

Skirting the Cold!

With winter around the corner, **Ainee Nizami** finds out that skirts are the hottest trend this season

Skirts are emerging as a strong fashion trend this season. From pleated skirts to layered, there are enough variations for you to find one that complements your body. Niketa Chauhan, a fashion designer who practices in Santa Cruz, says: "The best thing about skirts is the fact that they are so versatile. You can pair them with silk blouses, wooly sweaters, and stylish jackets, etc." Here are some of the hottest skirt trends this season:



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Layered Skirt

Puffed or layered skirt is another major trend this season. These skirts were seen on the runway in shorter lengths, often paired with a simple top. These skirts give a rather playful, casual look when paired with the trendy tights and ballet flats so popular this year.



The Pencil Skirt Suit

You can pair the pencil skirt with matching form fitting jackets to get a touch of sophistication and glamour. Although this type of skirt might look appropriate only for that important business meeting, with a little extra attention it can be worn at any time of the day, on every occasion. Accessorize the pencil skirt with a pair of high heels and you're ready for everything from your day at office to a dinner party.

The 40's Skirt

This season, retro glamour is in. Skirts have a touch of 40's style, with pencil slim widths that add a sexy and feminine touch. Many of these skirts have high waistlines which can make your legs look impossibly long. These skirts can be best paired with sexy, high heels and form fitting tops for a hint of movie star glamour.



Pleated Skirts

Pleated skirt is a great option for an office meeting as well as for a casual day out. This season you can choose from pleated mini skirts to floor length. You can mix and match it with cashmere turtlenecks, scarves and jackets. The pleated skirt looks sporty as well as elegant. These skirts tend to add volume to the lower half of the body which makes it important that you compensate by minimizing detail on the top. Longer pleated skirts worn with boots can be great for hiding less than toned legs.



Leather Look

Leather definitely made the strongest statement at most of the couture showings this year. You can wear leather skirts for casual wear as well as for the evening. "But, this may be a tough look to wear to the office," advises Niketa. Leather skirts aren't just available in classic black. This season experiment with colours ranging from olive green to ruby red. Since leather skirts tend to be flashy, they're best worn with a simple turtleneck sweater or a simple top.



Truly this season, skirts appear in a variety of prints and textures. The length of the skirt ranges from well above the knee to way below. So go ahead and experiment with stylish skirts that fit you to the 'tee'.

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