

Fall Fashion Essentials

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I'm not sure that I am ready to give up my pretty sundresses for the season quite yet, but I am looking forward to donning some of the cool new trends for the fall this year. One of the great things about the season, is that accessories are HUGE and will transform your regular old stand-bys into something more up-to-date.

As usual, ladies first. The runways and pages of all the major fashion 'zines just can't seem to get enough of the "Statement necklace" this season. The bigger the better seems to be the mantra when it comes to jewelry this season so get ready to buy up something that will truly show up against your favorite little black dress or even jeans and a tee. Where to find this "MUST have"? Banana Republic has been showing some lovely options of late. I am particularly drawn to this one featured right and would add it to a simple turtleneck or blouse worn with black pants for a nice day look or with an all-one-color sheath for the evening.



What else is hot? Sequins. Yes, you can wear it out to dinner and not feel out of place. To throw on sequins the 2009 way pair with beat-up rugged jeans and finish with a strong gladiator heeled sandal. Of course, you can also dress it up to the hilt too should you choose... For an evening look try a sequins cropped jacket with a loose tank beneath

and finish with the season's finest menswear baggy fit trousers. Again, don't forget the heels, since you don't want the full pants to dwarf your frame. Want some sequins?? Try this cute tank featured above, left courtesy of Forever 21 that costs a mere \$22.80! Can't beat it!

Lastly ladies, leggings are still in style but are getting bolder by the minute. Lace is in the lead and will look fresh with unfussy mini-dresses and ankle booties in whatever color you choose. Just remember the lace WILL overpower your look if you don't plan wisely. Which ever other pieces you



choose to don, be certain they are simple and compliment your leggy favorite.

Guys, now onto you. What's really fabulous for fall for you all of you stylish gents out there?! Layering is quite popular and will help you to keep warm. I have noticed a big trend in wearing sport-type jackets as outerwear and making it work by layering them over classic button down shirts and thin gauge knit sweaters. The sport jackets also have an added zip since they are typically patched with corduroy or suede to give an oomph of luxe, or they feature a hint of knit with a detachable hoodie as shown right.



For any of you out there who hate to go conservative I hate to tell you, but preppy is super in right now. Bow ties are fabulous with jeans, a



button down and a leather bomber finished with a classic tie-up loafer. OR

would be fabulous worn with a Mr. Rogers- like cardigan.

On the other end of the spectrum however, grommets, spikes, and silver hardware are things that you may soon see decorating the "IT" shoes of the season. Try a pair of these new-age punk must-haves with a pair of classic wool gray trousers as opposed to jeans to make the shoe a true standout. The whole look isn't meant to



be harsh but instead an interesting juxtaposition of different styles that creates an au-currant look! Fall fashion this season is fun, edgy, and gives both guys and gals a chance to still don the stuff lurking in his or her closets for another season or two. It's all about statement accessories for both genders, so step outside of your comfort zone and try a larger than life accessory, or go ultra-preppy for a day if you are normally the trendiest guy in the room! Fashion is fun—take risks and enjoy the change of season!

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