

FALL LOOKS

Recharge your sewing with
trending patterns and fabrics

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This season, focus on staying warm, being comfortable, and looking fabulous. Quilted jackets, long wool coats, and flowing capes steal the stage at many fall ready-to-wear shows as trends veer from severe, fitted styles and move toward the comfort of looser silhouettes. Designers played with volume by layering sheer fabrics with different patterns to create a casual yet chic look in tunics worn over slim-legged pants, and other ensembles. Many runway looks are '80s inspired, with big shoulders and vibrant colors. This season's trends urge boldness with your fashion choices. Don't be afraid to stand out with loud prints or eye-catching details. It's about being unique and embracing your personal style.

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For a striking coat, consider an abstract patterned jacquard and faux fur. The silhouette and fabrics express contemporary outerwear style.

Pattern: BurdaStyle 6462. Fabric: abstract metallic jacquard, MoodFabrics.com; faux fur, Threads stash.



High-impact outerwear

A great coat can keep you warm and show off your sense of style at the same time. Create your ideal outerwear look with bright colors and playful details.

STYLISH STATEMENT JACKET

Take jackets and coats up a notch this season with a vibrant print or color. Consider using brocade or jacquard to bring flair to a simple pattern. Collars often include faux fur or shearling, which can be substituted or modified to work with many patterns. If you're feeling daring, brightly colored or patterned faux fur makes an even bigger statement.

Closet Case Clare Coat New Look 6534
Col ette patterns Albion Style Arc Genevieve Coat
Grainline Studio Yates Coat Vogue 9136

QUILTED COAT OR VEST

Athletic-inspired silhouettes are the star of the season. Embrace volume with quilted jackets and vests; they're warm and fashionable. Use prequilted material, or make your own with different types of fabric. Put a new spin on nonquilted jacket or vest patterns with this chic technique.

BurdaStyle 6986 McCall's 7695
Dana Marie Everyday Hoodie Simplicity 8222
Make It Perfect Women's Hero Vest Waffle Patterns Dropje Vest

COZY SHEARLING COAT

Enhance coats and jackets with a shearling collar or lapels. Use faux shearling for a cruelty-free look that will keep you toasty during the winter weather. Some of the patterns below do not recommend shearling, but they can be easily modified to include it.

BurdaStyle Shearling Coat 10/2016 #123
Butterick 6604
Folkwear Siberian Parka
New Look 6536
Simplicity 8467
Vogue 1563

A lofty faux fur collar adds texture and warmth. This application may be added even if the pattern does not call for it.



Playful weekend styles

Enjoy comfortable, loose-fitting garments in more relaxed times. Create voluminous ensembles with different colors and prints for the most impact.

LAYERED LOOKS

The bigger the better with these buildable and versatile ensembles. Put a kimono jacket over a long tunic over pants and you'll be on trend. Use different prints, fabric types, and colors to layer. Whether two layers or more, you will look comfortable and fabulous.

Butterick 6294
Butterick 6576
Hot Patterns 1211

Simplicity 8177
The Sewing Workshop Fillmore
Vogue 1356

OVERSIZED KNIT TOPS

As the temperatures drop, look to oversized tops made with thick knits to keep warm. Piece, color-block, or otherwise manipulate chunky knits for interesting garments with a variety of daring colors and patterns. Don't forget the turtleneck and cowl necklines, which are popular on the runway.

BurdaStyle 6476
Butterick 6392
Hot Patterns 1223

Style Arc Brooklyn Knit Top
The Maker's Atelier The Big Easy Top
Waffle Patterns Diagonal Knit Top

WHIMSICAL BOWS

From dainty bows placed at the waistline to giant statement bows at the collar, bows of all sizes decorated the looks on the runway. There are many ways to rock this look, even by adding a bow to a pattern you already have at home. Get creative when determining the size and placement, and don't be afraid to go big.

Decades of Style 104

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Eva Dress 1958 Cocktail Dress
E50-8673
Marfy 3623
McCall's 7627
Named Clothing
Stella Shirdress

SLIM-LEGGED PANTS

Not quite skinny, these pants make an excellent counter to the voluminous layers in style this season. Casual jeans, as well as dress pants, look great in this silhouette. Experiment with colors, textures, and patterns.

BurdaStyle 6432
Cashmerette Ames Jeans
Closet Case Sasha Trousers

Jalie Vanessa Fluid Pants 3676
McCall's 7726
Vogue 9228



View this ensemble at
ThreadsMagazine.com.

*A flowing top
and a bold print
create a casual
look with drama
and room to
move.*

*Pattern: Vogue 9305.
Fabric: (tunic) medium-
weight linen and
(pants) double-face
woven cotton,
MoodFabrics.com.*



Exaggerated lapels convey confidence and authority.

Pattern: Vogue 8992.
Fabric: cotton suiting, MoodFabrics.com.

Chic workwear

Workplace clothes don't have to be standard. Explore different silhouettes and textiles that make you feel like the boss.

REVAMPED BLAZER

The blazer is back. Versions have been updated with feminine twists such as a nipped-in waist or peplum. Reimagine the classic shape into dresses and jumpsuits. Change the lapels with a different fabric, such as faux leather, for a modern style.

