



## Expert Advice

Scenes from Two Closets Listen and learn as two fashion connoisseurs

**O** ANN CARUSO, stylist  
**Ann's Rules**  
**Trendspotting** requires real effort. Ann doesn't just flip through magazines; she plans her buys carefully. "Coats are big now—I'd like to get something with a Russian theme, velvet or embellished."

**Build on** fundamentals like great jeans and pants. "I buy my staples, then fill in with a few trendier things."

**Feel good** in what you put on. "I wear cashmere year-round. I also love those Irish fisherman's sweaters."

**Invest** in quality. "My man-tailored shirts have three-button collars that come up high on the neck; they're fitted to the body, and the fabric is so nice."

**Classic** evening dresses look stylish longer—important for expensive items you don't wear all that often.

**Edit** your closet at the start of each season. "I try on anything I haven't worn lately. If I think I can go out in public and feel okay, I give it another shot. Otherwise, out."

**Be honest** about whether clothes still look good. "I bring a friend in. If you're by yourself, you want to keep everything."



Ann's got a whole lot of accessories—and a vast closet to store them in.



Ann in Yves Saint Laurent jacket, Paige Premium Denim, Necklace, Gerard Yosca Cuffs, Verdura.



Color-coded cashmere sweaters: She wears them all year, collects them in all shades.



Bangles, beads, and earrings are served up in highly organized trays.

“With classic clothes, I like accessories that are a little bit more bold and glamorous and fun—like chunky necklaces, dangly earrings, big rings, lots of bangles.”

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