

## Fall Into Fashion

With the change of the seasons, there is always a change in the way we look at our style as well. I have come up with what I feel is a comprehensive preview of what is *in* for fall fashion 2009. I think the words "complementary extremes" could sum up its feeling. When shopping at your local Goodwill Retail Store & Donation Center, keep in the mind the key points that follow and your style savvy will go up, as the temperatures drop!

### Key Trends

**Strong tertiary colors**, not primary tones will be very dominant from silky blouses and dresses to sweaters, scarves, and accessories. Look for rich wines, burgundy, navy, earthy greens, teals, poppy, rust, and goldenrod hues, paired with neutrals like gray, camel, black, and ivory. Contrast that is balanced lends a greater air of sophistication.



The **cable knit sweater** is another top trend. Seen in many different incarnations, I would say the top two are cardigans and tunics. Oversized cowl necks are seen on slimmer fitting tunic style knitwear. Cardigans go longer and belted to create a chic look over slim fitting jeans, skirts and slacks. Leggings that look hand knit and vaguely Edwardian are cool as well. Texture is the rule rather than the exception. Oversized details dominate such as epaulets, collars, buttons and pockets.



**Handbags** are still the IT item this season, with designers literally all over the map. A smart clutch in a unique color or fabrication is a **must** for the fabulous set! Whether made of leather, vinyl or fabric, detail is the thing that remains strong. Tassels, chains, locksets, ruching, studs and straps are all fair game when it comes to purses. Personally, I think the bright tones and metallic can be a beacon in even the dreariest of winters, so go for the luxe!



**Cropped jackets and vests** that are layered over tucked-in feminine sweaters and blouses is in play and getting stronger. The tailored piece over the softer piece creates the extremes in this look, as well as the disparity in length. With jeans for day, or a pencil skirt or even a woolen maxi dress layered underneath for night, this is a forward thinking look. Think "*summer of love*" but modern.



**Shoes have a retro 80s** vibe for fall. Square toed squash booties, as well as triangular heels on pumps and boots give a bit of that "*tough girl*" feeling, but are really glammed up with color, metallic and even animal prints.



The last must have is the **"lady coat"**. This would be a more fitted silhouette than we have seen in years past, longer in overall length, with a more pronounced waistline and shoulder. Also seen on the runways were shorter versions worn over slim jumpers. Ladylike is definitely a growing and welcome trend as well, so be ahead of the pack and own this look come fall.

Thank goodness it is so easy to update your seasonal wardrobe at the Goodwill Retail Store and Donation Center nearby. So what are you waiting for? Spring?

