



LEFT: Italian Nappa lamb leather jackets.

MIDDLE: Zuki designed onyx sheared beaver jacket with American lynx and mink trim.

RIGHT: Bisang designed raspberry red Russian sable hooded stroller.

Coat Check

FOR COATS, TRIMS, AND ACCESSORIES, the fall fashion focus is on fur and fine outerwear. Creating a mood of nonchalant glamour, the designer collections inundated the runways in Milan, Paris, London and New York with ornate details, sophisticated silhouettes, dramatic pairings, and ladylike looks. This season it's about comfort, wearability, and individual style.

Furs, leathers, shearlings, cashmeres and accessories update this fall's fashion statement. Fresh and spectacular styles from this season's fur and fine outerwear collections will motivate hot weather fans to embrace the cooler climes ahead. Presented on runways around the globe, fur was front and center in nearly every designer collection. Contemporary casuals to couture classics, the versatility of this season's offerings should entice a new breed of wearers to wrap-up in this season's plethora of plush pelts. Look for a diverse mix of design options featuring shapely silhouettes, textural tailoring, and an array of artistic accents. Unleash your inner fashionista and showcase your own personal sense of style.


The season's leather report embodies strong structural elements accented with a feminine flair – it's tough with a twist. Materials are soft, supple, and super sleek, allowing for ease of movement. Distinctive details including quilted, ruched, gathered, or embossed will cavort with classic shapes to create smart styles. Shearling lamb sheds its Marlboro Man image to reveal pliable pelts in slimming shapes. Choose a suede or leather finish in neutral colors, and add a finishing touch – linear piping, ruffled lace, cinched waist, or an enveloping hood. Fashion and utility combines in chic outerwear made for those on the go.

Color creates mood with a mix of neutral palettes seasoned with vibrant hues. Exude confidence in scrumptious shades of berry (blues and reds) and

rich jewel tones (amethyst and emerald). Or, choose subtle classics in camel, cream, dark chocolate, or the not so basic black. Boldly go with simple silhouettes or pair understated color with dramatic design. Subtle to sensational, it's all about hue.

Pump-up the glam and have some fun in fluffy furs. Fox, sable, lynx, lamb, and chinchilla are featured in voluminous fashion. Think bell sleeves, flowing hemlines, dramatic collars, and puffy shoulders. This exaggerated drama can be created in small doses too – accessorize with trooper hats, plush scarves, cropped vests, oversized handbags, and even, fur mittens.

Accessories provide head-to-toe coverage. Discover a mix of hat styles ranging from feminine cloche hats in close cropped mink or knit rabbit, or choose rugged and oversized with a very furry coyote or sable trooper hat. A fresh crop of accent pieces popped-up this season. Bolero length capelets, wraps, shrugs, and vests pair nicely with leggings or jeans by day, or transform evening looks over cocktail dresses or gala gowns. Spice-up classic fur or outerwear styles with chenille scarves in vivid colors worn as ascots, wrapped European style or left long and flowing. And for the feet, find fur trimmed shoes, fuzzy boots and even Nanook-of-the-North style mukluks.

It's in the details this fall. Designers artistically fashion fur to create statement pieces. Innovative techniques such as shearing, grooving, sculpting, as well as knit, woven or feathered, allow fur to be worked like fabric. By utilizing mixed textures, elaborate embellishments, exquisite embroidery or creating decorative pattern work, the fur canvas becomes modern art. 

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