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*Essential style
news you need
to know now*



bag it...
SOPHIE HULME

Understated and under the radar, Sophie Hulme's new collection embodies fall's coolest bag trend. We've already spotted Russian model and style-setter Elena Perminova carrying the tan tote, so it won't be long until the rest of the fashion crowd catches on.

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How would you define your style?

Classic but with an individual edge. I like my personal and professional style to capture the essence of our magazine in a feminine form.

Who are your favorite designers? Jil Sander, Phoebe Philo, Véronique Nichanian, Alber Elbaz.

Your top three FW12 essentials?

1. A double-breasted tweed blazer.
2. Bold sci-fi accessories.
3. A boyish watch.

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style rules...
**POWER
PATENT**

1. Throw a high-shine jacket on with a side-split skirt for a sleek finish.
2. Switch up your staple pencil skirt for a slick patent version. Remember, heels are a must.
3. Add a touch of tough to simple tees with a glossy collar – the accessory of the season.

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post-party eyes...
**SPARKLY
SHADES**

After weeks of after-show soirées, Miu Miu's bubblegum cat-eye sunglasses are heaven sent. Team with a glamorous one-piece for a winter-sun getaway.

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backstage at...
ALEXANDER WANG

We talk exclusively to the downtown designer and his A-list fans...



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The HIGH FIVE

Find out what we're obsessed with this week



1 THE BROCADE SHIFT

Master fall's dark opulence in Lanvin's black and gold dress, thigh boots and cherry lips.



3 COCKTAIL JEWELS

A sensational outfit deserves bold accessories. Valentino's floral necklace gives any outfit a touch of chic.



4 THE COLOR-BLOCK DRESS

It's the season of wow pieces. Antonio Berardi's dress is a perfect example – just add heels.



2 THE BEADED BAG

The evening clutch gets the star treatment. We love Lanvin's pop-bright style.



5 LOOK-AT-ME HEELS

Kick start the two-tone trend with Marni's suede sandals. Dressed up or down, they were made to make a statement.

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THE BAG GUIDE

From the oversized to the structured, the bright to the understated, it's time to get to grips with our definitive guide to fall's key bag trends



STYLE TIP
Wear with delicate pieces such as a ruffle blouse for a feminine touch.



STYLE TIP
For the new country classic dress code add equestrian boots to an urban day dress



MIU MIU



Doctor, doctor
From the professional holdall of old to the ultimate in women's luxury accessories, the medical bag has had a refresh and now comes sleek, modern and effortless.



Riding high
It's off to the English countryside for fall, but in a super-sophisticated manner. Think rich shades and equestrian touches, such as gold hardware, horse blanket touches and quilting.



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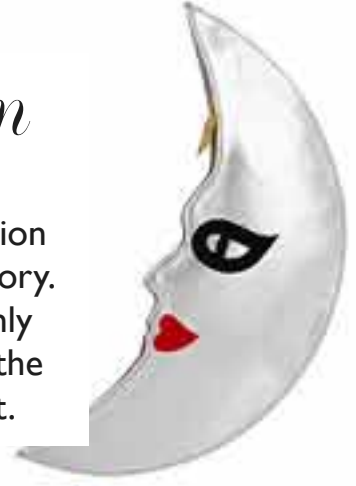


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Conversation clutches

Inject a little fun into fashion with clutches that tell a story. Brightly colored and highly embellished, make them the star piece of your outfit.



JASON WU

STYLE TIP
Try carrying a decorative clutch during the day to add a hit of glamour to any outfit.



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STYLE TIP
Wear with sharp tailoring or a simple shift dress to keep this looking elegant.



Tougher edge

The new grown-up gothic has a dramatic feel. Look for details such as studs, chain-mail straps, lace and zippers for the most impact.



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THE BAG GUIDE

Extravagant overload

We can't get enough of the new season's opulence. There's only one rule here: the more decorative the better. Load up with sequins, appliqué beading and jewels, for a decadent, modern look.



STYLE TIP
Partner an ornate clutch with distressed jeans for a cool contemporary update.

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New classics

Wardrobes need timeless building blocks – pieces that transcend seasons and always look chic. These are the bags that fulfill just that: elegant, beautiful and forever.



STYLE TIP
For a classic ladylike look, finish the outfit with simple, single-sole pumps.



JIL SANDER

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STYLE TIP
Choose a satchel, shopper or clutch to update even the simplest ensemble.



