

# LBD (little black dress)

**What's a girl's best friend during party season? Other than aspirin, of course. The Little Black Dress.**

A work function on Thursday ... drinks at a friend's on Friday ... a family get-together on Saturday — and you have nothing to wear to all of the above. It's barely December and yet staring into the abyss of your closet, or worse your wallet, for a frock for all festivities has only just begun.

What if one dress, in a goes-with-everything, flattering (and non-red wine showing) black, could see you through every occasion until the New Year? Jody Phillips, owner of Nanna, ([www.nanna.ca](http://www.nanna.ca)), designed the Desi Dress, a tunic-style kimono sleeve sheath with exactly that kind of versatility in mind.

In cotton/spandex it flatters, and fits, sizes 0 to 14. And three-quarter length sleeves means it's suitable for work or a wilder night out. But don't ask for it in anything but black because Phillips didn't make it.

"The whole thing is using [a little black dress] as a blank canvas and putting your own touch on it — making it your own," she says. Not to mention the trick to ensuring you don't show up and immediately blend in with a sea of other Robert Palmer girls. "Accessories are key during the holiday season," says Phillips. The Desi comes with a one-of-a-kind vintage appliqué sash, but Phillips encourages mixing it up with a skinny leather cincher, a tangle of gold chains or a long string of pearls.

Lululemon's sustainable sister store Oqoqo has two LBDs this season, the Miyako and Gentian (Shhh, they also come in jewel, deep sea and violet). The Miyako offers a new twist, literally, on getting the most out of the bamboo jersey-style frock by wearing it backwards. Perfect for the party girl who doesn't know whether she's coming or going.

— Carly Krug, 24 hours

## MIYAKO DRESS, \$108, AT OQOQO.

- **Traditional?** Wear the gathered faux wrap waist and V-neck front and centre, and create drama with a Capulet shrug, \$40, also at Oqoqo.
- **Twist?** Turn it around to reveal a relaxed boat-neck and pair with cute but casual Audrey thigh-high socks, \$20, also at Oqoqo

- Photos: Rafal Gerszak, 24 hours



## DESI DRESS BY NANNA, \$110 AT TUTTA MIA, HUM, DREAM AND LIQUID.

- **Dress it up** with a vintage appliquéd sash (each Desi comes with its own one-of-a-kind removable belt) and gold kicks. Libellule jade drop earrings, \$68, also at Tutta Mia.
- **Dress it down** over denim. Fidelity Hyacinth jeans, \$160, with peacock blue Shi Studio belt, \$98 and Libellule amazonite drop earrings, \$45, also at Tutta Mia.

Thanks to model Billie Jo Bryce of [www.tyrheamodels.com](http://www.tyrheamodels.com)

## GENTIAN DRESS, \$98, AT OQOQO.

- **Bring sexy back.** Make a dramatic exit by letting this frock's focal point speak for itself.
- **Bashful?** Create a scene with colour not skin with a Funnel shirt, \$74, also at Oqoqo, and black knee-high boots.

- Thanks to Oqoqo staffer/model Kim Hausch



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