# **Fall Fashions We Love**

Even though we've got an eye on all of the fashions that were presented during September's New York Fashion Week, we're solid on this season's most wearable trends.

Dressing this fall has become a matter of selecting feminine comfort, such as flats, loose-fitting, but tailored-looking coats and fall/winter skirts. See the hottest styles that are easy to find in most stores right now!

### Sets

This season we're loving the matching ensembles with over-tops that meet the skirt at the hip. Wake up, shower and slip on these easy-to-wear designs and you'll look like you're ready for anything.

Matching ensembles go in and out of style, but this year's versions are a cut above. They use bold prints and strong colors yet the look is slimming because it creates one long line from neck to ankle. This style works for most figures because it is forgiving and doesn't cinch anything anywhere.

### Plaids

Plaids have always been a favorite in the cooler months. The different colored boxy design of a plaid works well with heavier fabrics. Aside from typical Scottish kilts, there are new plaids that are being incorporated into pencil skirts, shirts and even nighties. Wearing plaid can make you look "tailored" and even a bit preppy, if that's your goal.

If you don't love a lot of plaid, grab a plaid scarf, purse or flats to look a little trendy. It's a look that will rarely, if ever, go out of style.

### **Orange - the Color**

Not sure if the color became popular because of Netflix's popular series, "Orange is the New Black" or what, but we love the warm color. Plus there are several shades of orange from which to choose, so it looks good with most color complexions and hair. Wear a little, wear a lot - compliments are nearly guaranteed.

# **Animal Accents and Leopard Spots**

Animal prints have been in style on and off, but the leopard print is nearly always considered "in". This year, it is showing up strong again in jackets, footwear, skirts and more. Along the same line - animal motifs are also being integrated into many of the fall designs. Adorable animal characters are large and taking the focus of the garment. You can't always see the animal within the design, which is intriguing.

# Capes

A warm winter cape is classy and just as comforting as a big floppy coat. This year's styles include more traditional capes, which are made without arm sleeves. They also include coat-like capes that fit like a jacket except the arms come through the bodice rather than through typical sleeves.

Both looks are trendy and super hot this season and they look amazing with both pants and skirts of all lengths.

## **Totes and Clutches That Make a Statement**

If in normal fashion articles we wrote that something really "made a statement", we would not mean it literally. But in this instance, the hot bag trend is to purchase one that makes a statement you want the world to know about yourself. For example, Kate Spade and Karen Walker both designed bags with giant words emblazoned on them. Cynical, Faster, Young, Willing and Eager are just a few of the statements you'll see in stores.

## Blue - the Color

We love when blue makes a comeback. Some years it's hard to find, but this fall you'll see every gorgeous and luscious hue... from cobalt to periwinkle to sky blue. Plus, it's being used in every garment, bag and accessory. We're even hoping to see more than a navy blue incorporated into the wide variety of this year's boots.

