

## Fall Fashion for Women: Transitioning Summer Items into Fall



Ah, fall... The cooler morning and evening air, the orange and red hues that start to show up on trees, the back-to-school sales... I bet you are just itching to get to the stores and get your paws on some new fall clothing! Well, before you do, Stilista recommends you assess what is already in your closet. We can help! Here is a handy list of items you may not want to pack away just yet:

### **Those fun, flirty, flowy summer dresses**

Yes, eventually they will have to join the flip-flops in the pack-away chest, but for now, warm up this great look! *Cover-up:* Empire waist dresses look great under a denim or neutral-color jacket that is nipped at the waist while straighter styles will look amazing under this season's must-have cropped swing jacket. A-line styles will get you through September and maybe even October with the help of a fitted V-neck cardigan in cashmere or merino wool. But one cardinal cardigan rule: steer clear of the rounded bubbly shape – it will add bulk to your top half that even that lovely A-line skirt will not be able to balance out. *Layer, layer, layer:* Remember leggings? This look is still hot, and a great way to stay warm this fall. Add black or charcoal gray leggings under a darker-color dress with ballet flats or slouchy boots, but steer clear of light or bright colored leggings as those are meant for 2nd graders. Another great way to layer is to add a lycra or fine-gauge knit tee underneath a dress, just bear in mind that this is a casual look that won't work with a more formal cut dress like a shift.

## **Capris**

You loved them through the summer, but you don't have to say good-bye just yet! Unless they are linen or silk, or a really light in color, they can gain new life in the fall when worn with knee-high boots underneath. This look helps to elongate the leg, especially when the boot is the same tone as the pant. It also helps to break up the ho-hum monotony of just wearing full-length pants all the time. The boot should not leave any part of the calf exposed and should fit close to the leg.

[www.bloomingdales.com](http://www.bloomingdales.com)

## **Empire Waist Blouses**

The big reason to hold on to these as temperatures drop is the continuing popularity of skinny-fit jeans and pants. Empire waist blouses balance out the skinny pant look and also look great when the pants are worn tucked into boots. They also look great under cropped fitted cardigans that are everywhere this fall.

[www.macys.com](http://www.macys.com)

## **Short Sleeve Tees and Tanks**

Don't forget these items as layering pieces! Balance out a black dressy fitted jacket with a bright-colored or printed tee underneath, or let that lacey tank peek out from under your v-neck sweater. Layering adds details to what could otherwise be a boring outfit and keep things fun. [www.urbn.com](http://www.urbn.com)

Stilista hopes this helps to make your seasonal fashion transition a bit easier and reminds you to steer clear of the tartan plaid pleated skirts that all stores insist on carrying in late August / early September. You won't wear them. Honest.