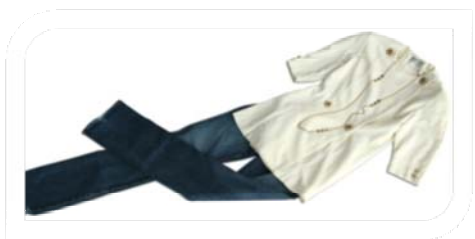


Back to School 2009: Dress to Impress for Less!

With the average family spending nearly \$300 on back-to-school gear, shoppers are looking to stretch their dollars as far as they can go. Recently, thrift stores have become a top way to save, with more and more people sporting secondhand bargains – all while saving money and going green. From vintage steals, to brand name basics, shoppers can easily score head-to-looks for under \$20. With more than 220 North American locations, Savers/Value Village thrift stores have been a long-time leader in back-to-school bargains – here are a few tips and sample outfits from our style team, showing how to get the look for less with this season's hottest trends.



Trendy ivory blazer with shoulder pads and dark denim jeans found at Savers/Value Village for just \$12 (USD).

Shoulder Salute

Whether they're exposed or padded, shoulders are all the rage this season and thrift store finds easily help show them off. Look for blazers from past seasons with now in-style pads, or pick up an old sweater and take scissors to the neckline for an off-the-shoulder fall back (hello, *Flashdance!*).

Pink Princess

Pretty in Pink never looked this good. The 80s era of excess is back – with many of this season's trends highlighting the flashy fashions of the 80s. Look for bold brights with a modern twist, spotlighted in this chic, magenta shift dress. Cinch a belt around the waist for curvy cuteness, and you'll be sure to make a super statement.



Magenta shift dress with braided belt, \$13 (USD)



Bright yellow dress paired with a sleek black blazer, found for only \$15 (USD)!

You Are My Sunshine

Who says fall has to be gloomy? While grays are making a splash on the runways this year, sunny yellows are also stealing the show. At Savers/Value Village, all clothing types are sorted by color so you can simply scan the racks and focus in on this hot hue. Don't miss the accessories section, where you can find inexpensive purses, scarves and jewelry to add an on-trend color pop.

Dude Do's

Men's styles will stay classic this year, and nothing beats a crisp pair of slacks and basic button down – both of which are thrift store abundances among top brand names. Classic preppy styles like striped shirts and pinstriped pants will keep guys looking dapper, and their wallet looking full.



Classic striped dress shirt and navy slacks picked up at Savers/Value Village for just \$20 (USD).