

## Reporter: *A Question Of Style*



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

**Q** I love long cardigans, but how do I wear one to a formal event and on weekends? — Ann

**D** ear Ann, When finding the right cardigan, your choice of fabric (be it silk, light wool knit or cotton), design (elegant, sporty or urban), cut (fitted, tapered or loose) and colour (light or dark) will depend on the occasion or dress code.

For a formal occasion, you may team the classic cover-up with a silk and lace camisole or a collared crisp shirt, which may then be matched with a variety of skirts and pants. I personally like to wear cardigans over a shift, A-line, asymmetrical or shirt dress with a thin, exotic skin belt strapped loosely above the hip, or chunky patent belt to cinch the waist. The key is understanding that you can create new looks by playing around with the details of your top. Wear a cardigan over a ruffled, frilled, drapes or pleated blouse for soft, romantic appeal; or with a digitally-printed or geometric-print dress for a modern edge. A dark-coloured cardigan is good for a formal look, but do look out for unusual colours such as burgundy, plum, teal, cobalt, graphite or army green



Michelle Kois



Brooch and cuff, both by Chanel.

for a bit of variation. Top it off with one of this season's must-haves — a statement shoe such as the clog (Chanel), crystal-encrusted acrylic wedge (Prada), fringed platform (Louis Vuitton) or military-inspired heel (Balmain for Giuseppe Zanotti).

When the weekend comes, show some skin by matching the cardigan with printed tank tops and shorts or skinny jeans, slip dresses as well as short day dresses. The sports-inspired look that's all the rage this Spring/Summer 2010 would go great with a cardigan too. Try it with a racer-backed T-shirt and cycling shorts or tennis-style dresses. For an after-five look, add a cardigan over a racy, sheer lingerie-inspired dress. Weekends are all about fun and play, so express yourself with pop hues like chilli red, shocking pink, lemony yellow, neon green and electric blue. Finally, accessorise the



Lucite heel, by Prada.



Diane Von Furstenberg



Alexa Chung

cardigan with a few military badges or insignias and you are guaranteed looks of approval from those in the know, and a chic straw sun hat or snazzy fedora for added flair. :

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