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the working woman's guide to fashion for work and play

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Save time and money by knowing what's in style. Leather, Denim, Tweed, Disco Diva and a salute to the 80's. Image Consultant, ANNALISA ARMITAGE, fills us in on the fashion trends for Autumn 2010!

The changing seasons are always an opportunity to donate those items that you no longer need, like or fit into so that you can make space for the new trends.

Moving out of Summer and into the Autumn/Winter season you will see a number of different looks. The secret is to choose the ones that best suit your body shape and go with it.

- There is a strong 80's feel around, both with the bright colour blocking and the very strong shoulders. If you did this once, only the bravest and youngest looking of us will do it again. If you insist on doing it again, make sure it's not with those clothes that are in the back of your wardrobe - the essence is 80's but the shoulder pads are different.
- Leather is a big statement. Wear jackets in all sorts of silhouettes and, of course, in an over the knee boot. We saw them fleetingly last year and this year they'll be back with a vengeance. Wear

them with a flat heel,

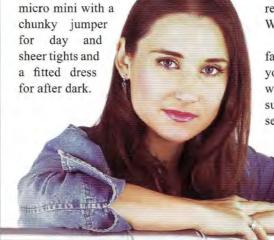
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■ Tweed - Find your gorgeous tweed jacket or coat and wear with browns, oranges, pink, marine blue and green. Purple is still around too and of course, the usual black and grey.

- Denim Our love affair with denim is here to stay. Do double, triple, quadruple denim all in the one outfit, just make sure it doesn't look like a suit. Use different colours and weights to create a just-puttogether feel, but not matchy, matchy!
- There's a bike chic look that's also very current. If you like this look, work it using black and red with silver and pewter necklaces, along with your studded cuff and over the knee or ankle length boots.
- Disco diva meets daytime strong metallics and sequins. This look is not for the earthy looking amongst us. Only try this look if your eyes sparkle, your hair shines and your skin glows, otherwise you'll look like you're playing dress ups.
- Textures and Fabrics. Transparent fabrics, lots of combinations in outfits of transparent and solid done in nude, black, red and grey. The velvet will be stunning. We'll also see a lot of fur.

Above all, do not buy because it's fashionable, buy because it's in your budget, you love it and it suits you. Also, if you want to be taken seriously at work, a good suggestion would be to steer clear of sequins and transparent fabrics.

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