

I AM FASHION

Coco Chanel once said: "I don't do fashion; I AM fashion." Every week, our style reporters will find a person who exemplifies that tenet.



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Who: Kara Weasen (junior-special education)

Why We Think It Works: When most people don't like a piece of clothing they have, they throw it out or give it away. Weasen saw another option.

"When I bought my sewing machine, I just decided to try it," she said.

Weasen took an old dress she had and turned it into a shirt. Matching it with a pair of bright yellow rain boots, Weasen managed to revamp an outfit that would have otherwise been exiled to the back of the closet.

"Well, it was a dress I didn't like, so it was fun," Weasen said.

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SAVE VS. SPLURGE

Look hot during this chilly season

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In a world of holiday-season sameness, an easy way to set your outfit apart is with accessories.

These winter-friendly options will help you float above the rest.

For the Girls

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Utility and style merge seamlessly in the Doubs Fingerless Gloves by Free People (\$24 on bizrate.com).

The decorative strips, accented by some bronze studs, add flair to these gloves, which also come in both black and heather gray colors.

Splurge

With a pair of driving gloves, such as the Look Here leather gloves by Nixon (\$32 on nixonnow.com), standing out is easy.

The design is sleek, accented by only a button, yet unique enough to warrant attention.

Of course, the bright red color helps as well.

For the Guys

Guy's gloves are plain — there's no way out of it.

However, there are also noteworthy accessories to make you stand out.

One accessory forgotten by most State College men is the scarf.

Though some may discount them as too feminine, there are plenty of scarves that hold a distinctly masculine look.

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One such piece is the Marled Solid Fringe Scarf by Urban Outfitters (\$24 on urbanoutfitters.com).

Set in gray and black, the fringe on the edge of this particular scarf allows it to distinguish itself without making too much of a statement.

Splurge

As far as men's scarves go, there is hardly a more classic look than the University Scarf



Courtesy of bizrate.com

These fingerless gloves by Free People have bronze stud accents that set off this different look. The gloves come in multiple colors, including both black and heather gray.

by Martin and Osa (\$44.50 on martinandosa.com).

Navy scarves are far from new, and the yellow stripes running through this one do

an excellent job of making a sharp contrast, making the it more distinct.

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