

HOW TO LOOK **A MILLION** DOLLARS

Ever been caught in the “I’ve got nothing to wear to my party” trap?

Life in Haslemere’s Editor Cat Jarman knows the feeling, and enlists the help of a top celebrity stylist to find the perfect outfit for the staff Christmas party



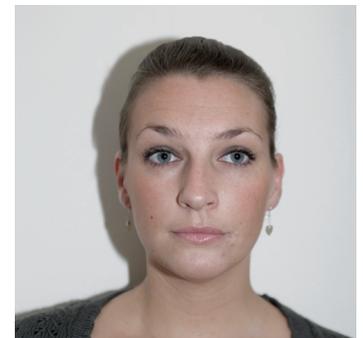
Nougat black evening dress, £299, from **Lily**, and black suede and patent heels from **Luigi**

I love and follow fashion. But like most of us, I get stumped occasionally. I find myself a frequent victim of seeing clothes on people and wishing I had thought of that outfit.

The same goes for my make-up and hair. It was high time to bring in an expert. The challenge? Give me a fashionable, new and completely different look for this year’s Christmas party. Introducing Chantelle Znideric...

A former senior graphic designer, Chantelle founded image consultancy business TopStylista in 2006. Key celeb clients include Flavia Cacace from BBC1’s *Strictly Come Dancing*, and Chantelle won Most Inspiring Newcomer at TFIC Spirit of Inspiration Awards 2008, so I was in safe hands.

Chantelle, who lives in



In need of style and make-up help

Hindhead, is also co-founder of online personal stylist website, iStylista.com, which launched last year and has just received funding from Finance South East for further development.

First stop Eden Hair and Beauty in Haslemere. Chantelle had chosen a different look for me. My hair is usually fine and straight, but what emerged from the salon was a mass of delicate curls, expertly crafted by Sam Epps.

On to Luxury Gap for my make-up. Gemma Thomas cleansed and primed my skin before applying foundation. Three eyeshadows – Spellbound, Raven and Amazon – were blended and finished with black mascara. Lips were



Gemma Thomas works her magic

kept nude to emphasise the eyes, and my face was finished with medium powder and blusher. This look (not my usual liner, mascara and lip gloss) was created using Bodyography products.

My first outfit was a real surprise. I would never have chosen purple for myself, but Chantelle's expert eye had spotted a shade that suited me. Teamed with the fascinator and beads, I felt like I had stepped on to the set of a 1920s movie.

My next outfit was equally fabulous. Black is a favourite of mine (slimming!) but the style and cut was something new for me. Chantelle proved that some things you have to try on. If I had seen the Nougat dress on a hanger, it would have stayed there, with me thinking the style was too mature for my 26 years. Again, carefully selected tights, shoes and accessories made that



Right: Sam Epps puts the finishing touches while Chantelle, left, admires her work

individual difference.

Finally, a Noli black jumper dress gave me a more casual look. Bottle-green opaque tights, patent platforms and belt finished the outfit with a fun, funky feel.

Lessons learnt from the day? Even if you can't be advised by an industry expert like I was, take advice from friends. They will always see a different side to you. My overall experience has worked wonders for my fashion and style sense, my attitude, and, above, all, my confidence. So be bold, be daring, and try something new!

Get the looks

Main, above: Bernshaw purple satin dress, £200, from **Lily**, **Tel: 01428 661321**

Muddy Dog gold leather clutch bag, £32.95, and Johnny Loves Rosie fascinator, £39.95, from **Noggs**, **Tel: 01428 651144**

Grey snakeskin pceptoes, £99, from **Luigi**, **Tel: 01428 651250**

Beaded black and gold necklace from a selection at **Anya**,



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Tel: 01428 658255

Inset, above: Noli jumper dress, £99, from **Starfish**, **Tel: 01428 658181**

Black suede and patent heels, £99, and patent belt, £59, from **Luigi**. Zsiska green beaded necklace, £21.99, from **Noggs**,

Tel: 01428 651144

Tights: stylist's own from www.tightsplease.co.uk

Make-up by **Luxury Gap**, £42, **Tel: 01428 645300**

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