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Every Friday, three fashion experts and a woman who simply loves clothes will be put to the test with a "mystery item" of clothing or an accessory - the What - as well as social event the mystery will be worn - to Where?.

The "mystery" will often be in your own wardrobe or at least affordable and easily found in most shops and the event will be one which most of us get invited to from time to time.

Our three experts are Sydney stylist Annalisa Armitage, designer Sally Smith, Sydney Confidential's Joel Christie and fashion lover / newsreader Michelle Taverniti.

This week, they were given black patent high heel shoes at a city night club. Here are their tips:

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"It's hard to go wrong matching black patent heels with most outfits, but if anything, avoid wearing them with maxi skirts, especially printed - which would be much better suited to a

summery tan or bold-coloured heel.

"Also, don't go overboard by wearing an all-black outfit, especially if a piece of your clothing is shiny or metallic-like - it could throw the whole look off.

"If wearing the heels with either black and white or a bold-coloured dress, I'd keep the accessories to a minimum. A pair of studded earrings and a simple, silver necklace or chain could do the trick.

"Black patent heels are the ultimate go-to shoe - when nothing else matches, they usually do!"

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Annalisa Armitage is the Owner and Principal Stylist for My Image Consultant. Visit www.myimageconsultant.com.au for more expert advice.

"Black patent high heel shoes can be worn with mostly anything - determine your style and objectives for the night and choose accordingly J Having said that, when you're wearing a pair of patent leather black shoes to a City Nightclub there is no question that the outfit needs to be all about the legs.

"If you have long and shapely legs, your legs are going to look great in just about anything, so choose based on comfort and the impact you are trying to make.

"If you are not one of these few lucky people, assess your shoes for the following characteristics.

"A short vamp (less leather at the top of your foot) makes your ankles look slimmer and your leg look longer as does a shoe without a strap. A pointy toe will encourage the eye to include the length of the shoe in how long the legs are and the higher the heel the longer the leg and slimmer the ankle.

"If you have chunky lower legs be careful about choosing a shoe that is too delicate as it will accentuate the size of your legs. The reverse is also true, if your legs and ankles are very delicate wear delicate rather than chunky shoes to harmonise with your features.

Now you have chosen the type of patent high heels throw on a mini (dress or skirt) in any dark colour.

"The main decision criterion about the outfit is that it must have some sheen or shine to connect with the shine of the patent leather.

"Anything matt will look too dull. Anything from a rich satin or silk to full on sequins will do. Jewellery should also follow this shiny theme.

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Sally Smith is the Director and Designer of her own business called Sally Smith. To find out more about Sally visit sallysmith.com.au.

"Wow! I'd go all the way with these. Skin tight and black, but demure at the same time - maybe a high neck at front, plunge at the back and keep it knee length. Cap sleeve would be perfect also.

"The heels are so sexy, so please, restrain yourself from over doing it by being way too obvious with too much baring of the flesh.

"A bit of mystery says so much more.

"Keep it simple. Strong wrist cuff or fantastic earings- maybe something vintage from Harlequin on Oxford street.

"Wear my favourite lip colour with these heels, MAC Lady Danger."

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"These are fairly versatile and can go with almost anything. From jeans to a cocktail dress to a floral skirt or a tight mini. It all works with the classic black pump.

"They can potentially cheapen your look. Avoid leather and metallic fabrics. They should be the sole shiny feature of your ensemble.

"Maybe wear it with mild, monocrhome fabrics such as denim. The best outfit I've seen patent heels with was light blue jeans and a red flannelette shirt. They dressed up a daggy outfit 100 per cent.

"These are sexy shoes and are perfect 'transition heel' for going from work to a party."

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