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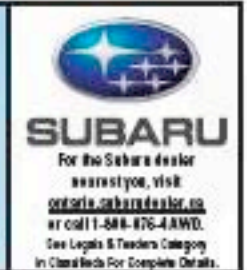
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SUN LIFE



Fresh faces for holidays

The makeup look for this season is vibrant, cheery and full of metallics.
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Dressing up

Shake out the sequins, holiday parties are calling for glam!

Christmas is fast approaching and Hanukkah is already well underway. The invitations to social and family gatherings are flying in faster than snowflakes.

"This holiday season is all about gold and glitz! Soft fabrics like chiffon covered with sequins are important, as are short dresses with plenty of volume," says Montreal-based fashion designer Stacey Zhang.

It's a banner season for those who enjoy wearing dresses, with many designers exploring new silhouettes and styles.

"Dresses are short, structured and sexy, a la Lady Gaga and Rihanna, this holiday season," says Naana Tennachie



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Style

Yankey, the Montreal-based designer of Coccolily.

Pull out all the stops in above-the-knee skirts and hourglass-shaped dresses in luxurious fabrics such as satin, lace and velvet. Full skirts with tulle trimmed underskirts are a fun movement for the trend.

As always, the little black dress reigns supreme, with red, fuchsia, emerald green, violet, ivory and metallic gold among

the other top seasonal colours.

Skirts are often paired with co-ordinating bustier style, strapless and sweetheart-neckline tops.

All of the above are also defining details on the season's many curve-flattering dresses, some of which also feature ¾-length sleeves, ruffle trimmed necklines and asymmetrical hemlines.

One-shouldered and corset style tops also jazz up basic bottoms, such as pencil skirts, slim fitting and flowing pants.

"You can never go wrong with a pencil skirt and a rich jewel toned blouse," says Toronto-based designer Rachel Sin. "A button down silk blouse

paired with skinny trousers accessorized with a belt makes for another easy go-to look."

To keep things casual, dress up skinny jeans and leggings with sequined tanks, tunics and blazers.

"Invest in a great-quality pair of leggings made of opaque fabric, whether shiny or textured, and be sure to wear them with longer tops or mini dresses to keep the look classy for the holidays," says Tennachie. "Don't try too hard, just have fun, be yourself, and count your blessings; after all you've made it through the year," says Tennachie.

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1 Sabrina wears a black satin bodysuit (\$250) with a co-ordinating skirt (\$190, both Coccolily, coccolily.com). The satin bodysuit features a detachable satin floral rosette and the skirt features a tulle underskirt. A black and pewter toned stretch bracelet (\$14, both Smart Set, smartset.com) accessorizes with style.

2 Megan wears a black jacket with a rhinestone-trimmed zipper, three-quarter-length sleeves and a ruffled neckline (\$210) with black dress pants (\$145, both Joseph Ribkoff, josephribkoff.com). Details such as the ruffled neckline, and sequin patch pockets help to create standout holiday style for those more comfortable in pants. A silver mesh and rhinestone studded bracelet (\$14, Smart Set, smartset.com) adds dazzle.

3 Megan models a black and copper open-weave dress with fringed details (\$190, Joseph Ribkoff, josephribkoff.com). A black evening bag (\$49.50, Jovani Shoes), finishes things off on a sleek note.

4 Looking for holiday booties that don't break the already-bereft bank? These zip boots can go high or low, with a heel that works with any style. \$99, Joe Fresh, joe.ca.

5 Double-booked for the evening with two fabulous fetes? No need to rudely pull out the smartphone — check your departure time with a lovely watch that doubles as pretty jewelry. Timex Modern Originals Grande Classic, \$75, The Bay, timex.ca and fine watch retailers.

6 Your outerwear will give an indication of just how dressy you want the evening to be. Don't disappoint with a fur vest that looks both luxe and flirtatiously fun. \$265, Cartise, cartise.ca.

7 A swish of sequins and you're off — this sequin cross-body purse holds your money and cellphone in style, with enough room for makeup essentials. \$39.50, Gap, gap.ca.

8 Less-than-stellar hair days are one of winter's worst qualities, but if it happens on a party night, write it off to showcasing your new sparkly beret — no one will ever be the wiser. \$14, George by Walmart, fashionbygorgie.ca.