

## FASHION WRAP

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### Tights

Well ladies and gentlemen, it's officially fall, so it's time to talk tights.

These wonderful leggy friends are really the only thing that gets me through the winter, because frankly, pantyhose are just bad news.

Hose are the fairweather friends your parents warned you about; they see a table corner coming and they literally run up (your leg) and off to your bank account to rip you off for another \$5, \$10, or even 20-plus bucks!

Now tights just won't do that do ya. They'll hang in there, hugging tight to your gams, swearing to hold up under the threat of constant obstacles bearing down on your life and limbs.

So, naturally, I'm all over them; or, I guess more rightly, they're all over me this autumn.

This season, the younger set gets to try out all the crazy colours of the rainbow that designers dug out of their ateliers; you know, mustard, electric green, cobalt blue and the like under their UGGs.

Sure, let them have their fun; but the 25 and up bunch gets to trot out in tights too; under their righteous "shooties" and investment piece knee-high rockem, sockem boots. (Hey SJP posing as Carrie once said her retirement funds were safe and sound in her shoe closet, n'est ce pas?)

We longer-toothed types can have just as much fun, and do it up a bit more elegantly too, in charcoal greys and all greys, really, even a deep purple (gasp), chocolate browns, and of course, black.

Throw these on under a pencil skirt or shift dress of a matching hue, your cool boots and a three-quarter sleeve sweater and you'll rock your town inside out! Pair the ensemble up with a trench and sunglasses and you're translating cool into a language all your own. And you need not end your closely knit relationship with tights for just work and recreational wear; no, no, they're also available to do double duty with a hot cocktail dress and the shootie or a chunkier pump. That's just one way of putting the edge into your look and has been for the past year or two. For those of us who are vertically challenged, tights won't cut us off at the knees. When worn in the same or very close shade to your dress or skirt, their monochromatics will take care of that pesky short leg problem. One long lean line right to the tips of your toes, I dare say!

So really, pantyhose, you've seen better days...although I do fear that with some of these

Mad Men-inspired looks now out, you'll still get your due. Just not with me, and not often!

Hose can only apply to me for the occasional odd job 'cause tights have got me covered!

Hose need not apply here.  
Tights have got you covered.