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BEFORE

Melanie, 37

Every year Melanie Vilstrup attends her company's holiday party dressed in black. This year, the newly single gal is ready to stop playing it safe with fashion and beauty during the holidays.

HAIR: "With long hair, the style has to be sexy and current," Gibson says. He took off two inches and added long layers throughout. Melanie's hair, then

MAKEUP: Melanie's original makeup was holiday-inspired: green lids, red lips. Roncal replaced the acid-green shadow with a rich forest green—

"It's more wearable," says Roncal—and gave Melanie's lips a subdued nude gloss. "Now it's all about her eyes."

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CLOTHES: "Melanie has fallen into the all-black trap, so we want to bring in some color," says Bouwer. The plan: a sexy purple dress (the season's hottest shade) with bold black accessories.

Stretch-knit dress, M by Marc Bouwer; \$50. Accessories, Bouwer's own.

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AFTER



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Mally Roncal, celebrity makeup artist and creator of Mally Beauty

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Marc Bouwer, fashion designer and creator of M by Marc Bouwer

"I was ready for a change, and I just met up with the right dress!"



Marc Bouwer



Chaz Dean



Laura Geller



Ted Gibson



Carson Kressley



Gretta Monahan



Mally Roncal



Tricia Sawyer



Joel Warren

Longing for a new look for this season's get-togethers?

Help has arrived in the form of nine style pros from QVC. See how they take three REDBOOK readers from ho-hum to holiday chic. Plus, more festive fashion and beauty ideas.

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