**TRANSCRIPT**

**Tina Brunet:** This video series was produced through a collaboration between Vision Australia and The Ark Clothing store.

In this series, we look at fashion and why it's an important factor for people looking for work or simply to create an image that sets them up for success.

In this episode, we talk about accessories such as necklaces and scarves and how this can help bring an outfit to life. We also look at dressing confidently for your body shape. We hope you enjoy it.

**Vildana:** So I feel like I've sorted my basics now.

**Cathy:** You have and you look very good, it’s the perfect outfit for work.

**Vildana:** Thank you.

**Cathy:** What we have to do is finish the look though. We have to introduce some accessories because they are like icing on the cake. It just gives you that final finished look. I’ve selected a long necklace. We’ve created elongation by adding this necklace and we’re adding a point of interest on the body.

The necklace itself is made from a leather twine and it’s in a contrasting colour – a beige colour which we can now see on the black, creating a V shape on your chest and a lot of interest in the jewellery piece at the bottom. The silver reflects light and makes it a little bit more interesting. So that’s one look that you can have. And obviously depending on your personality and the colours that you like, you can have lots of different types of necklaces to add. With this top having its own little V-line neckline, you could actually wear something short at the top of your necklace to add colour and interest. But we do like the elongation of the leather binding.

I would also give you the choice of adding a scarf because we love to add colour to an outfit, particularly because you are all in black. And this one has a beige background with a little bit of ink and pink tonings to it. It’s a square scarf and it can be beautifully worn. If I just approach you and tie it at the front, adding a little bit of colour and you could just play around with that.

So now the outfit’s a little bit more interesting. If you want to take the scarf off, you’ve still got the necklace on underneath and you’ve got the added colour of what’s in the scarf. If it’s not that one, you might like to choose a scarf that you really love the colours of and have a choice of different ones to give you a different look.

**Vildana:** It’s beautiful. So you think that both the necklace and scarf could go together?

**Cathy:** It does because when you arrive, you could have the scarf on. It’s quite cosy, it’s very lightweight as you can feel. But maybe during the interview, for instance, you might get a bit warm and you want to take it off. Well then, you’ve still got the necklace on underneath and you look like you’ve got a finished outfit on.

**Vildana:** Beautiful. And it looks almost like I could take it to a nightclub.

**Cathy:** You could.

**Vildana:** Afterwork drinks.

**Cathy:** Yes, you could or we could change it and put it in our bag and bring another one out that’s bit more dressy.

[Short interlude]

**Cathy:** Body shape is always a question that people ask us when they come in. “What suits my body shape?”

We like to say everything suits your body shape. It’s just how you wear it and how much personality you show in your outfit. For instance, we’ve got wide legged pants here. A lot of people are frightened of wide legged pants because they feel it draws them to the ground and doesn’t suit their body shape. But in actual fact, it’s a beautiful look. This pair of pants, beautiful, floaty fabric. It has pockets. The trick to putting a wide leg pant on is to always keep the top short. You don’t want a long flowy top to match the long flowiness of the pants. You need to keep it cropped. So we’ve got a shorter length here and with this fabric, which is beautiful polyester fabric and a long elongated leg. It gives balance and proportion to the body and sits very well to the eye.

This pant can also be taken to the weekend where if you threw on a pair of little brogues, it can actually make the wide legged pant look very casual weekend wear. I’d probably pop it with a little knit, and [sic] a scarf and the little white lace shoe or runner as well. It would make this outfit look very casual. This little knit is also a cropped knit and not very full in its body. You can really dress this down to a completely different look. So don’t be afraid of a wide legged pant because they certainly have a place in your wardrobe.

**Tina Brunet:** Thanks for watching.

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