

## Bring fantasy into reality with fashion

### READY-TO-WEAR



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This fall is the season to act like a chameleon, test the waters and bring fantasy into fashion reality. The fall collections are packed with strong looks, extravagant pieces and rich detailing. So celebrate your individuality and take advantage of the exciting styles that fall has to offer. You'll see an indulgent blend of 90s rock style and Lolita sauciness plus a little Victorian lace and touch of the bold frontier. In the broader scheme of it all, there's truly something to satisfy every fashion appetite this fall.

### Schoolgirl crush

Schoolgirl meets rocker chic this fall, as the new season offers a mixed bag of titillating styles for the fashion-obsessed.

Fall celebrates good society girls gone bad by embracing inner sass with style and flair. Rules be gone!

Last season's graceful femininity has been transformed into this season's fractured innocence, a look that's reminiscent of femme fatale Lolita with a saucy schoolgirl crush.

The forgiving silhouette of the baby doll dress makes a triumphant return with fitted sleeves, empire waist and soft ruffles that grace curves.

Tailored blouses are paired with thigh-grazing pleated skirts, tights and mary jane pumps.

The look is pure ingenue, but don't forget there's a darker edge that emanates beneath the sweetness.

### Age of innocence

Dust off the cameo and pin it to your new pleated top. Victorian fashion is all the rage for fall.

Day and evening looks suggest the era with puffed sleeves or go full tilt with waist-whittling lace brocade corsets.

Skirts with ruffled hems are paired with high collar lace tops and lace-up boots.

Body-hugging silk and lace dresses come with ruffles that grace the neck and satin buttons that cascade down the back.

For a true Edwardian look, top off a dress with a romantic cape.

### Wild frontier

Feel like a queen of the wild frontier?

You're in luck. Taking their cue from the Old West, fashion designers have created a new, rich hippie look.

Key elements are shearing coats, floral print dresses, fit leather pants and boots.

Add a fur hat and you're ready to saddle up the horses.

But if the call of the wild has you longing for 80s prairie skirts, rather than cowboy boots, pair rich tweed skirts and pants with fitted jackets featuring ruffles and tight sleeves.

Or, partner long, flowing skirts with touches of lace and a ruffled baby doll top and tailored leather jacket.

Top it off with a great pair of lace-up granny boots, and you're ready to hit the town.

### Luxurious fur

Fur, the season's over-the-top luxury fabric is popping up on just about every item of clothing.

And both real and faux fur are making bold statements on different looks, from rock-solid party girl to decidedly manicured diva.

You'll see fur trim on wool overcoats, fitted tweed jackets and cashmere sweaters.

And don't be surprised to encounter Russian-inspired fur hats, either.

Even denim gets a kick with fur detailing with bad girl edge.

Whatever the style, a little fur goes a long way.

### Boots and saddles

Boots, from flats to those with skyscraper high heels, are the hot accessory for fall.

This new footwear can take you everywhere: from equestrian elegance to party mode in a flash.

Add some sass to that school girl outfit with knee-high boots or complete that rocker edge look with motorcycle buckle detailing.

Even the Edwardian look gets a modern jolt with slim heels and side lacing and ruching.

While last year's baguette had women buying up the purse shape faster than you could say Fendi, this season's handbags surrender to personal taste.

It's anything goes, as purses are less structured and more relaxed in style.

Picks for fall include oversized saddle shoulder bags, delicate embroidered lace purses, smart leather handbags and chic denim carrels.

Just remember to transfer your wallet and lipstick as you transform yourself from one look to the other.

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## New Bohemian

### A look that's beat emerges at Marshall Field's Fash Bash

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Fall clothing collections always gravitate towards the darker end of the color spectrum. It only makes sense; clothing reflects the season, and autumn retires lighter colors in favor of darker ones.

But this year's major fall collections have tapped into a different brand of darkness: the moody sort often associated with the Bohemian lifestyle.

No doubt the return of black only contributes to the broody feeling. Of the 13 major, ready-to-wear lines shown by Marshall Field's at Fash Bash, Calvin Klein's was entirely black. Donna Karan alternated black with tan and gold. And though red and white pumped up Jean Paul Gaultier's line-up, the collection's black lace stockings and thigh-highs stole the show.

Enter the fluidity of flowing, long skirts; headbands prominent over long tresses; tall bent-looking boots; and belt buckles that looked like miniature sculpture by Donna Karan. Where's the art show opening?

But there were other images setting the mood.

