

FIVE ON IT!

Autumn Fashion Trends We Guarantee You're Gonna Wanna Jump on Fast.

BY DR. COURTNEY HAMMONDS

IT MIGHT STILL BE AUGUST but summer is slowly starting to take its place in the rear-view mirror. That's right, we've arrived at the point of the season where oppressive heat waves are causing our minds to wander toward more soothing thoughts such as the sound of crunching leaves beneath our shoes, the inviting smell of warm chai tea lattes, and best of all, the fall ensembles that will soon be filling our wardrobes. Perhaps you already own timeless staples like an unwavering leather jacket or a sturdy pair of boots, but what about the new autumn trends that you might not necessarily have yet? Well, let us introduce them to you. And while these looks are sure to sweep the market this autumn; we've rounded up options for you to shop now.

Cuff It

A bold cuff is the perfect example of a way to make a subtle statement with just one piece. Cuff bracelets are proving themselves to be the easiest way to elevate any look. The silhouette is often just a thick, arched curve but the impact is big! For starters, cuffs are usually adjustable which means you can wear them in multiple ways. If you prefer a classic look, add a cuff (or two) around your wrist to shine under the sleeve of your shirt or sweater. To make the trend more interesting, slip the cuff up your forearm like the models wore at Missoni, or opt for a wrap-around cuff as seen on the models at Tory Burch.

Our Pick: Style this **Studio Anastasia McNeal** cuff bracelet with a crisp button-down while at your desk, and swap in a low-slung tank for drinks when the clock strikes five.



Neptune Cuff \$395;
Courtesy of Studio Anastasia McNeal



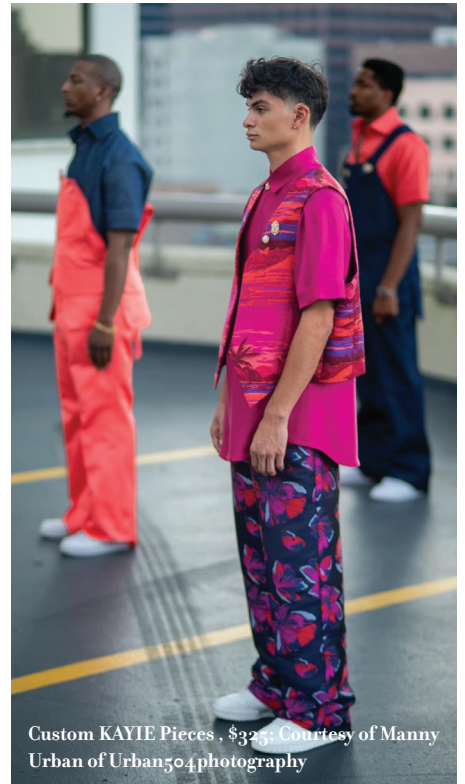
Fashion

Rebel Style

The autumn/winter 2023 runways paid tribute to Vivienne Westwood. Perhaps her punk attitude influenced the buckled and lace-up footwear that clomped down the catwalks? These bring a welcome dose of toughness, as well as offering an additional level of practicality. Ankle-length combat boots from Dior, Fendi, or Akris give floral maxi dresses some edge.

Our Pick: If you really want to make a statement in 2023, grab a pair of **Jordan Adio of Modern Vice**, for a real hit of rebellion. The fanciful styles can be paired with sundresses, pants, or shorts. It's an all-year style and we're v here for it.

Jordan Adio of Modern Vice Rita Boot, \$custom order; Courtesy of Crystal Loyola



Custom KAYIE Pieces, \$325; Courtesy of Manny Urban of Urban504 photography

Tight Competition

Designers just didn't feel like designing pants this season, and honestly, I'm OK with it. Following Bottega Veneta's lead, Christian Siriano, Prabal Gurung, Dion Lee, and more opted out of bottoms and styled models in tops and tights, confirming the *Risky Business* look won't be going away any time soon.

No doubt, the world of fashion is being shaped by eclectic finds, making the tight/leggings trend a must-do for style girls.

Our Pick: You'll look and feel like you just walked off the runway in these Yvette Crocker signature leggings that feel like perfection whether your day is shopping or totally relaxed. A wide waistband and soft stretch fabric give these leggings a flattering finish, perfect with your best booties, heels or even sneakers.



Signature Leggings, \$100; Courtesy of Yvette Crocker

Paint It All Pastel

Yes, you have been seeing pastels everywhere, especially on the most recent designer runways. This bold hue is predicted to overtake Pantone's Color of the Year as 2023's most coveted. We recommend dressing head-to-toe in this fiery shade, but just a pop of pink/red will do as well.

Our Pick: At **KAYIE curated by Vanshawn Kayie Branch**, models are adorned in a wide range of punchy pastel pieces, from jackets and coordinating trousers to shorts and vests. Above, the designer gave this head-to-toe vibrant pastels and touches of pink outfit a sweet feel via innovative vibes.

Skin is In

If we follow leather fashion trends, leather has always been a staple in the fashion industry, and it's no surprise that it continues to be a popular trend on both the runway and the streets. From classic leather jackets to trendy leather pants and aprons, there are countless ways to incorporate this versatile material into your wardrobe.

Our Pick: **Eskandur** played with gender codes via suede, apron-like dresses in neutral and bold tones. Layered over trousers, shirt, and tie, it was a new take on a work uniform, merging the leather apron of a welder with a three-piece suit — perhaps a comment on class as much as on gender codes. Notably, these examples were made from materials traditionally associated with menswear and workwear, allowing for gender exploration while maintaining a degree of satorial futurism.



Eskandur Green Leather Apron, \$7,540; Courtesy of Eskandur