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Style – It's Not Just For Other Women Anymore

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Well, ladies (and gentlemen, I'm no sexist!), it's April and that says "spring cleaning" to me!!! When I think about spring-cleaning, I think about putting my winter clothes to bed and "re-birthing" my summer things because, unfortunately, I don't have Celine Dion's closet space – do you???? If you don't either, here are a few tips for changing the scene–ry in your dressing room.....

1. Send your winter wools/cashmeres/other fine fabrics to the cleaners or launder them before imprisoning them for another summer. Avoid the "I'll get to it in the fall" mind–set that makes stains permanent, holes larger and needed alterations a forgotten memory.
2. Once the remains of Thanksgiving dinner are cleaned from your sweaters, skirts, dresses and coats (why WERE you wearing a coat at the dinner table???) pack them into heavy clear plastic bags to be stored on high shelves or under your beds. These bags come in all sizes and have handles for pushing, pulling and placing.....the ones from www.thecontainerstore.com are my particular favorites.
3. Bring on the summer duds! Try 'em on, wash 'em, clean 'em and mend'em so that you know WHAT you need BEFORE you hit the summer sales.....remember, Nordstrom's semi–annual sale is coming!
4. Shoes are a great way to update last year's capris. Jessica Simpson's ADORABLE ballet flats just came in in lipstick red or royal blue patent leather – or try Ugg's flip flops. (Yes, Ugg's!!) High heel junkies rejoice – rope wedge peep toes and chunky heel platforms are hotter than ever for those days when it's hotter than ever!
5. Need a quick "punch" in the "arm"–oir?? How about a new bag that says "Summer's here and the time is right"??? Throw in a brightly colored clutch as your new neutral for evening or "bag–it" in white patent from Isaac Mizrahi for Target. Keep it "cheap chic" and you won't worry about replacing it when the trend disappears!!!

Well, that does it again, my savvy friends! Stay cool while looking HOT and remember....."Trend is 'today', style is 'forever'!!!!