



## Top fashion trends

The fashion weeks are over but the runways provided the complete list of the autumn/winter fashion trends. Possibly the biggest trend of next autumn and winter seasons is the use of masculine to accentuate certain aspects of femininity. The ladies that walk out onto the runway often have a gender ambiguity about them that really keeps up with the spring and summer trends of this year, making lack of specific sexuality, or instead the appearance of multiple genders in one, the official norm.

Another trend is the use of lots of layers. We always manage to look good for the fall and winter, but lately there can be a problem with keeping warm. Since we want to wear transparent looks, it only makes sense to wear something underneath as well. Then again, we were thinking of something similar in cut to skirts and dresses and not wearing pants and tops and a few other pieces underneath the main piece.

As for inspiration, garments have transitioned away from the 1970s and come well into the 1980s, with contrasting prints and lots of stellar content. The combination of white tiger print crop sweater with bright turtlenecks and graffiti miniskirts is very intriguing. Animal tones are a common sight actually. There is also a wide use of zippers on the skirts, giving it a more stylish edge. Leather skirts, big accents to the tops, transparent tanks, and tulle layered skirts only make things look more fun.

One of the top fall 2016 trends is the look of pleats, with multiple layers of colorful goodness, as well as the use of velvet with so many intriguing designs on it, from prints to embroideries to the simple cuts of it all. There can also be a combination of velvet and lace with a whole lot of layers. Both embroidery and lace are still a vital part of the autumn/ winter 2016-2017 fashion trends, making the appearance of turtleneck lace dresses under velvet layers and over masculine pants rather refreshing.

The metallic looks were all the rage on the catwalks as we noticed skirts, dresses, tops, pants and everything in between appearing in silver, gold, copper and more. It was a look we easily fell in love with, the variety of shiny metallic details all the more attractive when appearing as art on transparent gowns or as rather lovely prints on knee-length coats.

The new trends focus on asymmetrical shoulders too, from single shoulder dresses to open shoulder sweaters. Lowering the top to show off a little shoulder or playing with single shoulder designs gives the looks a more feminine edge, made to counteract the often-masculine accents to the outfits on the catwalks.

Moreover, the 2015 top trends of plunging necklines continue into 2016, right into the autumn and winter fashions. However, it is made even more appealing with plunging necklines paired with shirts or high-necked tops underneath with long sleeves and body contouring materials. Plunging necks with nothing underneath can also be seen, and blouses heavily accented with rich embroideries as well for additional style. The necklines on pinstripe suits look pretty awesome as well.

### ACTIVITIES

1 Read the text and answer the following questions.

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| 1 What is the biggest trend of next autumn/winter season? | 5 What are the top combinations of materials? |
| 2 How can transparent looks coexist with warmth?          | 6 How are metallic looks created?             |
| 3 What is very intriguing of the 1980s inspiration?       | 7 What are the main trends for shoulders?     |
| 4 What can be found on skirts? Why?                       | 8 How are plunging necklines used?            |