

I asked myself, "What does appearance say about us?"

Observation: Your hair is tightly controlled, a pulled-back ponytail, sides constrained by black clips, wire. One wisp escapes. And down your neck, two curls. Dark clothes. White sneakers.

Analysis: A personality made severe by need (scholastic?). A part of you desires still to be care-free; a natural person.

And so,

## Style Advice to a Single Woman in Cold Dark Blue: By Andrew MacPhee

Cease wearing solely dark colours. Bright red hoodies will be for you. Steer away from sneakers – wear low-cut boots or hiking boots instead.

Make your clothing more radical. Wear flowers. Wear earth. Wear trees. Your clothing is cold. Warm yourself. Radiate warmth. Smile that nervous smile, and soon it will be soothed.

Wear cords. Light brown. And a sheer beige shirt, like a tunic, with a powerful colour underneath.

Wear a bright scarf, then slowly unwrap it, like you're presenting everyone in the room with a gift. Reveal your neck. People everywhere love your neck (they do, don't laugh!), but it can be ice or flesh, and the curve of your lips is the gauge that tells.

Release your hair, confined so tightly over your head. Let it curl upwards, tendrils, alive and vibrant, kissing the air, pulling down the sun and storing in your eyes.

Laugh naturally, uninhibited. Walk confident. Flow. Move. Dance like you're James Brown.

Don't strive for sexy. Striving is uncool. Sexy will grow, organic, out of the Style.