



# Lipstick POWDER N PAINT

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## Party in Style

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Bustiers, waist emphasis, glittery embellishments, and jewel-toned hues will outfit you for any holiday fete whether it's cocktails, New Year's, office or family gatherings. Our picks will help your personality shine through no matter what your budget.

### Perfect Cocktail Dress



**Splurge**

**Steal**

**Splurge:** The little black dress has timeless appeal. But in the hands of Canadian designer David Dixon it soars to new heights with intricate, laser-cut layers of silk organza. When you walk into the room, watch the feathers fly. \$695.

Sizes 2 - 14. Available at *The Room at The Bay* and *Holt Renfrew*.

**Steal:** Sparkle adds oomph to this LBD. The fitted tunic mini with whimsical swirling sequins and satin trim will help you outshine everyone. \$169.95.

Sizes XXS - XL. Available at *Le Chateau* stores and [www.lechateau.com](http://www.lechateau.com).

### Perfect New Year's Dress



**Splurge**

**Steal**

**Splurge:** Well, hello gorgeous. Cinderella couldn't ask for more than BCBG Max Azria's pleated-silk organza bustier gown. Flattering nipped waist. Romantic floral details. You'll blossom. \$778.

Sizes 0 - 12. Available at *BCBGMAXAZRIA* stores.

**Steal:** Prefer sexy to sweet? Show your stripes in this curve-hugging sequined tank dress from Dynamite, \$39.99, and have a wild time.

Sizes XS - L. Available at *Dynamite* stores.

### Perfect Office Party Dress



**Splurge**

**Steal**

**Splurge:** When the party's after work, you need clothes that do double-duty. With its flattering side-gather and fold-down collar, this is sophisticated enough for a day at the office, but the bold shade will make you stand out at night. \$275.

Sizes 4 - 18. Available in black and royal blue, too, at [www.cartise.ca](http://www.cartise.ca).

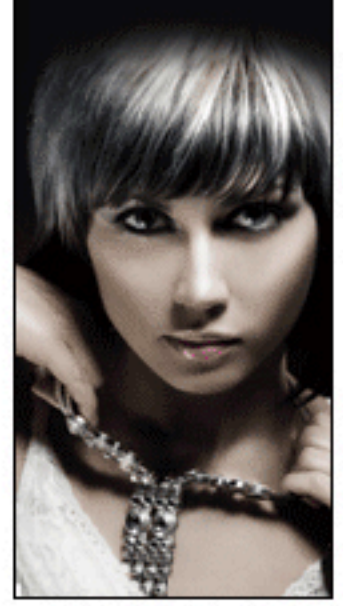
**Steal:** Ditch the Christmas tree earrings and get into the spirit of the season with a green dress. The tailored skirt is office-appropriate but the pleated waist and collar give it a touch of evening glam. \$129.99.

Sizes 4 - 16. *Jessica*, available at *Sears* stores.



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