

# Trends

Grace Timothy profiles the autumn/winter trends sashaying down the catwalk

## Tailoring

The slightly androgynous, tailored look is a big hit this season. Waists are high, trouser legs are wide and, coupled with fitted suit jackets, create a sophisticated, elegant look. Think Annie Hall and bring her bang up to date, courtesy of Aquascutum, Diane von Furstenberg, MaxMara, Chloé, Ralph Lauren, Celine and Stella McCartney.

For those who favour a softer, more overtly feminine look Temperley, Valentino and Ghost have paired sheer blouses and intricate detailing with high waist pants, accentuating the waist and creating a longer leg. Moschino's sleeveless shirt goes beautifully with a pencil skirt, while its ruffle and bow blouse adds a soft touch to straight trousers and braces. By autumn this look will be ubiquitous throughout office blocks and social scenes alike. Paco Rabanne has a similar blouse, which is delicately paired with a pencil skirt. And with rumours of the demise of the label Paco Rabanne, this is surely a key buy for posterity's sake.



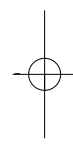
Jacket, £245, trousers, £150, Ghost, 020 8960 3121, www.ghost.co.uk



Trousers, £415, Shirt, £375, Blazer, £750, Shoes £295, Moschino, 020 7318 0535, www.moschino.it



Jacket, £1,070, Waistcoat £59, £585, Shirt, £195, Ralph Lauren, 020 7535 4678, www.ralphlauren.eu



## Volume

Skirts continue to be voluminous, flowing forth from a cinched waist into a puffball, cocoon, tulip or bubble. Sleeves are also affected, with the puff and bell sleeves inordinately popular among designers. Viktor and Rolf's coats explode out from a wasp waist in an overblown 1950s-style cut while Celine do so in a slightly less obtrusive manner. Chloé's pinafore dress expands out from the top and cuts back in at the knee, Balenciaga's dresses billow out in wide pleats and Willow has some stunning puffball skirts for the festive season, perfect for ringing in the New Year. These are also part of another strong trend story this season: layering. Mary Quant started layering polo neck sweaters with her dresses in the 1960s, and Willow follows in this tradition. This trend is continued to varying degrees at Marc Jacobs, Chloé and Chanel among others. Chloé's loose smock dresses with volumes of fabric look great with tights and boots or leggings, as seen at Elie Saab and Margaret Howell.





## Gilt, gold and green

Velvet remains a staple of the winter wardrobe, but this year fabrics like taffeta and brocade add considerable worth to the simplest of designs. Think precious metals, opulent gold and a little shimmer. Paul Smith, Prada, Alberta Ferretti, Burberry Prorsum and Roberto Cavalli go all-out glam with the most sumptuous of fabrics, while Missoni and Amanda Wakeley keep the ornamentation to a minimum with elegant gilt detailing. In terms of colour, grey was arguably the most pervasive colour at the shows. However, at this time of year it can be exceptionally drab and dreary. For a warmer colour and sexier expression than the difficult-to-wear tartans, also seen on the catwalk, green is a far more flattering. Not necessarily the apples and limes which were so popular last year but darker, more seductive emerald as seen at Gharani Strok, Basso and Brook, Celine and Alberta Ferretti.



Dress, £1,145, Alberta Ferretti,  
020 7235 2349,  
www.albertaferretti.com



Dress, £440, Gharani Strok,  
020 8749 5909  
www.gharanistock.co.uk



Dress, £1,980, Roberto Cavalli,  
020 7822 1879,  
www.robertocavalli.net

## Geisha gear

2005 saw the release of the exquisite *Memoirs of a Geisha*, a film based on the novel by Arthur Golden. Many designers responded to this theme, most notably Fendi, and have produced some stunning variations on the silk kimono. If this look is a little too themed for you, why not try updating the popular wide waist belt look by wearing an Obi sash instead, as seen on the catwalk at Missoni, Pucci, PPQ, Alberta Ferretti and Aquascutum.

Two stylistic essentials should be foremost in your mind when shopping for your evening and formal looks: volume and lavish gold.



Kimono dress, £1,200, Fendi,  
020 7838 6288,  
www.fendi.com



Coat, £1,710, Top, £220, Belt, £352, Skirt,  
£282, Leggings, £100, Missoni, 020 7332  
2400, www.missoni.com



Shirt, £340, Skirt, £430, Boots,  
£445, Moschino, 020 7318 0535,  
www.moschino.it



# Bags & feet

Last year's hot autumn and winter accessory trend snakeskin is back even stronger this season, and is now complemented by metallics and patent leather. We've paired up the ultimate combination of boots, shoes and handbags to bring out the glamour puss in you

<b>Gold</b>	<b>Metallic</b>	<b>Patent</b>	<b>Snakeskin</b>	<b>Teal</b>
<p>'Parma' shoes, £430, Jimmy Choo, 020 7823 1051, <a href="http://www.jimmychoo.com">www.jimmychoo.com</a></p> <p>'Selina' bag, £395, Anya Hindmarch, 020 7838 9177, <a href="http://www.anyahindmarch.com">www.anyahindmarch.com</a></p> <p>'Cudio' shoes, £35, Faith, 0800 289 297, <a href="http://www.faith.co.uk">www.faith.co.uk</a></p>	<p>'Penny' shoes, £85, Dune, 020 7258 3605, <a href="http://www.dune.co.uk">www.dune.co.uk</a></p> <p>Metallic clutch bag, £60, Folli Follie, 020 7287 9912, <a href="http://www.folli-follie.co.uk">www.folli-follie.co.uk</a></p> <p>'Bella' shoes, £159, Kurt Geiger, 0845 257 2571, <a href="http://www.kurtgeiger.com">www.kurtgeiger.com</a></p>	<p>White patent leather t-strap shoes, £300, Marc Jacobs at Harvey Nichols, 020 7235 5000, <a href="http://www.marcjacobs.com">www.marcjacobs.com</a></p> <p>'Lani' bag, £179, LK Bennett, 020 7637 6731, <a href="http://www.lkbennett.com">www.lkbennett.com</a></p> <p>Over-the-knee boots in lambskin and patent calf, Chanel, POA, 020 7493 5040, <a href="http://www.chanel.com">www.chanel.com</a></p>	<p>'Python Pump' shoes, £375, Patrick Cox, 020 7730 8886, <a href="http://www.patrickcox.com">www.patrickcox.com</a></p> <p>'Silverado' bags, £1,000 and £750, Chloé, 020 7823 5348, <a href="http://www.chloe.com">www.chloe.com</a></p> <p>Alligator boots, £4,900, Ralph Lauren, 020 7535 4600, <a href="http://www.ralphlauren.eu">www.ralphlauren.eu</a></p>	<p>'Emilie' shoes, £99, Kurt Geiger, 0845 257 2571, <a href="http://www.kurtgeiger.com">www.kurtgeiger.com</a></p> <p>'Rizzo' bag, £280, Anya Hindmarch, 020 7838 9177, <a href="http://www.anyahindmarch.com">www.anyahindmarch.com</a></p> <p>'Angelina' bag, £550, Patrick Cox, 020 7730 8886, <a href="http://www.patrickcox.com">www.patrickcox.com</a></p>
				
				
				

