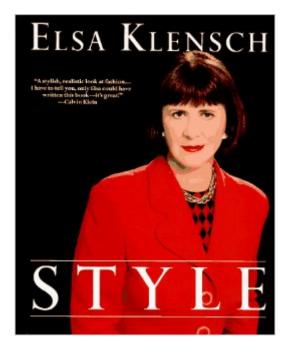
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Synopsis

From the internationally renowned host of CNN's "Style with Elsa Klensch"--a fully illustrated guide to building a wardrobe that reflects individual style. Practical tips on building a wardrobe, color, proportion, makeup, and grooming accompany 150 fashion illustrations and photos.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I have given this book to several women I know. Without exception, they have reported to me that it is practical, easy to understand, and a very useful reference book. It brings together lots of things you know, and gives them a new twist to make them fresh. It is also filled with completely new thoughts for making an existing wardrobe work better, for finding some new ways of adding a piece or two to give a new twist to what you already have. But perhaps its greatest strength, I am told, is that it helps a woman take a new look at herself, analyze her strengths and weaknesses, and develop a style which is hers personally. This is not a book for models. It is one for real women

This is a very, very easy, quick read with lots of quotes, photographs, drawings, and checklists. Klensch is very no-nonsense, with advice on how to build a simple, bare-bones wardrobe. The chapters are broken down into career, business travel, evening, leisure, accessories, and cosmetics. The only humor or lightness I found in the entire book was that "good-luck charm" made this list of "long-flight must-haves." THis is one of those books that is useful and practical, but more as a reference guide than as a read-through. Although the advice is geared to women of all shapes and sizes, the photographs are all of rail-thin runway models.

I agree with the other reviewer....Elsa is definitely no nonsense ...to the point.My biggest disappointment with the book is it seemed so geared towards women who are currently in high profile careers...even beauty related. I pursued my career until 32 when I started having children. I don't think Elsa ever makes any reference to a woman that does anything other than a high profile career.As a mother of two young children...I may not be attending posh nightly parties...and the like...however I still have an interest in maintaining and developing my style. This book seemed a little too geared toward the entertainment/modelling industry for me.I do appreciate her closing comments "to choose something just because you like it...is not enough"This is a big mistake I made for years...buying clothes and accesories cause I liked them....not because they suited me.I learned the hard way.All in all there were a few good tips....but more practical examples and pictures would have better served the books purpose....and less photos of paper thin models who make up such a small percentage of the North American population

This book is a great guide if you want to have more information of what is stylish or not. It gives you an idea of what to wear on different occasions. Even color combination are discussed as well as personal care tips. This book is not limited to fashion. It also covers good grooming and personal appearances on special occasions. You need this if you are going to have a busy social life.

It would help a lot if a color matching guide (palette) was included in the book. There are a variety of color interpretations made by clothing manufacturers, it is at times difficult to find the exact color match the author is suggesting.

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