

5 Frugal Holiday Fashion Finds

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On the Fashion Front

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December brings lots of holiday parties and special occasions. We want to look our best without re-wearing the same outfit to every event. But who wants to spend all that money? Not me! If you feel the same way, try these five ways to look stunning this season without breaking the bank.

Rent The Runway is an online service that allows members to rent designer dresses. Their frocks start at \$40 with most falling between \$50 and \$150 for a four-day rental. Insurance for the clothing costs five dollars. And I recommend it so you won't have to worry about spilling a cocktail or breaking a zipper. The selection is outrageous! In fact, I've already reserved my Badgley Mischka sequined number for New Year's Eve.

ShoeDazzle.com is an online shoe club. A mere \$39.99 per month opens a closet full of shoes, handbags, and jewelry with free shipping both ways.

Bag Borrow or Steal lets you rent designer handbags for a week, month, or even an entire season. When you're done with the bag, simply return it for a new one.

Nordstrom Rack is one of my favorite haunts because of its wide selection and up-to-date styles. I can always find fabulous staple pieces.

Ruelala.com is one of my favorite finds. Prospective members must be invited by a current member or join a waiting list. And, yes. It's worth the wait. Collections become available for just a few days, but you can obtain advance schedules of featured collections called boutiques. I nabbed a few Michael Kors dresses that wow for about \$80. You can set up your account to be notified of dates when your favorite designers will be featured. I have not been disappointed yet.

Look festive the frugal way. Happy Holidays and Happy Shopping!

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