my golden tip: Ask yourself which celebrities you adore and pick one who has a similar shape and size as you. Start researching her personal style and I bet you will find a number of looks that are right for you.

As for colours, everyone can wear each and every primary and secondary colour out there, but finding the right depth, shade and tone of each individual colour is important. It can either lift you up or wear you down. You can discover this through experience or, to save time, consult a colour-analysis consultant.

Try injecting a bold shade into your ensemble starting with a bright red handbag, for example, before gradually adding more bright pieces. Get going and have fun on your fashion journey! :

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Wang Lei in Christian Dior.



Gucci



Cobalt blue D-Bag, by Tod's.

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