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## A guide to get the perfect fall outfit

With the air turning crisp, leaves are changing colors and falling, people are breaking out their flannels, cardigans, jeans, scarves and other layering clothing items.

With the Fall weather approaching, people are starting to bundle up and layer their clothing. Not only are they wearing these items as everyday clothing items like jackets, jeans, etc., they are also using this seasonal time to make a fashion statement.

Fall is filled with many different activities for people to do as groups of friends and family. There are pumpkin patches to attend, allowing them to pick the perfect pumpkin and show off their style.

Haunted houses are another place people tend to make a fashion statement whether it is with a fall outfit or going full out with special effects makeup along with a costume.

Typically, there would be some fall festivals and festivities going on that people would be able to attend.

People often go to these fall festivities and take plenty of pictures to show off their fashion sense and document a good time they are having.

Clothing knows no size, shape, color or gender so these are clothing items that are staple pieces that everyone should have in their closets.

- 1. A pair of blue jeans. Jeans could range from any style you want. With that being said, a person could wear straight-legged jeans, skinny jeans, bootcut jeans, mom jeans, flare jeans, high-waisted jeans. These jeans could be long pants, shorts, skirts, overalls, rompers. Jeans are such a staple in anyone's closet. The great thing about jeans is that they come in a variety of colors and most blue or black jeans go with just about anything!
- 2. A favorite t-shirt or flowy shirt. When we think about fall, the colors red, orange, yellow, brown and green come to mind. If they want to do a true fall outfit, then they would definitely want to pair one of these colors with our jeans. However, a black or white

t-shirt would definitely be simple and effective. The shirt could be any style you choose. It can be flowy, v-neck, crew neck, over-sized, short sleeve, long sleeve.

Let's talk about layering their clothing items, but not all items can be layered together. There are certain things that can be layered over a t-shirt or shirt of your choice.

- 1. Flannels are a huge staple item to have in your wardrobe for fall. Flannels are so simple, yet so effective when it comes to layering. There are plenty of colors and they can be styled in many different ways.
  - a. One way a flannel can be paired with a shirt of your choice is wearing it as a loose, lightweight jacket. We just have to make sure the colors match the overall theme of the outfit.
  - b. Another way a flannel can be paired with a shirt of your choice is tying it around your waist as just in case you get cold.
- 2. Jean jackets are a big staple in peoples' wardrobes. Jean jackets can bring together an outfit, allowing them to spruce up the outfit and make it seem like the person put a lot of thought into the outfit.
  - a. A way to layer with a jean jacket, many people like to put a shirt, a hoodie then a jean jacket on, which allows them to visually show they have layers on.
- 3. Cardigans are another huge staple in a person's wardrobe. Cardigans come in all colors and lengths, they also vary in material. People can use cardigans to just wrap up in, get all cozy on a cool fall day. They are very light weight and allow you to have that option of a light-weight jacket.

We can't have an outfit without shoes! Shoes can vary from person to person, but there are so many styles of shoes to choose from.

"Shoes can really bring the outfit together. You need to pair them according to the style and vibe you want to portray," said Syd Shear, a freelance model in New Orleans.

- 1. Tennis shoes are one of the most worn shoes. They have many styles that can be simple or out there and eye catching. When it comes to picking tennis shoes, it depends on the person's style of shoe.
  - a. Black or white tennis shoes always go with an outfit whether it's Nike, Adidas, Vans, Converse, Skechers, etc.

- 2. Boots are another staple in a person's wardrobe. Boots can be flat or with heels to spruce up the outfit. Again, it depends on the person and whether they like to wear heels or not. People who enjoy a more edgy looking shoe may go with black Dr. Martens.
  - a. Black boots are always a go to for many people, because black is such a universal color it goes with everything.
  - b. Brown boots can be seen as more of a fall look, although it comes down to preference.

Accessories can be some of the most powerful pieces of clothing. They bring out a persons' personality, allowing them to showcase who they are with just pieces of jewelry or a handbag.

"I cannot go without accessories. I always have to have earrings and a bag at least, sometimes when I think my outfit is simple, I like to throw on a necklace," said Shear.

- Watches and bracelets are two big items people tend to wear when they are going out. Watches can be our simple smart watches that will also set a fashion statement, or bracelets can be loose and dangly, sometimes there could be charms on them that correspond to the outfit.
- 2. Long and chunky necklaces could be another way to accessorize an outfit. These are usually called fashion jewelry pieces and they are often good quality but very easy and cheap to find.
- 3. Another way people may set a fashion statement is with purses.
  - a. People may use a handbag or a clutch, which could be super cute and easy to carry.
  - b. People who prefer a larger bag may end up using a backpack type of purse. These are ideal for those who don't like carrying a purse on their arm because it can be worn like an actual backpack. These could also be the better option for those with little children.
  - c. A side bag can vary in size depending on the person, but these are super cute and simple.

Fashion is one of those things that not everyone can make a decision on what to wear; however, anyone can be fashionable. Fall is one of the seasons that allows people to show off their fashion sense. Fashion has no limits whatsoever.