

*Every Friday we feature one of the garments from the magazine in a post about styling. We suggest different ways to wear the garment in question using mock-ups from [Polyvore](#). We encourage readers to tell us what they think about these outfits via our [Facebook page](#) or [Twitter](#), and if folks want to make their own outfits, please tweet them at us with the hashtag #twiststyle. You can find all of the Style Friday posts [here](#).*

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Get ready for a pretty special fashion friday, knitters! Today's post is coming to you from Elizabeth McCarten, designer of the elegant [Brookline](#) cardigan. You can also find it on her blog, [here](#). Now, I certainly have been having fun with these styling posts, and I hope you have been enjoying them (always feel free to tell me/us what you think on our [Facebook page](#), by the way), but you may have noticed that demure, mature, and sophisticated styles are not exactly my forte. So in today's post, Elizabeth shares some ways to wear Brookline in a more casual way than in the magazine.



When Brookline came out in Twist Collective last April, a knitter wrote to me asking whether I thought a woman over 40 could wear this design. I designed the prototype for Isabel, my 20-year-old daughter, shown here in an alpaca version:



I wanted to give this photo a dressed-up, party feel. Isabel is very petite and admittedly, looks good in just about everything. At the same time, I only ever design and knit women's sweaters that I would wear myself, so the answer to the reader who asked if an older woman could wear Brookline, is a definite yes. I am 55 and I love this design. Not only is the shape extremely forgiving, but it can be worn dressed up or down and it's perfect for those tricky "transitional" seasons. For example, here it is shown with a 6-year-old J.Jill sleeveless linen blouse and equally old J.Jill blue jeans.







Wondering about accessories?



*Silver earrings from "Sterling" here in Kingston*



*Bracelet from recycled silver spoons purchased at P' Lover*



*Eyeglass holder/necklace from J.Jill.*



*Slightly beat-up but very comfy Naot clogs.*

This is a great look for browsing at Kingston's City Market on a Saturday morning or meeting up with friends for knitting at a local coffee shop. When I want to be a bit more dressed up, I button Brookline over loose knit black pants and a knit black tee, both from Cut Loose.







Accessories?



*Earrings purchased at Catch Can in Washington, DC.*



*Tilley hat (expensive and worth every penny), Clark shoes, and  
grey/black scarf bought at Chris Reynolds in Westport.*

I can't finish without showing my fave bag. You wouldn't believe how many compliments I get about this, and not just from knitters who admire its capacious interior. Everyone thinks it's a \$300 leather bag in a rich red. Wrong. It's vinyl faux leather, available at Pinecone in Westport, ON. Now you know!

So, how would you wear your [Brookline](#)?