



▲ **Plentiful pockets:** Helmut Lang's short black apron dress (\$339, above) from Nolita is decorated with enough pockets to manage major multitasking. Its string-like belt and cowlish neckline mix unexpected details with simple lines. Julieanna Little takes it to The Casey's penthouse terrace with a pair of Jeffery Campbell platform sandals (\$95) from Shoefly (718 NW 11th 503-973-5555). Jewelry is from Allison Jones, a Portland stylist.

► **Short and sweet:** Olivia Belle owner Lindsay Jackson (right) wears a Miguelina silk-organza dress in sugary maraschino cherry. The party dress's wide boat neck and mid-collared silk flower showcase the shoulders, an enviable body part this season. Jackson, who sells designer clothes for cut-rate prices in her outlet store, says the luscious yet modest mini (\$200) is "simply a very fun piece."

# Tuesday is... **FASHION DAY**

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It's only Tuesday and my suitcase is still full of clean clothes, but all the Pearl's pretty dresses are vying for my Visa. So many styles, so few credit cards.

Courage!

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◀ **Details, details:** Model Kerstin John-Ellis makes the fine points count in this buff-colored linen jumper (\$244, left) by the French label Decca. Physical Element owner Jo Carter says the zip-off pockets and asymmetrical layered hemline build a piece that's "not your average jumper. The clean lines and surprising details are modern. Its architectural shape plays with the body. It has an edgy timelessness." Olive sandals (\$345) are from Olive Shoes (404 NW 10th; 503-224-9337). Amy Downs Hat (\$70) and 1450 Degrees Jewelry (ring, \$40; necklace, \$50) are from Physical Element.



▶ **Print pizzazz:** Reflecting the arty decor of The Casey's lobby (NW 12th and Everett), Julianna Little wears a foaty silk Charlotte Ronson "fluten-sleeve" dress (\$259, right) from Nolita. A showy zipper runs up the back and an empire bodice adds bold black framework. Wear the dress on its own, free as a breeze, or pair it up with leggings or over jeans. The vivid colors conjure up Mondrian-like modern art, a welcome contrast to colder-season sober blacks and browns, says Nolita manager Katy Kippen.

▶▶ **Red, white and bubbly blue:**

What could be more politically correct this season than that all-American trio? The Veronica M slip-on dress (\$104, opposite) from Mabel & Zora is free of buttons and zippers, but certainly not lacking in details. Chevron-patterned blue and white stripes at the waistline and a ruched neckline make the most of curves (and the least of flaws). Mabel & Zora owner Tiffanee Bean suggests dressing it down with a white cardigan and a pair of flats or flip-flops, or soiling it up with red peep-toe heels (from model Roxana Rodriguez's collection) and an Iris Tyler lipsticked Italian leather bag (\$139).

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With visions of bold patterns, plentiful pockets, sleek lines, fruity hues, layered hemlines and easy-does-it fabrics already increasing my heart rate, I down a double latte at **Via Delizia** (1105 NW Marshall; 503-225-9300) — what greater fortification does a stylist need? — and begin my hunt for a knock-out frock (or two).

Window-shopping earlier in the week provided my morning targets for today: architectural lines — including a gorgeous jumper — at **Physical Element** (1124 NW Lovejoy; 503-224-5425); Palm Desert styles at **Mabel & Zora** (748 NW 11th; 503-5696); and flirty, cut-rate designer dresses at **Olivia Belle** (110 NW Ninth; 503-473-8900).

9:00am: Stock up on caffeine and carbs at Via Delizia.

9:30am: Shopping, Round One: Physical Element, Mabel & Zora and Olivia Belle.

12:30pm: Break for lunch at Paragon.

1:45pm: Shopping, Round Two: Nolita and Babette.

After refueling at **Paragon** (1309 NW Hoyt; 503-833-5060) — will I still fit in that dress after a Paragon burger with white cheddar and rosemary fries? — I head out for Round Two. This time, I'm tempted by two possibilities — a chic apron dress and a romantic frock with fluttery sleeves — at **Nolita** (923 NW 10th; 503-274-7114); and a just-below-the-knee (why do the young and shapely look best in the short stuff?), citrus-colored dress, replete with signature pleats, at **Babette** (208 NW 13th; 503-228-0407).

Looks like those clothes I brought from home can stay in the suitcase for another day. ■

