

Brown jacket to Easter Show

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THE Easter Show is on this weekend and the process of getting the kids in the car, packing a bag and traveling to the venue can get a little stressful.

The last thing you probably want to think about is what you're going to wear. This weekend, the only thing you have to find is that brown leather jacket and let our four fashion professionals decide the rest.

Every Friday, three fashion experts and a woman who simply loves clothes will be put to the test with a "mystery item" of clothing or an accessory - the What - as well as social event the mystery will be worn - to Where?. The "mystery" will often be in your own wardrobe or at least affordable and easily found in most shops and the event will be one which most of us get invited to from time to time. Our three experts are Sydney stylist Annalisa Armitage, designer Sally Smith, Daily Telegraph Online Entertainment and Sydney Confidential Editor Paul Ewart and fashion lover / newsreader Michelle Taverniti.

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This is how our experts suggest you wear your favourite jacket.

Michelle Taverniti is a Newsreader and a fashion lover.

"I'd opt for something comfortable - like some light skinny jeans or black pant tights (not stockings), together with flat ankle boots and a plain tee.

"The leather jacket will keep you warm so the tee's a good option in case all that walking or show bag hunting gets you flustered!

"I find leather jackets look best with fitted clothing, so avoid drowning in too many layers. Other than that, it's really hard to go wrong with a brown leather jacket - stick to earthy tones for a fashionable Autumn look and stay warm at the same time.

"A brown leather cocoon bag with a long strap will not only match the boho-type look but is also practical for a day at the Easter Show. Also, if it's really chilly, bring along a thin olive green-coloured scarf, given your tee is plain and boots match the colour scheme.

"A good leather jacket is definitely a fashion wardrobe investment so I'd encourage splurging on a good quality one in a classic cut that you know you'll wear year in, year out."

Annalisa Armitage is the Owner and Principal Stylist for My Image Consultant. Visit www.myimageconsultant.com.au for more expert advice.

"Is it just too boring to wear jeans and brown boots, a white T-shirt, scarf in 'your colours' and hair and make-up to die for?"

"I think the Easter show is all about the show - no need to compete - everyone should be looking at everything else. You are the epitome of understated casual.

"The critical aspects here are that your jeans fit beautifully and your boots and jacket are of the highest quality. I am still loving a skinny jean with boots at least to the knee. Honestly if they are flat, tight at the ankle and over the knee no one will ask you how much?"

"However if you are over the look, the more fashion forward style would be skinnies that are cropped or rolled up with ankle boots.

"Only go with this look if you have long legs as the cropping and the boots will make your legs look shorter. I know the boots will be fairly flat as you will be going for comfort as you'll be doing a lot of walking!

"Jewellery should be kept to a minimum - you don't want it flying off or hitting you in the teeth as you defy gravity on the rides."

Sally Smith is the Director and Designer of her own business called Sally Smith. To find out more about Sally visit sallysmith.com.au.

"Well, The Royal Easter Show will need to be dressed for comfort as well as most likely wet weather as it always seems to rain on Easter Friday. A great pair of well fitting jeans, sneakers or boots, cool T-shirt will match this look.

"Brown leather does go with most things, but given the occasion, I wouldn't think you would be in anything but jeans and a tee or maybe leggings but only if you have the legs for them! Don't mix back with black leather at all.

"Earthy tones would work back with brown leather such as creams, ambers and wood.

"Prints also in earthy tones work well with brown leather, florals and geometrics."

Daily Telegraph Online Entertainment and Sydney Confidential Editor Paul Ewart.

"With the weather turning distinctly chilly, tailored, boxy chocolate brown leather is an ideal style-saver. Think dressed-up casual and pair with fitted jeans, ballet pumps and simple vest.

"Don't try to do anything too elaborate - especially for the Easter Show. Leather jackets - unless cropped and super-fitted - don't lend themselves well to evening wear.

"If you feel like having your hair, then some ornate Indian-inspired chandelier earrings are a great option to add some interest. Likewise a semi-precious encrusted silver ring (or two) will help to add detail to your ensemble.

"Go super-sized with a chunky cable knit scarf - possibly in a light grey hue."

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