BurdaStyle 6581

Dana Marie Angles and Ohs! Jacket

McCall's 7818

Orangeuse Amsterdam Blazer

Style Arc Sara Jacket

Vogue 1560

PROMINENT COLOR BLOCKING

A pop of color instantly brightens and brings life to a look. Color-blocking is back on a larger scale, creating striking half-and-half looks using solid colors and patterned fabric. You can accomplish this technique with almost any pattern if you're willing to plan new seamlines and add seam allowances.

Butterick 6377

Decades of Style 2005

Gail Patrice Triangulate the Tee

Megan Nielsen Patterns Karri Dress

Simplicity 8547

Vogue 1581

EYE-CATCHING ASYMMETRY

Every type of garment can be made asymmetrical by adjusting the sleeves, hems, and other elements. This season is all about adding different details on the same garment. Try modifying your existing patterns at the hem or neckline. Adjust the lapels of your favorite blazer pattern for a fresh interpretation of a classic look.

Cutting Line Designs
Passport to Style

Indygo Essentials Asymmetrical
Top and Tunic

Silhouette Patterns 127

Simplicity 1068

The Sewing Workshop
Memphis Dress

Vogue 1513

SOPHISTICATED COORDINATES

Garments pull more weight in your wardrobe when they go with other pieces. Thoughtfully chosen coordinates keep you looking professional while giving you more options for mixing and matching.

Butterick 6524

McCall's 7635

Simplicity 8465

Style Arc Parisian Classic Look

Vogue 1527

Vogue 9189

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For more fall patterns and sewing inspiration, visit ThreadsMagazine.com.

Bold fabric options

This season, textiles with personality bring flair to even simple styles. Fabric weight varies from sheer to lofty.

FLORALS

Many collections show florals of all colors, motifs, and scales. Garments sewn in these fabrics—from dresses to coats and skirts—bring a feeling of energy.



INSPIRED BY ANIMALS

Beyond traditional animal skin prints such as leopard, cheetah, and zebra, this season also includes representational prints of animals such as birds, cats, or dogs, and textured fabrics reminiscent of reptilian scales.



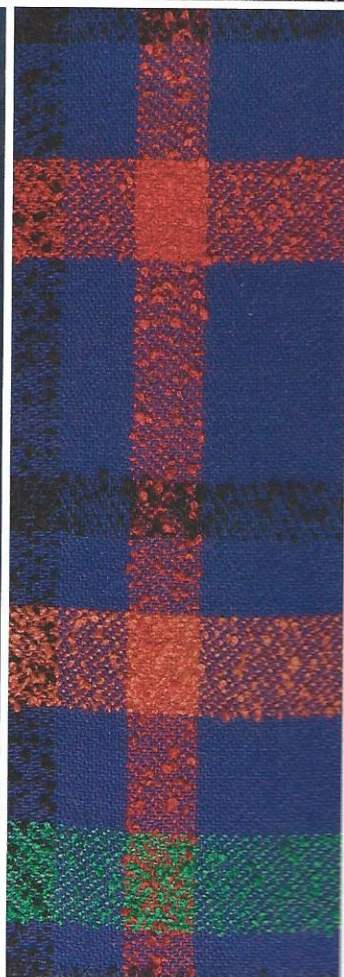
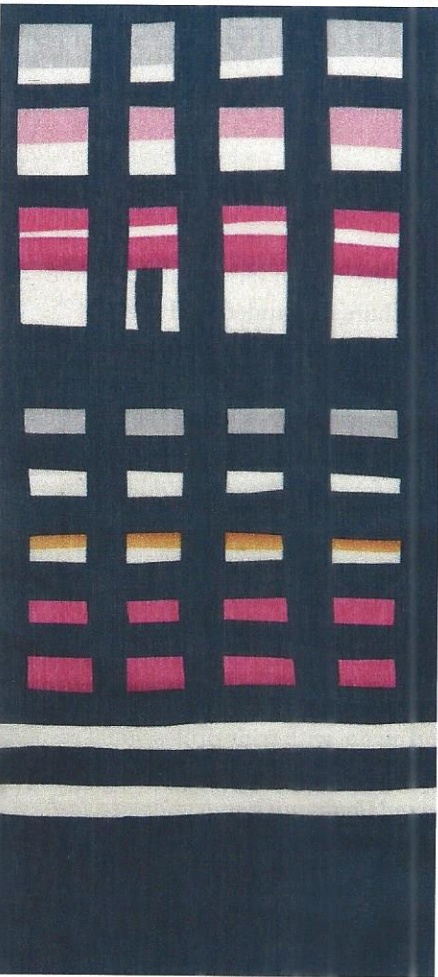
METALLICS

A runway staple in recent years, metallic fabrics sparkled ubiquitously at the fall fashion shows. Silver and gold are the most prevalent, made into suits and coats. Fabrics with metallic threads will add a luxe feel to garments of any silhouette.



PLAIDS

Coats, skirts, shirts, dresses: Try any of these in the season's plaid fabrics. Bright, large-scale versions are popular for coats and skirts, while smaller scale and abstract plaids create beautiful tops and dresses. Mix and match colors and scales for a fresh look.



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Trans-seasonal colors

The Pantone Color Institute color forecasters compiled 10 must-have colors and 5 core neutrals for fall 2018. The palette includes traditional fall colors, such as Valiant Poppy, as well as touches of spring influence such as Ultra Violet, Pantone's 2018 color of the year.

TOP 10 PALETTE



CLASSIC NEUTRALS

