



7 "Now" Looks You Can Create on a Budget

Not only is thrift clothing marked at bargain basement prices, but by personalizing your Value Village/Savers/Village des Valeurs finds, you can express your individuality without the stress of ruining an expensive piece. Here are some tips to keep in mind when searching the racks:

Not-So-Blue Jeans – Lively accents are the way to go this year when it comes to sporting denim. Satin, velour and patterned fabrics are popping up on ankles and seams everywhere – a sew-savvy look easily achieved at home. Purchase pre-worn jeans and affix a custom trim to create a new piece you can guarantee no one else will have. The best part? A new trim can cover end seams and finishes where fabric tends to fray and show wear. For a different original look, try punching holes and adding a customized lace-up look to jeans.

Western Classics – Straight from the runways of Paris and Milan, classic western wear is the new cowboy chic. Traditional western shirts and cowboy boots, complete with old-fashioned prices, are a thrift store abundance. Paired with modern pieces, the result is a hip and current country western look ready for any fashion showdown!

Decade Raid – Nothing screams "in-style" more than vintage. There's a slew of sporty styles from decades past making a big comeback - but don't pay big bucks when you can get the real deal at a thrift store like Savers/Value Village. Keep these throwback looks in mind while sifting through the goods:

- **60's School Cool** – Look for pleats, plaids and fitted boyish blazers for an updated school girl ensemble. Hemlines on pre-worn skirts are easily adjusted for a sassy, preppy look on the older student.
- **70's Tee Time** - Vintage tees complete with faded graphics and glitter sparkle are the groovy gear to have. Check the boy's section for baby tees adorned with comicbook heroes. Purchase a ready-to-wear classic thrift store tee, or buy a plain used one and add a cool iron-on patch, which is also a funky fashion yes!
- **80's Wacky Tacky Taste** – Anything goes when it comes to the eighties. Re-create flash-dance fashion by cutting new necklines in inexpensive sweaters and sweatshirts. Keep an eye out for acid washed jeans and don't forget an oversized belt to hold the look together.

Urban Sprawl – Fashion is made comfortable when teens and tweens slip into street-style active gear. Hoodies, team jerseys and matching sweat suits in a rainbow of fabrics and colors offer a casual, yet stylish look. Thrift stores are stocked year round with excellent urban-wear options at affordable prices. Comb through the racks for broken in hooded-sweatshirts, team jerseys complete with the biggest names in sports and remember to keep an eye out for that authentic velour jumpsuit!

Shopping thrift means shopping smart and Savers and Value Village stores provide the ultimate treasure hunt. Anyone with an eye for style can easily put together original outfits, save some money, and best of all...have a lot of fun in the process!

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