



find fashion happiness fall 2010 newsletter



Warm weather seems to be hanging on – but with school in high gear and the leaves starting to turn, it must mean fall is right around the corner.

So glad there are lots of fun new trends out there – helping us stay youthful-looking with a sensible dose of style! Choose what works for you and enjoy!

top trends



- **Military Green.** Military jackets and laid back anoraks make a fun topper with jeans or even thrown on with a dress with some fun, pretty gold jewelry. Also consider a military green dress or skirt.

- **Rose Gold Jewelry.** Coppery rose gold looks fresh and different this season. Try some bangles or skinny large hoops with delicate crystal details.
- **Pendant necklaces (larger scale and interesting)!** Pendants have always been around, but I like the newer ones where you can adjust the length or double the chain to use with different necklines
- **Shoes and Boots** – Wood sole clogs and mules are all the rage – and can be fun. But be careful with this trend, as some of the shoes can be hard to walk in and tough on your feet. I'm also seeing lots of flat equestrian boots with buckles and detail - great with a skirt and tights and with jeans/leggings tucked in.
- **Camel** is the hot new neutral! It's always been around, but fall is ushering in some sophisticated camel pieces. I especially like it on coats, skirts and dresses, and try pairing it with an animal print accessory in a python or leopard print.



- **And speaking of Leopard...**it's really big for fall, and has always been one of my personal favorites. Shoes, purses, coats, skirts, belts, blouses all work, just with two caveats - natural colors are best, and one animal print item at a time!

- **Velvet** – This soft, wonderful fabric is coming back into fashion later this fall and winter. Look for rich colors in modern shapes, great in dresses or tops.
- **Menswear Looks (with feminine tailoring)!** Shirts, vests or pantsuits - "guy-inspired" but done in a feminine style. Try pairing a classic button-down man-style shirt with a pencil skirt (don't forget to tuck in and open a few buttons) and accessorize with some pretty necklaces. A top with flirty details under a man tailored pantsuit would do the trick as well.

Q&A

Q. "I wear black shoes to work almost every day and they wear a lot. I'm due for a new pair. What do you recommend?" Stacy H.

A. Black shoes are a staple in any work wardrobe, but for shoes that are going to go the distance, I recommend the following: a heel you can manage, and nothing with a toe too squared, rounded or exaggeratedly pointy. The best choice is a slightly rounded point.

You'll also need to consider whether you wear mostly pants or tights with dresses and skirts. Shoe boots look cute with pants, and I particularly like suede material with tights (especially when tights and shoes are the same color). Black kitten heels are back too. They are better than stilettos, but you'll still need to be careful walking.

And why not put yourself in the fashion-forward work set with something different? You can find great-looking, professional shoes in nude, prints or even a bright color.

Q. "I'm always stressed packing before leaving on vacation. I never know what to bring and end up packing too much. Help!" Elyse L.



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A. Here are my strategies when packing for a trip:

1. Try not to pack last-minute – planning ahead makes a world of difference
2. Shop your closet first – it's fun to buy new things, but your classic standbys should do the major lifting
3. Generally plan for five favorite outfits with every accessory aspect included. Keep an eye out for what you can mix, match and layer, and also keep the accessories to one color scheme – so you'll only need to bring black, or tan, dressy shoes, for example
4. Limit shoes! I try to bring three pairs: dressy, walking/flats and flip flops (for warmer-weather trips or the pool)
5. **Bonus:** once you plan your outfits to the last detail, you will not only be ready for your trip but also for any last-minute occasions that may pop up

advice...

My college-aged daughter recently asked me what I would recommend for her as “good” mascara. After reflecting on the difference between “good” and “not-so-good” mascara, I suggested Clinique's High Impact mascara. It's a great product that works well to maximize without clumps and at \$14 won't break the bank. She loved it.

and it's my five-year anniversary!

Hard to believe, but it's been five years of “find fashion happiness” fun. I would not be what I am today without your support, trust and friendship, so much of the celebratory thanks goes to you all!

I hope I can continue to serve your shopping, fashion and decluttering needs for many more years to come. Call or email me anytime.

Best –

Suzanne