

GET Trendy

# BIKER CHIC

Have you noticed a chill in the early morning air? With autumn on its way, Chata Romano Senior Image Consultant Marlise du Plessis spots some cosy fashion trends for cooler autumn days. Her style tips will help you to update your autumn wardrobe with fashion that flatters.

### Trend 1 Biker Chic

Expect to see edgy, fitted biker jackets with zipper detail appearing everywhere in red, black and stone leather, faux leather and soft suede.

#### Style tip!

Many biker jackets are fairly short (waist length, i.e. ending in line with your waistband) – only wear this if you have a flat tummy, good hips and a good bottom. If you don't have a flat tummy or good hips, but you have a good bottom, rather opt for a medium-length jacket (covering your tummy, and never ending at the widest part of the hips).

### Trend 2 Luxurious leather

Whether it is real, faux or coloured – leather will be a wardrobe staple for this autumn. Expect to find sumptuous leather amidst most autumn wardrobe basics, including skirts, trousers, sweaters and jackets. And don't forget the leather jewellery, ankle boots, bags and gloves for added fashionable appeal.

Pulling off the leather look is easier than you think. Remember leather is a luxurious, eye-catching fabric, so limit the accessories.

#### Style tip!

Before you jump to a trend such as leather, do not overdo the effect – you may end up looking like mutton dressed as lamb. Start small with patches or inserts of leather. If you choose to wear an entire item in leather (leggings, skirt, jacket), ensure it's the only leather item in your outfit and team it with classic

pieces in textured fabrics for a more stylish look.

### Trend 3 Studs and spikes

Be prepared, studs and spikes are everywhere! This autumn, we'll see them in accessories such as bracelets, scarves, boots, shoes and bags. They will also feature on clothing items such as soft blouses, shorts, jackets and leggings. Why not try a funky cross-body-bag? A bag with studded detail will keep you on trend.

#### Style tip!

Ensure that you do not overdo the effect! Stick with a single line of studs on a classic jacket, and do not repeat the effect on your boots, bags etc. Keep it simple.

### If the shoe fits ...

Hot shoe news includes studded pumps and loafers. The number-one shoe trend for autumn is ankle boots – flat or high heels. You can combine these boots with anything you want – leather pants, leggings, shorts, skirts, dresses, etc.

#### Style tip!

Do not wear ankle length boots if you have large calves. Flat boots work best with casual trousers such as denim jeans.

So many fabulous trends to choose from – so little time. Here we go, autumn 2013.

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A few items that caught our eye

Mesh and leather jacket, Witchery, Stuttafords R1 999



RE Bronze biker jacket, Woolworths, R650



Embroidered boot, Woolworths, R450



Short boot, Woolworths, R350



Silver pumps, Witchery, Stuttafords, R799,95



RE Studded barrel, Woolworths, R450



Embossed PU Mini, Woolworths, R 350



Red cherry handbag, Witchery, Stuttafords R1849,95

