

# WARDROBE COMMITMENT

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Stockpiling the latest trends each season has left many of us with wardrobes full of unworn and unwanted clothes. This spring it's time to reassess our shopping strategies.

Blowing our budgets on wear-today-gone-tomorrow fashion has not only clogged up our closets, but also suffocated our personal style. While today's tough economic climate may force many of us to rethink our sartorial spending habits, a commitment to invest in fewer, better quality clothes that work harder for our money will also refocus our attention on those individual pieces that are worth cherishing.

This shift in focus has not been lost on designers. Many have worked on refining their own signature styles this season and produced pieces with staying power, rather than collections of one hit wonders. So if you are looking to update your wardrobe this spring, seek out those items without wear by dates that complement and enhance your individual style.

The new 'trophy' jackets are a great example of a covetable classic with a wow factor, and are as versatile as they are dramatic.

Statement necklaces now have a new rival in the adornment stakes, with oversized earrings featuring in many collections. These daring pieces will instantly transform your look, without breaking the bank.

And if you simply want to inject a bit of fun into your wardrobe, to counter the global gloom, then a splash of bold, bright colour will provide that essential feel good factor.

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## The new 'it' bag

If there is one bag you're going to buy this season, let it be the natural coloured one. It'll go with every outfit and the light colour has summer written all over it. We love this leather one from Mischa Barton's new handbag range exclusive to De Gruchy, £61.75.



Natural Woven Handbag £54.00 Eclat

Brown military style jacket  
 £165 Karen Millen



Wood Pendant Circular  
 Earrings £10.50 Eclat



Aqua and Bronze Double Hoop  
 Earrings £19.50 Eclat



Mega Gold Black Pendant  
 Earrings £17.50 Eclat



Tweed £199  
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Lime Moschino Cheap & Chic patent  
 peep toe £359 Renaissance

