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## Style – It's Not Just For Other Women Anymore

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Hello once again, you belles of Bloomingdales, you fashionistas of the Forum Shops.....

It occurs to me that with summer almost over (tell THAT to the next heat wave!) and back-to-school upon us, you all might be looking for ways to stretch your clothing dollars by taking items you've worn this summer and MAGICALLY TRANSFORMING them into fall duds. Anybody interested???

First, let's banish some stereotypes. Who remembers "Never wear white after Labor Day"? That one's right up there with "Petite women can't wear flats" and "Curvy women shouldn't wear stripes". I'm here to tell ya that your white shirts, T's, cardigans, skirts and even pants look AMAZING for the fall, when paired with other great pieces. For example– your white pants, a platform, high-heeled Oxford lace up shoe ( check out Marc Jacobs and Stuart Weitzman ) a striped black and white sweater and – SURPRISE – a black beret? Try putting a white T under a red tank with your white cardigan and a pair of boyfriend jeans and finish it off with ankle boots! Keep that full white skirt out, only put it with black leggings, black heels and a black T. I'll bet your grade-school daughters will really think you're cool!!! Are you panting for some color now? All those va-va-voom REALLY low V-necked sweaters for fall look sharp when layered over white camis and white pants – especially if you throw the fall's brightly color-blocked shoes into the mix. Get the idea???

Many of your summery cotton dresses and skirts look fun and funky when worn with leggings and flats, too. But have you realized yet that you can take all those pairs of walking shorts and wear them over patterned tights with heeled Oxfords or chunky heel sandals? In fact, I will go so far as to give you my new list of fall's top 5 – pieces that will extend your summer clothes and make great building blocks for your winter wardrobes.....

1. High heeled chunky sandals or platform Oxfords – wear 'em with skirts, pants, jeans, etc.
2. A cashmere ( or wool, if your budget prefers) long coat-sweater in a BRIGHT color to spice up neutrals.
3. A pair of wide-legged man-tailored slacks in black, grey or a small check or plaid.
4. Patterned hose or tights ( the difference is weight and see-through-ability).
5. A glittery dress, sweater or jacket to top evening looks or funk-up your jeans.

And the bonus is that they're all coming into the stores now – just in time to save you from screaming "Lindsay – I NEVER know what to wear for fall in Las Vegas!!!"

So adios, my divas and remember – "Trend is 'today' – 'style' is forever"!!!!