

Fall into the FABULOUSNESS of Fashion

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It's great to live in a climate that affords us the opportunity to dress for 4 different seasons! Updating our wardrobe can be a lot of fun and serves as a great distraction once the weather gets a bit more chilly. This season clothing is all about layering and volume. It's actually a terrific transitional period where we can make summer clothes look positively autumnal by simply adding a chunky sweater and thick warm tights or leggings.

For starters we have my current fave the shorts. Shorts were WAY popular this summer and a great way to show off your gams and your sweet wedges that made you look oh-so-long and lean. Don't throw those shorts to the back of the closet yet! Pair your favorites with a chunky sweater and finish with thick tights and slouchy boots. If you don't have the boots stick with your peek-toe pumps from summer and same-toned tights. You'll be looking fashionably funky.



Hate shorts? (As many do—you aren't alone) grab that bubble skirt out of your closet that you thought you could only wear in spring and summer and convert it into your favorite fall staple. Get really girly and pair the skirt with the revived and uber-popular leggings and finish with a ballet flat and skinny sweater in a pretty pink hue—you will be ballerina-esque while simultaneously embracing the voluminous trend.

Those leggings sure can be a great layering piece. On a causal Saturday pair your leggings and favorite ballerina flats with a knee length sweater or tunic-style classic white blouse. Tie hair back and sling an over-sized hand bag over your shoulder and you are comfy— and chic. TIP: keep leggings looking fresh by pairing with flats rather than heels that can give an “I'm trying too hard 80's look”. The great thing about reviving an old look is keeping it current.

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High waisted baggy trousers are the “IT” pant of the season. This is quite the contrast from the hip gripping pants most of us are used to, but are a nice change. Pair your baggy, pleated pants with a fitted blouse tucked in and finish with a skinny belt at the waist. This look will give the illusion of a teeny-tiny mid-section -And what could be better than that?



If your pants are plaid try fancying them up a bit by pairing with a metallic top - the super sharp color that everyone will be wearing this season. It will de-prep your look and make it evening ready. Don't forget, with large pants you will want to appear as tall as possible so as to not overwhelm your frame—be sure to don a pair of stacked platforms.



GUYS: It's all about layering for you too! There are a lot of new trends out for men to try this season without

looking like too much of a slave to fashion. Once such trend is campus chic—which makes preppy frat boy apparel look cool and current. Layer a classic rugby shirt over a tee and pair with skinny kahkis. Finish the look with a corduroy or tweed jacket or 3/4 length coat and striped collegiate style scarf.



If preppy isn't your thing make the rugged Paul Bunyon look your own by layering your favorite old plaid shirt over a solid colored flannel shirt over a slim fitting thermal shirt. Finish your look with jeans and snazzy all-black chuck taylors.



If none of that appeals to you take the minimalist approach. This look is made up of clean lines and colors. To maximize this look pull out some slim fitting black trousers, and pair with a crisp white tee shirt tucked in and worn under a fine-gauge taupe or other neutral colored small v-neck or crew neck sweater finished with sleek black rounded-toe dress shoes. It's the simple way to look cool.



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