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**The CLOTHING DOCTOR®** CLOTHING CARE ... with Steve

## Stain School & Care: It's Almost Fall!

### How to Prepare for Seasonal Transitions

As we wind down from summer, devote an hour to assess your wardrobe — in closets, drawers, basements and attics. What did you wear this spring & summer and, perhaps more importantly, what didn't you wear?

- ◆ Sensitive subject, but if you didn't wear something in your immediate closet all season, do you still need or want it?
- ◆ If you wore a garment for even 5 minutes, it should be cleaned. Insects sense it — and soil, perspiration and food stains become permanent if not cleaned.
- ◆ If you store seasonal clothing at home, stay away from basements and attics. To gain space and to maintain clothing, ask your drycleaner about storage services.
- ◆ White linen and cotton outfits that have turned a bit dingy can be whitened and restored by your drycleaner. Ask about their wetcleaning service.
- ◆ Fall signals a good time to inspect and prepare your seasonal leather and suede garments. Check for repairs and stains to get them ready. It may take 2-3 weeks to clean, so beat the rush that starts when the weather changes!
- ◆ Get your lightweight blankets and bedding cleaned, packaged, and ready for next spring. And point out all stains.

## Shopping Savvy: Beat the Fall Rush

You may think it's a bit late, but it's never too late to buy right!

- ◆ Save Return Trips: Inspect all purchases before leaving the store; hems, hooks, seams, buttons (ask for extras!)
- ◆ Read Care Labels: Know care instructions before buying, and make sure kids' clothing can be washed & drycleaned.

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FASHION & STYLE ... with Wendy



## Building a Wardrobe: Fall Fashion 2006

### Five Fashion "Must Haves" for 2006 - Part 2

Last issue Wendy shared her first five looks for fall: Current and a bit trendy, but what's fashion if not trendy? Here are six through ten.

**#6. Wedges...** this chocolate lace wedge is a delicious example of the fabulous fall wedges to be had...



**#7. Chunky Rings...** whether you wear them in clusters or let them stand alone, the chunky ring in earthy autumn tones is a great way to get yourself blinged up for fall!



**#8. Boots...** one of the few things that can actually get you to toss your flipflops (or Crocs) to the wind... Yummy boots with a hot looking wedge.



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**#9. Tunics ...** again, the fall 2006 mantra, "layer, layer, layer"... Nothing makes this art more fun to master than throwing a tunic into the mix, it adds depth & interest.



**#10. Military ...** another must have that can take you from the first chill in the air straight into winter as a layering piece ... The fabulous military-inspired jacket, wear it with your skinny jeans, winter shorts with tights & boots and throw it on over your dresses: Worth the investment!



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