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Charlotte has become a fashion hub in recent years, and we're going to let you in on a little secret... you don't have to spend a ton to incorporate the newest trends into your wardrobe! Instead, you can find runway-ready looks at your local Goodwill – bringing trendy items into your closet in an inexpensive, sustainable way.

We stopped by our <u>Pineville</u> store with wardrobe stylist and fashion insider Stacee Michelle to find top runway trends of the season. If you like these looks, you're in for a treat! We're partnering with our pal Stacee to curate fashionable finds from a different Goodwill store every month for you to purchase! The July "Styled by Stacee" rack featuring runway looks will be available for purchase at the <u>Pineville</u> store beginning at noon on Friday, July 12!

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Stacee shopped for this month's "Styled by Stacee" rack looking for some of the top summer runway trends, including: summer blazers, statement sneakers, bicycle shorts (that's right – they're back), graphic tees and snake print.

1. Join the Animal Kingdom:

Animal prints are everywhere – some even call them the new neutral. But dominating the animal kingdom this season is snake print. Stacee let this trend slither into this look with a snake print wedge and purse paired with a breezy, boutique-style orange dress. Not feeling the call of the wild? Stacee also loved this dress paired with a safari-toned tote and matching slide sandals.



- Dress: Lush \$5.99
- Wedges: Kenneth Cole Reaction \$4.99
- Purses: Sonoma + Ann Taylor \$5.99
- Hat: \$0.99
- Sandals: Talbots \$4.99

2. Embrace the Blazer:

Blazers are all over the runway with casual accents like tees and shorts. Stacee paired this Maroon 5 graphic tee with a rocker-chic red blazer – we love the studded lapel! Designers styled blazers with bicycle-length shorts this season to make suiting suitable for hot summer days. This trend also makes it easy to transition from work to fun. Wear matching flats and bicycle shorts to the office and swap in the trendy animal-print loafers and denim mini to transition this look to happy hour!





- T-Shirt: Royal Apparel \$2.99
- Shorts: St. John's Bay \$3.99
- Skirt: J. Galt \$3.99
- Flats: Old Navy + Merona \$4.99

3. Make a Sneaker Statement:

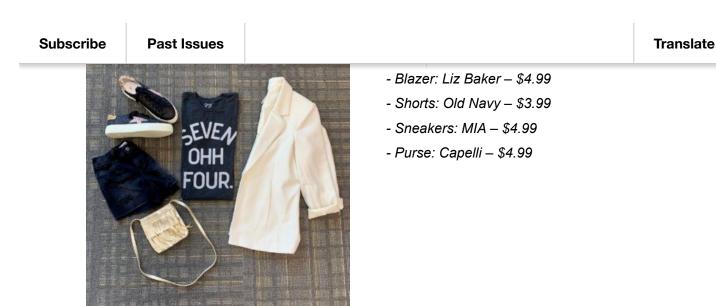
These days sneakers don't dress down an outfit. This year's summer runway shows mixed statement sneakers in with blazers, skirts and dresses. Stacee styled this dressier skirt with a cool mesh top and shiny statement sneakers.



- Tank: Soprano \$3.99
- Skirt: Forever 21 \$3.99
- Sneakers: Mossimo Supply Co. \$14.99
- Sunglasses: \$1.99

4. Trends on Trends... on Trends:

When in doubt, trend it out! Stacee combined all of these trends into one easy look. She found a t-shirt from the hip, local 704 shop and paired it with a 90s-style white blazer. Make it current with cut-off denim shorts and sparkly statement sneakers with a hint of animal print.



Follow us on social media @GoodwillSP to get a sneak peek of all of the items Stacee found this month! If you can't make it to the <u>Pineville</u> store to shop this Styled by Stacee collection on Friday, July 12, you can still use Stacee's tips to find summer runway looks in a store near you!



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