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Special Fall Fashion Guide >>

stylist and Stilista cofounder,
Maria Vasilevsky's makes creating great fall outfits easy.

While we New Englanders are still enjoying our much-too-short summer by living in our Nautical-Inspired swimwear, espadrilles and flowing maxi dresses, the one thought we can't escape, no matter how many mojitos we sip, is what fall fashion will bring and what new items we can obtain to put together a fantastic fall wardrobe. Yes, fall fashion is a beautiful thing: a return to buttery leather boots, soft cashmere tights, silhouette-hugging jeans, and then there's... outerwear! Fall shopping is the ultimate consolation prize to the end of summer, and below we highlight our favorite fall trends, and how to wear them with some staple pieces that may already be occupying your closet.



THE TREND: ONE SHOULDER DRESS

Perfect for: Charity gala, Date night, Fall wedding
Designers know the power of flaunting a single shoulder or collarbone. Whether you choose a soft flowing or body-conscious dress, this is one trend worth trying this season. You'll be surprised how flattering it can be.

BUY: Navy silk pleated dress (**Theory**, \$585, [saks.com](#)) and a large pair of earrings (**Max&Chloe**, \$105, [maxandchloe.com](#)): long and dangly, or robust round hoops, or detailed chandelier design to help elongate your neck. Don't forget to put your hair up in a chic yet simple updo!

WEAR WITH: Top off the look with your staple trench coat (**Burberry** \$995, [net-a-porter.com](#)) for those fall showers, a good one will nip at the waist and hit right above or at your knee. Add a pair of chic ankle booties (**DVF**, \$340, [Bloomingdales.com](#)) for a balanced, contemporary look!

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THE TREND: WEDGE BOOTS

Perfect for: An Afternoon of Shopping, Weekend Lunch
What we love about the wedge boot is that it offers height and comfort, and a look that can be dressed up or down. The fall wedge boot can be to the knee, mid-calf or as low as an ankle boot. It has a wedge heel and round toe. A lace-up or suede pair can take on a bohemian vibe, while a patent leather pair needs to be balanced with a modest outfit to balance out the boot.

BUY: This ruched wedge boot (**Ash**, \$345, [saks.com](#)) has it all—an edgy, rock and roll look, knee-high shaft to wear with pants or skirts and interesting details in the ruching and extended zipper. The seafoam fitted button down (**Elizabeth and James**, \$157, [Shopbop.com](#)) balances out the look with a feminine fit and soft ocean shade that pairs beautifully with black.

WEAR WITH: Pair wedge boots with a skinny jean (**7 For all Mankind-Roxanne mid-rise** \$155, [net-a-porter.com](#)), and a structured bag (**Alexander McQueen-DeManta Tote** \$995.00 [farfetch.com](#)). Add a pop of color with a tee or button-down and you are done!

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THE TREND: ARRESTING PRINTS

Perfect for: Birthday party, Weeknight dinner out, Casual Friday at work

The runways showed screen prints that captured color, photographic images, and juxtaposing patterns. There is a lot to choose from, and we recommend looking for patterns that involve your favorite colors, and aesthetics, such as bold geometric shapes for modern aesthetics, and earthy paisley prints for a more bohemian vibe.

BUY: Silk screen print mini dress (Beyond the Valley, \$185, asos.com)

WEAR WITH: Wear neutral color cardigan open over the dress to show off the print, (Marc by Marc Jacobs cashmere and cotton cardigan, \$255, farfetch.com), add soft leggings for a more day-time look (Haute Hippie shirred leggings, \$63, shopbop.com).



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THE TREND: FEMININE, MINIMALIST SUITS

Perfect for: Work, Conference, Upscale casual

This fall, the suit makes a come back! We recommend you ignore exaggerated lapels and double-breasted styles – they will go out of style before people realize they were ever in style! Instead, opt for classic tailoring, feminine details and impeccable fit. Don't forget that the right suit can easily be split into separates and dressed down; blazer with dark wash jeans or skirt with a delicate v-neck sweater and boots.

BUY: This light gray suit (Akris Punto, inside-out Silk Jacket \$1,390.00, Stretch Wool Pencil Skirt \$460.00) works beautifully for office, or as separates for both casual and dressier occasions. Add a silk print blouse and stilettos (and lose the jacket) for an after-work client dinner, or pair the jacket with jeans and riding boots for a casual look.

WEAR WITH: The chiffon blouse (DVF, \$285, net-a-porter.com) pairs beautifully with just the skirt, or under the jacket. Add sexy pumps (Christian Louboutin, \$685, net-a-porter.com)



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THE TREND: MILITARY INSPIRED FASHION

Perfect for: Work Outfit with an Edge, Fall Lunch Date

For Fall 2010, designers have been enamored with military details on clothing and footwear, and shades of khaki and green, while still maintaining femininity in the tailoring and fit. This is a versatile trend for fall that can be dressed up or down and provide beautiful layering.

BUY: Whether you prefer the beige lightweight topcoat (Mike&Chris, \$575, Nordstrom.com) or a tailored wool blazer (Smythe, \$595, Nordstrom.com), both options are great outerwear pieces around which you can build a chic fall outfit.

WEAR WITH: This beautifully feminine dress (Rebecca Minkoff, \$345, shopbop.com) is the perfect juxtaposition to a military style jacket, as it will balance out the look. While also great for the warmer Indian summer days, we suggest dark opaque tights to warm up the look for colder weather. A slightly chunky leather boot with stacked heel (Jeffrey Campbell, \$198, shopbop.com) and belt-and-buckle details finishes off the look, and allows you to stay warm and comfortable.



BUY



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Stilista's Fall Closet Cleanout Guide

KEEP N' WEAR

- Skinny Jeans
- Cashmere v-necks
- Riding pants
- Wellington boots
- Boat neck tops
- Parkas with faux fur collars
- Ankle booties

CONSIGNMENT BOUND

- Boyfriend Jeans
- leeveless turtlenecks
- Harem pants
- Shearling slipper boots
- Plunging necklines
- Puffer down coats
- Clogs

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