



## Refresh Your Style

Grace Danuck, 47, a busy Apex wife and mom, is ready to dump her "sloppy looks," typically elastic-waist pants and tired tops. She sells Tupperware part time and wants to find stylish outfits that inspire confidence in her clients. "I would like to look more polished while still feeling comfortable," she said. We can do that.



**Before**  
Grace picks comfortable clothes because she has rheumatoid arthritis and it limits her ability to get into constricting clothes. But these elastic-waist pants do her no favors, adding bulk to her waist, hips and bottom. The thick weave of the sweater adds bulk to her torso. The sneakers look a bit casual for working her part-time job. Grace has a tidy cut and pretty hair color, but the bangs close in her face.

**After** (hair and makeup)  
Sophistication starts at the top. The right foundation evens out Grace's complexion, while bronzer and blush bring out her warm coloring and cheekbones. Eye shadow brings out her green eyes. Her eyebrows were shaped and pencil was added to better frame her eyes. Some styling paste, a side part that shows off more of her face and draws attention to her jawline and some finger-combing give her hair a more modern shape.



**Ready to party**  
Just right for hosting sales parties, this outfit says professional and stylish. A dot-pattern, ruffled sleeveless top, Milano, \$15, puts spring color near Grace's face, while a supportive bra lifts weight off her torso, slimming her waist. The "Lexie" trousers, \$17, have a defined (non-elastic!) waist and wide legs that skim over her hips and thighs and lengthen her leg. The woven blazer, Harve Benard, \$25, pulls it all together. Stylists' earrings, ring and bracelet. Grace's own shoes.

**What a peach**  
The pintucked rosette blouse, Kenar, \$17, coordinates nicely with the shawl-neck cardigan, Jeanne Pierre, \$15, and denim-look Rafaella trousers, \$20. A floral tote, Maurizio Taiuti, \$50, is the right size for Grace's frame. Stylists' jewelry.

**The reaction:** Thanks to Marshall's, which provided \$200 for Grace to buy both outfits. "I feel so special having so many people fussing over me," Grace said during the photo shoot, with a smile that lit up her face. "This has been such a great experience. It makes you feel beautiful."

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If you need a style reboot, send e-mail to sheon.ladson@newsobserver.com explaining your style challenge to be considered for a makeover. Go to <http://bit.ly/dQxQp8> to see an interactive feature with past makeovers.



## Lady Gaga, Jacobs, Olsens are honorees

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**NEW YORK**  
Lady Gaga, with her no-holds-barred wardrobe, has created a fashion revolution – and for that she'll get this year's style icon award from the Council of Fashion Designers of America.

CFDA president Diane von Furstenberg and executive director Steven Kolb announced the nominees and honorees for the annual industry awards at a reception last week at the DVF studio.

The other major prize to be awarded at the June 6 ceremony, for lifetime achievement, will go to Marc Jacobs, considered by insiders to be the most influential American designer working now. Jacobs was also nominated in the womenswear designer of the year category against Alexander Wang, and the design duo Lazaro Hernandez and Jack McCollough of Proenza Schouler.

Jacobs, in his late 40s, is one of the youngest designers to be honored with the Geoffrey Beene Lifetime Achievement Award. Von Furstenberg said she had already received e-mail from him joking that he'd like the award reduced to a "half-lifetime award."

"I told him that I'm much older than him and I'm still

kicking," von Furstenberg told the crowd, which included Vera Wang, Anna Wintour, Zac Posen, and Ashley and Mary-Kate Olsen.

The Olsens were nominated in the womenswear category for emerging talent for their collection The Row, as were Prabal Gurung and Joseph Altuzarra. Alexander Wang, Philip Lim and Robert Geller will compete in the menswear category, and Alejandro Ingelmo, Eddie Borgo, Pamela Love and Jason Wu in accessories.

In addition to the statuette, winners named as new talent receive a financial prize from crystal company Swarovski.

Other categories:  
■ Top menswear designer: Michael Bastian, Patrik Ervell and Simon Spurr  
■ Top accessories designer: Alexander Wang, Proenza Schouler and Reed Krakoff  
■ CFDA special tribute: photographer Arthur Elgort  
■ Media award: Hilary Alexander of The (London) Telegraph  
■ Founders Award: Hal Rubenstein of InStyle magazine  
■ International Award: Phoebe Philo of Celine

The selection committee includes the 370 CFDA members and select stylists, journalists and retailers.

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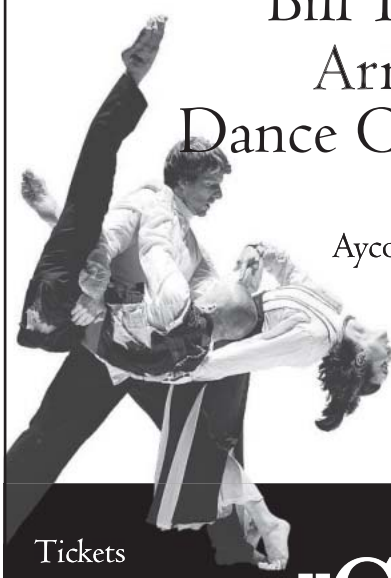


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