

Fish-nets to a hen's night

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FISH-net stockings can be a bit of a hit and miss but us girls want to whip it out every time we get invited to a hens night. The fact that winter is here, means that urge gets stronger.

There is a solution. Our expert advice will make sure those stockings are a notable fashion statement for a great night out.

Every Friday, two fashion experts and a woman who simply loves clothes are put to the test with a "mystery item" of clothing or an accessory - the "to What" - as well as social event the mystery will be worn - the "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, Daily Telegraph Online Entertainment and Sydney Confidential Editor Paul Ewart and fashion lover / newsreader Michelle Taverniti. Look sexy and glammed up for that winter hens night using this useful advice:

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Michelle Taverniti is a Newsreader and a fashion lover.

"Fish-net stockings are a tough look to pull off, for anyone. But if a hen's night is the theme, you can let your hair down a little bit.

"I'm assuming I'm a guest and not the Hen so I'd wear the stockings under a black bandage dress (with cap sleeves) and ankle boots - if you've got good legs, why not show them off? For the more creative types, choose the dress in an emerald or purple hue.

"I'd steer clear of ultra short shorts and mini-skirts - you want to sex it up a bit but not come off looking like a hooker.

"Some loose chains around your neck, dark nails, a good blow-dry

and some crimson lippie."

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

"OK so you are out on the hen's night - please let it be classy not trashy. There is no need for everyone to get out of hand - that's only for the bride.

"Black fish net stockings can make a classy or trashy statement depending on what you wear them with and how much alcohol you drink.

"As we're going for the classy option, once again lets try to stay away from the predictable LBD (Little Black Dress) and wear a dress with the length just above the knee.

"The neckline should show little or no cleavage. In terms of colour, red is also one to stay away from as it can look too burlesque with the fish-nets.

"So with all of this in mind go the opposite, a pastel pink or pastel blue dress with perhaps netting underneath the skirt.

"Fifties style would be fabulous with a large patent leather belt at the waist to give it some edge together with black patent shoes. A simple strand of pearls would heighten the juxtaposition of styles and look fabulous.

"Wear your hair in soft waves - again 50's style if possible with neutral make-up. The legs are enough of a statement. "

Daily Telegraph Online Entertainment and Sydney Confidential Editor Paul Ewart.

"If you and your crew are eschewing the usual bawdy devil horns and male genitalia adornments and opting for a more classy celebration then feel free to go for all out glam-o-rama. A fitted shift dress - or body-con if you're brave - and a faux fur jacket or vintage blazer will do nicely.

"Don't go OTT when wearing fish-nets - there's a fine line between glam fashionista and hookers-ville! This means shying away from anything that reveals too much cleavage and mini-skirts (especially in denim or leather).

"A pair of platform Mary Janes, some ornate semi-precious bejewelled earrings and a statement making torque.

"Fish-nets evoke a Betty Page vintage feel so go retro with the hair and make-up. Think scarlet lips and a 30s up-do."