

STYLES TO GO:

Goth!

Well, gals and guys, it's your fashion guru, again, with this issue's 'Styles to Go.' This time we're gonna be looking at all the complexities, or the lack there of, in the ever-morbid, ever-frightening, ever-depressing, and, most importantly, ever-ridiculous style referred to as 'Goth.'

As any Goth will tell you, it's not about being mean—only looking mean and portraying that misunderstood feeling. For this there is one mandatory requirement: your favorite color is now black. That's right kids; no more happy shades of blue, red, or yellow. The time has come to be much more shallow and much less daring.

Okay, so your first step is to throw away all of your clothes that are not black. You could give them to the homeless, but burning them is preferable. If this leaves you with one pair of black jeans, terrific! Not changing clothes on a daily basis really shows the magnitude of your "depression." If you feel compelled to buy some new shirts, try looking for some with bands such as Marilyn Manson, Joy Division, Bauhaus, or The Smiths—anything appearing ugly and angry, but not Alanis Morissette.



Next, rip and tear your clothes, all of them. It's time to show all those people how pissed off you really are!

Congrats! You are now ready for step two. Some of you guys out there might feel a bit uncomfortable with this one. But hey, you just burned all of your clothes so you really don't have much of a choice. All right, get out to a clothes store and purchase a few pairs of black, fishnet stockings. Why a few? Well, these don't just go on your legs. No no, that would be much too conventional. Get creative with them; cut the ends off at each side and they look great on your arms. Oh,

and you can rip these too!

Time to accessorize! Okay, you're gonna need a few cosmetic items. Most importantly, black eye shadow. Apply this all the way around your eyes; c'mon, don't be stingy, this stuff works wonders for giving you that "I was born to die" look. If you feel that your complexion is a bit too tan or healthy looking, try a little white face paint to give you that morbid, cadaverous appearance. Some other cosmetic products you should look into are black lipstick and black nail polish. In general, anything that's black; you really just cannot wear too much black.

Ready for some jewelry? Two words: spiked collars. For your neck, arms, wrists, ankles, or whatever suits you. Perhaps heavy chains are your fancy, they work as well. Lastly, with any leftover money, you might consider getting yourself a few piercings or a tattoo. Hell, if you really feel up for it try slashing yourself; anything that will leave a good, visible scar should do.

Well, that's it! You've made it to Goth-hood! Yay! Aren't you excited?! Just make sure not to show it. Remember: dark, angry, depressed.