

FOR FASHIONS SAKE ESSENTIAL PIECES FOR YOUR FALL WARDROBE

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The most asked question of the moment – the trends for fall? As promised, here is my perspective on the season to come:

There is a departure from the Bohemian looks and a move toward classic chic and glamour. Clean, polished, lean silhouettes are set off with splashes of colour such as purples and teals. Accessories are key, as are graphic prints and shapes. Grey is the new black, although black is definitely back. There is a slight departure from brown, although it is definitely still available. Mix brown with the colours above, for a fresh, new take.

Trendier pieces for fall are the smock style dress, lantern sleeves on tops, tunic style sweaters worn with tights, leggings or slimmer bottoms, short booties and very high waisted pants.

Gabe Carobelli asks a great question: "What essentials should I be buying to keep my wardrobe current with the trends of the season?"

I like this question because not everyone wants to be investing in trendy items, but most want to be up to date. This season, it is as easy as:

A white shirt

A trouser pant and or jean

A shift, knit, or jumper style dress

Turtlenecks

A sweater coat

A chunky pullover sweater

A great belt (to be worn at your waist)

A new coat

A knee length boot for cropped or tucked pants, skirts and dresses

Dressy ballet flats

Opaque tights

Head to toe suiting in a dark colour or tweed

Something animal print, patent leather or metallic

Cheryl Fernandez has challenges with the business casual dress code at her office, as many people do. This season's return to 'chic' will make it easier. Fashion has become a bit dressier, so there are more pant and top styles to work with. While the suit is 'in', it is not necessary with all of the beautiful, classic fabrics, which depict a sense of quality and style. The trouser jean (as long as it is a clean, dark, wash) is perfect for business casual, especially when worn with a tucked in blouse or knit and a belt. There are lots of soft, $\frac{3}{4}$ sleeve jackets (knit) and long sweater coats that can take the place of a blazer. Err on the side of dressier for professionalism and impeccable personal style.

Thanks to Gabe and Cheryl for their questions this month. They will both receive a \$25 Gift Certificate for Joelle's. Email your questions to joelle@joelles.com for your chance to win.