Dolce & Gabbana and Just Cavalli's shirts and jackets for men were showy and worn open; surely only men with Bohemian tendencies would imitate 70s pimp appeal.

On the other end of the spectrum, shouling coats, fur trims and Daniel Boone fur hats conjured up visions of independent spirits — no doubt hippies — building log cabins in the woods.

In John Varvatos collection for men, black and tan wool turtlenecks, sweaters and tailored coats united the stuffy professor and the British Invasion.

Then there were ensembles for women inspired by suits for men.

While pinstripes and women in ties and tuxedo garb recall the 80s, Annie Hall was a Bohemian.

So were the teenagers who invaded their fathers' closets in the 80s in search of oversized jackets.

**Beat for fall: A Bohemian look emerged on the runway at Fash Bash, held Aug. 10 at Detroit's Fox Theatre. Marshall Field's presented apparel from 13 major ready-to-wear designers, including Donna Karan, Dolce & Gabbana, Calvin Klein, Marc Jacobs, Versace, Jean Paul Gaultier and Badgley Mischka.**



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### TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

#### HAIR TREATMENT SEMINAR

Birmingham stylist Jonec introduces Wella's Life-Text Wellness treatments for decreasing hair loss, improving hair condition and decreasing tension in the neck and scalp areas, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Farrell Reis Salon at 544 North Old Woodward in downtown Birmingham, no charge. For additional information, call (810) 677-8172.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

#### SPA EVENT

Shoppers who purchase \$75 or more in the Cosmetics & Fragrances department at Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, will receive select Elizabeth Arden Red Door Salon spa services at 40 percent off regular prices. For details about the event or to make an appointment, call (248) 643-9000, ext. 242.

#### KIDS ENTERTAINMENT

Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights presents "Who's Ready for School?" as part of the shopping center's Imagination Celebration program, a series of music, story and theater shows for children, 7 p.m., Fountain Court. In addition, non-perishable goods will be collected for donation to the Macomb Food Program. Each child who brings a box or can of food will be entered into a prize drawing. For

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more details, call (810) 247-1744.

#### TRUNK SHOW

The Peppertree, 302 Walnut Boulevard in downtown Rochester, hosts a trunk show featuring Garfield & Marks, Plain Air and Lois Hill jewelry, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. In addition to saving 20 percent on purchases made during the trunk show, customers may register to win a suit. For more details, call (248) 652-1225.

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

#### COMPLIMENTARY FACIAL

Learn about Christian Dior's newest skin care line IOD and enjoy a complimentary facial treatment at Nordstrom, the Somerset Collection in Troy, through August 25. Cosmetics department, first floor. To schedule an appointment, call (248) 816-5100, ext. 1418.

#### MAKEUP EVENTS

National makeup artists from Stila and Laura Mercier visit Saks Fifth Avenue, the Somerset Collection in Troy, to introduce their fall color collections and consult with customers, through August 25. Cosmetics & Fragrances department, first floor. To make an appointment with a Stila makeup artist, call (248) 614-3337. To schedule an appointment with an artist from Laura Mercier, call (248) 614-3364.

#### MALL CONCERT SERIES

Northland Shopping Center in Southfield hosts a series of free jazz concerts on Friday and Saturday afternoons every other week through September

22. Join The Ralph Armstrong International Detroiters Group on August 24 and 25. All concerts run noon-2 p.m. at the center's Outdoor Court. Free refreshments will be provided. For additional information, call (248) 569-6272.

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

#### MEET STUART WEITZMAN

Renowned shoe designer Stuart Weitzman greets customers and presents his fall 2001 collection to celebrate the opening of Roz & Sherm's expanded shoe salon, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Roz & Sherm, 6536 Telegraph Road in the Bloomfield Plaza in Bloomfield Township. For more information, call (248) 855-8877.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

#### ANNUAL FASHION SHOW

Join fashion followers at the 12th Annual Birmingham Fall Spectacular featuring fall fashion from Birmingham merchants plus live and silent auctions, a strolling dinner and entertainment, 5:30-9:30 p.m., outside under tents between the Townsend Hotel and The Community House in downtown Birmingham. The event benefits the Benmont Pediatric Cancer Survivors Scholarship Fund. General admission tickets are \$65 in advance and \$75 at the show. Patron seats are \$175 and benefactor tickets are priced \$250. For more information or to purchase tickets, call (248) 644-1700. Tickets may also be purchased at the following Birmingham stores: Astrelin's Jewelers, Tender and Imelda's Closet.