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Winter hat to orchid show

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IT may be getting cooler but that's no reason to stay indoors. This weekend is the Orchids Out West display so why not stop and smell the, ah, orchids.

Hats may be used to block the sun but it's also a great way to keep you warm on those cold Autumn days. Nearly all fashionable retail stores are selling winter hats in different styles and colours.

My suggestion is to purchase a grey neutral hat to mix and match with your wardrobe.

Every Friday, three fashion experts and a woman who simply loves clothes are put to the test with a "mystery item" of clothing or an accessory - the "to What" - as well as social event the mystery will be worn - the "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, Daily Telegraph Online Entertainment and Sydney Confidential Editor Paul Ewart and fashion lover / newsreader Michelle Taverniti.

Buy that staple hat and pop down to the orchid display this weekend.

Michelle Taverniti is a Newsreader and a fashion lover.

"For an outdoorsy orchid display, I'd go casual, teaming the hat with some dark skinny jeans, plain long-sleeved tee, black leather jacket and flat, black ankle boots. You've got to be comfy while looking at all the pretty flowers!

"Depending on the woolliness of the hat, I'd steer clear of bulky knits or cardis. Don't get me wrong, they're very now and look fab for winter but you don't want to go overboard. Stick with fitted, slim-lined clothing when choosing a wintery, slouch hat.

"To complete the laid-back, rock star look, stick on my fave plum-coloured lippie for a dash of

colour."

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

"Hats in winter make such a chic statement, they are no longer the functional sun shade, but an opportunity to show some fashion style.

Not to mention the fact that they keep your head warm and hide a really bad hair day. Hats with a short rim look best on people with small faces - if your face/head is large ensure you wear a hat with a wider rim as the smaller rim will look out of scale for you and accentuate the size of your head.

"If your skin colouring is cool make sure the grey is a bluey grey, if it's warm go for a yellowy grey.

"To this event wear it with dark denim, black knee high boots and a grey chunky long cardigan.

"Under the cardigan wear a navy blue jersey top (long sleeved in this weather) and add interest with a coloured scarf in your colours! Never match your hat with a scarf - it's just way too contrived and looks like you have no imagination.

"Add some long dangling earrings in blue or the colour of your scarf to complete the look."

Daily Telegraph Online Entertainment and Sydney Confidential Editor Paul Ewart.

"Grey is the ultimate neutral colour for winter - especially when applied to hats and scarves.

"Women should pair this style of hat with some ultra-skinny black jeans, a cute paddington bear-style cropped duffle coat and don a pair of ugs, which will create a cosy and chic look.

"But don't attempt to dress it up.

"Comfort is key here - a balanced colour palette and simple separates are all you need when you wear a hat like this.

"Partner this with a worn-in leather tote on its own would suffice but if you're dead-set on jewellery some silver earrings (please make sure they're simple) and a chunky silver bangle or two will work with this attire.

"You can go matchy-matchy with a grey scarf but make sure you colour-block by making sure the coat you wear is black so you don't look like you're running a promotion for the colour grey."

* Sally Smith is absent this week.