

RUNWAY YOUR WAY

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Have you ever taken a look at what's shown on the runway and wondered how you can borrow the new look without looking like you're trying too hard? Let's face it, many of the runway ensembles are a bit unrealistic—sometimes we see exaggerated shapes or items so

see-through that you wouldn't dream of wearing them outside of your house. I have selected one women's RTW look as well as one from the men's collections and will break down the look and help you

get a bit inspired about dissecting Fall's latest looks. Remember, the point is not to copy the look EXACTLY, but instead to meld the look into your own. Take this Chanel look from Fall 2008. Many of us can't afford this beauty but we can borrow the overall effect this stunner has. Let's start with the dress. You'll want to

find a ruffled number in black of course— (Express has a cute one right now) I would spruce it up a bit by adding some embellishments around the shoulders— be creative and make some oversized bows out of a stiff textured material like velvet and find a cool vintage brooch to place in the middle. The unique-ness of this particular look are the thick stockings done in a medium

toned bisque color. Whatever you do, don't wear nude stockings it will date your look completely. Instead choose a light beige or pink pair of tights—the other leg accessory that pranced down the runway were textured black tights (think lace). You could try this as well for a "Chanel-

esque" look (these were found at Express). Finish with cute MaryJanes and you've got the look!

Perhaps some of you guys out there follow the runway reports closely, while

others of you may not. Sometimes the looks shown on the catwalk are a bit over-the-top and look simply unwearable, however there are ways to make these looks street friendly and there are definitely ways to replicate the look for less.

One of the easiest trends of the season is the "Worker" look. Many designers showed flannel shirts and lots of plaid paired with comfy more tailored cargo pants and finished with work boots. Other designers even went so far as to showcase overalls and onesies.

Let's work off this look to start. The key here is to layer and to wear the trousers more fitted rather than loose. I found a terrific pair of pocketed pants on a foreign website and they were a bit pricey so instead I would

just work with your basic denim. The accompaniments, however were quite reasonable and will seal the style deal. This plaid shirt for instance came in at a cool \$21 while the jacket was a mere \$32 (both found on the website: www.forever21.com.

(Psst... There are lots of other great items on the site too!) As for shoes, I am partial to these because they have a bit of style.

Try to find a similar pair to finish your look!

It's easy and simple to look stylish during fall 2008!

