

5 EASY pieces

Fall into autumn fashion with this season's new versions of must-have accessories



THIS SEASON cuffs



LAST SEASON bangles

ARM CANDY

As *Gossip Girl* star Blake Lively proves, part of the secret to a winning red-carpet look is a little arm embellishment. And this season, when it comes to bracelets, we know she'd agree to go big or go home. Last year's pile of bangles has taken a backseat to a single statement piece: the chunky cuff. Don this sassy slip-on style in silver and gold to take a neutral ensemble to the next level or play with textures such as beading and fur to feel instantly ready for autumn. And you won't get a slap on the wrist if you stack two cuffs on one arm or one on each à la Coco Chanel, the original cuff queen.

Top: Stingray cuff with white-gold and diamond marquise frames, \$9,000, and fur cuff with stingray and diamond centre ridge, \$5,900, Mindham Fine Jewellery, mindham.com

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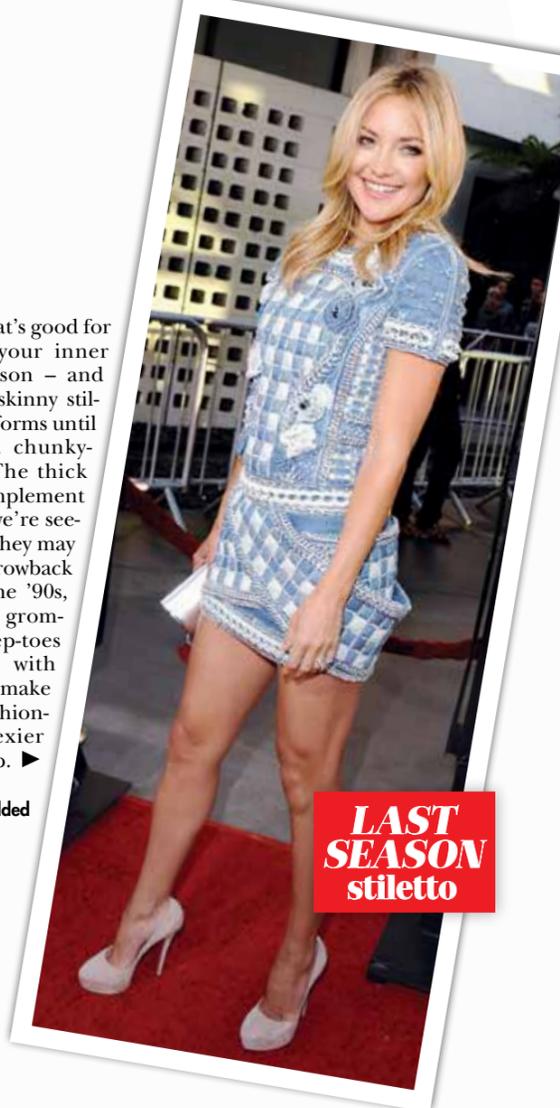


THIS SEASON block heel

FEET FIRST

Here's one fall trend that's good for your sole as well as your inner fashionista! Kate Hudson – and you – can stash those skinny stilettos and teetering platforms until spring and slip on a chunky-heeled pair instead. The thick heels are the ideal complement to the ornate textures we're seeing this fall. And while they may seem to some to be a throwback to the heavy soles of the '90s, details such as golden grommets, T-straps and peep-toes (which can be worn with tights as it gets colder) make the look incredibly fashion-forward – and way sexier than any plain old pump. ▶

Fendi T-strap sandal with studded heel, \$865, Holt Renfrew, holtrenfrew.com



LAST SEASON stiletto





LAST SEASON
slouchy

IN SHAPE

As the carefree days of summer wind down – and with it the season’s insouciant fashion – we’re all looking forward to a little more structure in our life. For fall, that means a reprieve from oversized, slouchy boho totes (a favourite of Vanessa Hudgens). Autumn’s “It” bag has taken shape – a smaller handbag with a sturdier silhouette. This season’s incarnations are far from buttoned up, however. Thanks to bold hues and trendy accoutrements, they are as appropriate – and easy to carry – during office hours as they are for an elegant night on the town.

Marc Jacobs leather purse, \$1,025, Holt Renfrew, holtrenfrew.com



THIS SEASON
structured



LAST SEASON
knee-high

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THIS SEASON
up and over

TALL TALE

Boots are always a must-have autumn purchase (just ask Victoria Beckham). But styles have grown up since last year – all the way up and over the knee, in fact. The skyscraper version of this classic footwear has been spotted on catwalks across the globe. Because they are scene-stealers on their own, it’s best to let this style do the talking – and walking – and keep the rest of your ensemble understated and classy. Your fashion is sure to reach new heights. ▶

Highland suede boots, \$795, Stuart Weitzman, stuartweitzman.ca



LAST SEASON
minaudière

THIS SEASON
mixed media

HANDS ON

We were happy to embrace last year's miniature box clutch trend. After all, while it was difficult to stash more than your keys, phone and a tube of lip gloss inside, these majestic minaudières were both easy to carry and works of art in themselves. But our inner pack rats are breathing a sigh of relief that this season has revived the slightly oversized clutch. We are particularly smitten with the mixed media reinventions of this perennially popular style. Nothing says ready for fall than a mélange of rich fabrics such as snakeskin, leather and suede in the season's hottest hues. **H**

Nina Ricci suede, snakeskin and leather clutch, \$1,360, the Room at Hudson's Bay, thebay.com