



# MUST-HAVES FOR FALL 2020

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*In all aspects of life, 2020 has been a year of uncertainty. I don't know about you, but the uncertainty has trickled down into my own personal style and has caused a slight shift. I still love to look put together, but everything I wear now is slightly more casual. Whenever your style starts to go in the casual direction, there is always a chance you can get in a rut. Never fear, your stylist is here. Keep reading for my five favorite fall trends to add a little flavor to your fall wardrobe.*

## Snakeskin- or Croc-Embossed Boots

Move over, leopard; this year it is all about the snakeskin. Snakeskin- or crocodile-embossed boots are the perfect way to elevate a simple jeans and T-shirt look. Snakeskin is such a fun textile to style because of the variety of colors or shades. Crocodile-embossed boots are typically one color but always a very rich color such as cognac or black. Both have the texture to add interest and a chic touch to your closet.

## Deep Emerald Green

I am obsessed with this color. It complements most hair color and skin tones and adds a level of opulence to any look. This color especially stands out in sweaters and outerwear. Imagine a gorgeous emerald mid-length wool coat to add that fancy feeling to your leggings and sneakers look. Because this color is so bold, keep your overall look simple.

## Tonal Dressing or Dressing in Shades of One Color

Need a new style of dressing that is going to make you look longer and slimmer? Enter tonal or monochromatic dressing. This is a style that has been around for years but is making a full-on appearance this fall and can probably be found right in your very own closet. Most people have a favorite color that they prefer to wear and it will be reflected in

your wardrobe. Find two items in different shades of the same color and pair together. The continuity of the same color will add length to your body but the variety of shades will add interest to your look. Kill two birds with one stone and try shades of emerald!

## Cable or Ribbed Knit Cardigans and Dresses

Ribbed knit is one of the best-kept styling secrets of fashion. The vertical lines that make up ribbed knit will instantly slim any figure while also camouflaging any lumps and bumps. Try a ribbed midi dress and make it 2020-compliant by adding your favorite sneaker. To elevated this look, add your favorite third piece such as a leather jacket.

## Oversized Blazers

I know what you might be thinking. Blazers? I am barely even going to the office these days. Well, how about taking the blazer and dressing it down. Pick out your favorite T-shirt, add your casual, somewhat distressed jeans and pop on your blazer for an instantly chic yet casual look. Pair an oversized blazer with a T-shirt and jean shorts until it gets too cold! Look for longer styles that hit at your hip or below. Oversized styles are also okay, just be certain that the shoulder lines are still on your shoulder. Overly oversized = sloppy. ■



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