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“What I love about my age is the peacefulness—I don’t feel I have to fix everything now.”

—FELICITY HUFFMAN

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Sweater Coats

Why To offer a cozy, informal coat option.

What to look for Texture, luxe fabric and "interesting details, like ribs and cables," says Colleen Sherin, of Saks Fifth Avenue.

What's modern

"A defined waist will make it fashion forward."

Stefani Greenfield, of Scoop NYC, explains.

Left: Lauren by Ralph Lauren cashmere coat, \$349; ralphlauren.com.

Right: M Missoni wool coat, \$1,295; Neiman Marcus, 888-888-4757.



Calvin Klein fall 2008 runway

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Tailored Dresses

Why They're feminine and easy, but also professional.

What to look for Shifts and body-conscious shapes are key, Sherin advises.

What's modern Empire waists, classic shades of gray and flattering modern prints.

Top: Vera Wang Lavender Label cotton blend belted dress, \$495;

neimanmarcus.com. Bottom: Tibi wool blend dress, \$288; Tangerine, 773-772-0505.



Trends Worth a Try

SOME RUNWAY LOOKS SEEM DESIGNED FOR ALIEN BEINGS. LET FOUR FASHION EXPERTS CHOOSE THE BEST FOR OVER-40 EARTHLINGS



Luisa Beccaria fall 2008 runway

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A Statement Coat

Why A bold one will update your wardrobe in an instant. A coat "gets more face time than we think," Bergdorf Goodman's Linda Fargo says.

What to look for Structure, and a belt.

What's modern

"An element of novelty—the fabric or details should be interesting," counsels Stephanie Solomon,

of Bloomingdale's.

DKNY brocade coat, \$695; dkny.com for stores.



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Romantic Blouses

Why Their frothiness complements tailored trousers and slim skirts.

What to look for Key details include lace trim and cascades of ruffles.

What's modern

"Full-volume sleeves look up-to-the-minute," Sherin says.

Left: DKNY pink chiffon blouse, \$160; dkny.com for stores.

Right: D&G forest-green blouse, \$345; dolcegabbana.it for stores.



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The Black Dress with Necklace

Why "A well-fitted black dress is ultimately versatile, flattering and always in style," Fargo says.

What to look for Jeweled detailing sewn right into the neckline—a necklace for the dress.

What's modern

Dressing up office attire. "With a jacket, it's not too formal," Fargo points out. Shoshanna satin dress with jeweled trim, \$475; Neiman Marcus, 888-888-4757.



Burberry fall 2008 runway



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Structure

Why "Clothes that follow the shape of the body, without clinging, are the key silhouette for fall," Greenfield says.

What to look for An original shape to the jacket—pronounced lapels, a cinched waist—and precise, well-cut tailoring.

What's modern

Pairing a strong suit in a subdued color, like gray, with a silk shirt in either a bold color or a soft print. Ports 1961 by Tia Cibani wool blazer, \$550, and pants, \$550; special order, 866-433-7678. Ports 1961 silk top, \$785; Nordstrom, 888-282-6060.

OUR STYLE EXPERTS



Linda Fargo
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Stephanie Solomon
Fashion director, Bloomingdale's



Barbara Trank fall 2008 runway



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Blouse and Skirt

Why Greenfield scores this look as "inherently grown-up and chic."

What to look for Luxurious fabrics and classic shapes.

What's modern

Skirts with detail, like buttons or stitching, and interesting sleeves on the shirts. Top: Banana Republic checked blouse, \$79; bananarepublic.com. Tibi stretch wool skirt, \$248; Tangerine, 773-772-0505. Bottom: BCBG MaxAzria blouse, \$138; bcbg.com for stores. Elie Tahari stretch wool skirt, \$228; elietahari.com for stores.



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Jewel Tones

Why "Color brings light to your face and makes you look younger," Solomon says.

What to look for Deep purple is one good bet; as with black, the saturated color is very slimming. And pink not only pops, it works well with neutral suiting.

What's modern

Black accessories will make the purple really stand out. Top: Banana Republic shell, \$75; bananarepublic.com. Bottom: Agnès B. dress, \$565; agnesb.net.

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