CHLOÉ



Red renegade
Brights are the best way to be noticed and scarlet, most definitely, is the color of the season. It speaks of happiness, charm and passion, but also feels cool and rebellious – it's all in the way you wear it.

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Geometry lesson

Totes have had an architectural makeover. The clean lines and simplicity of the trapeze shape is right for now. Coming in every color from apple-green to merlot, pick one to suit your fashion mood.

STYLE TIP
Contrast the sharp lines of your bag with a sleek cocoon coat.



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COVER GIRLS

From the peacoat to the cape, the bold cocoon to the tailored blazer: it's time to warm to fall's best outerwear

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TAILORED

Sleek and sophisticated, the timeless tailored coat gets a pop-bright push for fall in plush shades of merlot and cornflower-blue.

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DOWN JACKETS

Forget what you know – the new down jackets have high-fashion appeal with luxe quilting, bows and cinched belts.

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BOLD

In high-octane hues, plaid or cocoon silhouettes, this season's coats are all about making a statement.

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PEACOATS

The timeless cover star is big on glamour. Meaning fur collars, girlish tones and glossy finishes.

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CAPE

Make way for the ultimate
trans-seasonal choice.
Just layer up and go.

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TACTILE

Patterned fur, lustrous shearling and colorful trims. For instant impact, look to the fuzzy cover-up.

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THE BEAUTY EDIT

Because no chic outfit is complete without makeup to match...

DIANE VON FURSTENBERG

need to know... CC CREAMS

Blemish balm or BB creams have taken the world by storm as the all-in-one product that moisturizes, protects, heals and covers. Now, the “CC” cream takes the formula even further. Standing for color and correct it provides all the benefits of its BB cousin but better. Look out for Chanel’s much-anticipated CC offering, coming soon.

hair do... LOOK THE PART

The super-side parting just got seriously chic. It was swept into glossy buns and low-slung ponytails at Diane von Furstenberg and Jil Sander and works with everything from opulent gowns to minimalist tailoring. “There should be no flyaway strands – it’s really sleek,” says hair stylist Orlando Pita.



heaven scent... NEW NOTES

Brooding blooms, winter berries and pink pepper – the new wave of perfumes are as diverse as they are exotic. Which to spritz? Follow our fall guide and choose a scent to match your signature style.

i MODERNIST

i TOMBOY

i ROMANTIC

i GLAMAZON

i ADVENTURER



EDUN

runway trend... CHROME COOL

The classic nude eye goes future fabulous at Edun and Alberta Ferretti this season, thanks to a high-shine slick of silver liner. Be inspired and get ready to go platinum with our top three heavy-metal picks.

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CULTURE & STYLE

This week's global hotlist of film, music, art and more

MUSIC DON'T STOP THE HIP-HOP

It seems '80s/'90s hip-hop style is having a revival, from Lara Stone dancing to Salt-n-Pepa's "Push It" in the new Calvin Klein underwear campaign, to Rihanna and Rita Ora's recent penchant for baseball jackets, denim shorts and Timberlands. And we all know what designers from Isabel Marant to Pierre Hardy have done for the sneaker...

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BOOK
SUBTLE SOPHISTICATION

A sumptuous ode to discreet luxury, *Bottega Veneta* is the first book to explore the Italian fashion house. A beautifully designed visual history, it is co-written by the label's creative director, Tomas Maier.

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HOTEL
BAROQUE AT BEDTIME

Dolce & Gabbana's love affair with baroque came courtesy of the beautiful island of Sicily. Discover the 17th-century architecture that inspired the duo at the Grand Hotel Timeo in Taormina – previous guests include Sophia Loren and Elizabeth Taylor. grandhoteltimeo.com

TV
GET THE GOSSIP

Britain's coolest export, Alexa Chung, is set to bolster her Stateside success with a star turn in *Gossip Girl*. The show's sixth and final season will – as always – be a label-spotter's paradise, with the likes of Christian Louboutin, Marc by Marc Jacobs and Reed Krakoff to be seen on screen. *Starts October 8 on CW*

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STYLE TREND
BLACK BEAUTY

Head-to-toe black is everywhere this fall. For those who like their art with a dark side, *Picasso: Black And White* launches at the Guggenheim (from October 5; guggenheim.org), while *Rothko/ Sugimoto: Dark Paintings And Seascapes* at London's Pace Gallery displays Mark Rothko's black paintings alongside Hiroshi Sugimoto's horizon images (from October 4; pacegallerylondon.com).



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