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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.

I don't know about you, but I like oysters. I didn't always- they used to kind of gross me out, actually. I recently tried them again, for the first time since I was a little kid- and actually, they were kind of awesome. I was surprised at how much I liked them. It's fitting then, that this week's Style Friday feature is Malpeque, a sweater I didn't much like the first time I glanced at it. I tend to wear my cardigans pretty short- not too far past my natural waist, over dresses with full skirts. So taking on a long, flowy cardigan for a styling post felt kind of daunting. Let's revisit the original styling from the magazine shoot.



There are certainly lots of variations on this particular outfit- a basic top, solid pants, cozy cardigan. The lattice lace is the star of the show, and you look put-together, but also like you aren't trying too hard. You could also vary the cut of the pant- wider leg slacks for work or a fancier setting, with something a little sparkly on top. I wanted to see if I could make this sweater look a little bit tough; here's what I came up with:



Maybe I own those black and white patterned leggings. Maybe they facilitated me breaking my own "leggings are not actually pants" rule because they are so awesome that I don't want to cover any more of their splendor than I absolutely have to. Maybe.

This set was my medium stage with Malpeque- like when I tried oysters with just a bit of lemon. Okay, I thought. I could eat these/wear this. But then... Then I tried them with this amazing spicy

vodka sauce; then I tried them with horseradish; then, it was love. Watch me go similarly overboard in a sartorial fashion-



I literally could not make enough outfits that looked kind of like this. As long as the hem of the dress is within a few inches (above or below) the hem of the sweater, and the waist is defined somehow, all of these look really great! Toss on a cute bag and a neutral, vintage-inspired shoe; you are

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totally ready for one of those fall days where the sun is shining but the breeze is a bit icy.

Go forth, my friends, and try something new! Food or fashion- you never know what you might love. Of course, as always, I want to know- how would you wear your <u>Malpeque</u>? Also, someone please make one in red, okay?

(and as a sidenote- what do you put on your oysters??)