

The 10 pieces you need this fall



1. SLOUCHY PANTS

Baggier styles showed up on the spring 2005 runways; now they're back for fall, so stow away your super-pegged straight legs. Smartest pick: relaxed trousers in a masculine fabric, worn with a belted cardigan (unbuttoned at the bottom, for flattery). Cardigan, pants, hat, belt, gloves, Hermès; bag, Tanner Krolle; shoes, Dior by John Galliano.

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2. SERIOUS BOOTS

Haven't you gotten a little tired of those pointy-toed, spike-heeled ones you've been sporting for the past few years? The new shape has a slightly rounded or oval toe and chunkier heels, and it looks great with a girly dress and thick black tights. Boots and dress, Burberry Prorsum; hat, JLO by Jennifer Lopez; tights, Michael Michael Kors.



3. A HARDWARE-LADEN BAG

Whether you're shopping for a bargain or plunking down two weeks' pay, you'll get maximum updating power from a bag with a structured shape, chain straps and metal zippers and closures. Bag, blouse, skirt, shoes, Marc Jacobs; hair comb, Louis Vuitton; tights, Michael Michael Kors.

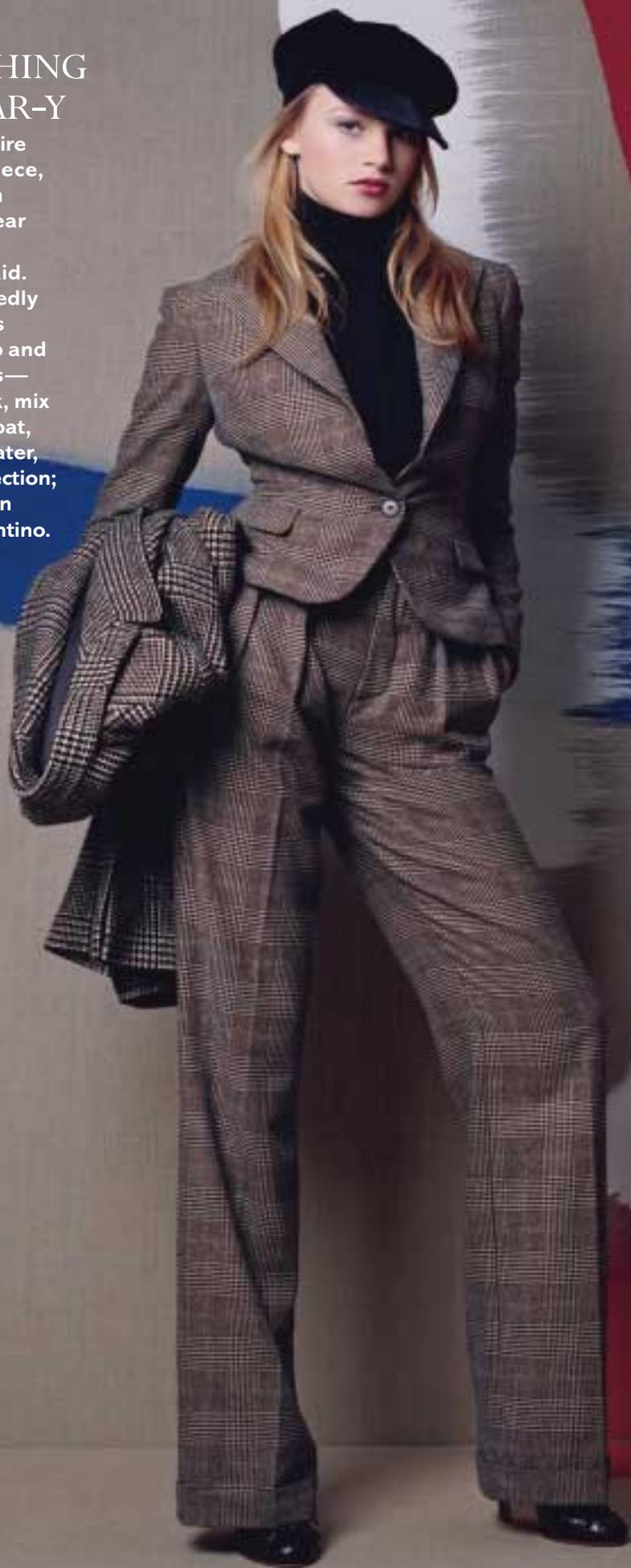


4. AN UNPLAIN LITTLE BLACK DRESS

The LBD has been around for years. How to make it look new? By skipping the simple sheaths and grabbing one with rich fabric mixes, unusual pleating and gathers and a fuller shape. Dress, Alberta Ferretti; belt (worn as headband), Alessandro Dell'Acqua; tights, Wolford; pumps, Casadei.

5. SOMETHING MENSWEAR-Y

Whether it's an entire suit or just one piece, the point is an item in a gutsy menswear fabric, like nubby wool, tweed or plaid. Wear it with decidedly boyish accessories like a newsboy cap and not-delicate shoes—or for a softer look, mix in a lace blouse. Coat, jacket, pants, sweater, Ralph Lauren Collection; shoes, Dior by John Galliano; hat, Valentino.





6. A VELVET ANYTHING

Shoes! Skirts! Scarves, jackets, pants! *Everything* comes in velvet now. P.S. The when-to-wear-it rules have changed, so don't sit around waiting for Saturday night—it can go to work or Sunday brunch. Jacket, blouse, skirt, Lanvin; headband, Boyd's; shoes, Christian Louboutin.



7. A FEMININE SUIT

The new ones have a nipped-waist, hip-length jacket with slightly rounded shoulders and a curve-hugging skirt.

Jacket, top, skirt, Rochas; hair clip, Boyd's; shoes, Christian Louboutin.



8. A CROPPED JACKET

Look for one in black with a military feel: squarish shoulders and shape, a collarless neckline, menswear-fabric lining, metal buttons. It works best with a full skirt or jeans. Jacket, skirt, top, boots, Chloé; hair comb, Louis Vuitton; tights, Michael Michael Kors.



9. A FANCY WHITE BLOUSE

The runways were chock-full of special white blouses. Buy at least one to dress up everything you own. Top, Rossella Tarabini for Anna Molinari; necklace, Lanvin; hair comb, Louis Vuitton. Love her pretty pink lips? Try Chanel Aqualumière Sheer Colour Lipshine SPF 15 in Bahamas, \$24, chanel.com.



10. A SLIM, BELTED COAT

They're not as brocaded and bejeweled as they were last winter, but that doesn't mean this year's toppers are any less interesting. Find one that's furred, buckled and gold- or silver-buttoned and you'll be winter '05-ready. Coat, skirt, shoes, Louis Vuitton; tights, Wolford. See *Go Shopping* for more information.

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