



WEEKLY IN TOUCH

winning looks

Bored with basic black, stars have found a new neutral this season in chocolate brown. "It's a rich, velvety color that is very easy to wear," says celebrity stylist Donna Weiss. Also,

fashion-savvy celebs know that sporting a dark color from head to toe makes any woman look taller and slimmer. That's a figure-flattering fact that easily turns brown into an instant fall classic!

These



KATIE HOLMES

The bodice on this Vera Wang dress flatters a petite woman, like Katie, by cinching the waist. While the length is demure, open-toed heels keep it sexy.



SASHA ALEXANDER

The understated color of the *Navy NCIS* star's dress is a classy choice for women who love satin, which tends to look too flashy in brighter tones.



JESSICA SIMPSON

The *Newlywedz* star likes to look sexy but sweet, so this mini with knee-high boots shows off her shapely legs without exposing too much skin.

stars love hot chocolate



PATRICIA HEATON

For a mature woman with a hot body, like Patricia, a scoop neckline flatters; it highlights sexy cleavage without being as bare as a strapless dress.



QUEEN LATIFAH

The white pants look particularly crisp against brown, and Latifah's gold bag and necklace add a spark while blending with her warm skin tone.



Hale Bob
braided-silk
top; \$108,
hale-bob.com.

Carlynn Valle
halter dress;
\$132, carlynn-
valle.com
for stores.

Lynn/Linh
pants; \$149,
Thesis, L.A.:
(323) 658-8481.

H&M mini;
\$13, hm.com
for stores.

getting the look right

"Brown is an extremely versatile color," notes Weiss. "Like black, it can be worn by most women and has a classic appeal." For those with a fair complexion, it's best to pair the color with a khaki top, while darker-skinned women can handle deeper shades. Also, brown looks great with pastels like pink, green or blue for a trendy look.