

# WHAT'S Trending IN FASHIONS?

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**T**ake a peek in your closet—is your work-week attire on one side, while your weekend wear is on the other? Many women organize their closets that way, but the top trends of the upcoming season are all about mixing your formal and casual clothes in interesting and unexpected ways.

“The dressing codes of the workplace have completely changed,” explained JCPenney fashion director Adam Moon. “You don’t have to wear pantyhose, a skirt, and a jacket every day anymore.”

Not sure how to go about crossing the divide? Here’s what is in vogue for 2015—plus ideas for making the

trends work both in and out of the office.

## COZY TEXTURES

Whether you’re dressing for a Monday-morning meeting or a Saturday-evening get-together with friends, you can keep warm with textured knits and comfortable fabrics.

“We’re seeing some really beautiful cozy elements right now,” said Moon.

For work, the key is finding a piece with great texture that is still structured enough that it doesn’t lose its shape, since that can look sloppy and unprofessional. Try a comfy knit sweater over a classic button-down shirt, or add a belt to your cozy knit cardigan to define your waistline.

Then snuggle up with boxier shapes and chunkier textures—plus a mug of tea and your favorite paperback—on the weekends.

## TOUCHES OF LUXE

It might sound contradictory, but both cozy and glamorous looks are trending right now.

While the glitzy gown you have for the office holiday party probably won’t make its way into your usual outfit rotation, you can still add a hint of luxury to your everyday style.

According to Moon, one easy way to do that is to pair black with a pop of gold or red, since both pairings create a chic, glamorous feel.

“We’re always thinking about how to make black feel new,” he explained.

Luxurious touches—be they through fabrics, jewelry, or even your handbag—work well whether you’re giving a presentation at work or enjoying a casual dinner date afterward.



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## PUNCHY, BRIGHT COLORS

Vivid, saturated colors are in right now, and they’re not going anywhere anytime soon.

“People think, ‘Let’s wipe the slate clean as we go into the New Year,’ and a great way to do that is to have some fun with bright and happy colors,” Moon said.

Popular palettes range from citrusy yellows and oranges to beautiful, bold blues to the brightest of whites. For the office, you might add just a splash of color—a lime-green jacket or sunny-yellow pump, for example—while on the weekend, try a vibrant look head-to-toe.

Worried you can’t pull off a bright color?

“You have to try it!” Moon emphasized. “Give it a go, and you’ll find a color that works for you.”

A great first step, he added, is with bold outerwear that you won’t be wearing all day long—a bright coat, pair of gloves, or scarf.

“Outerwear pieces really do make a statement,” Moon said.

## FEMININE DETAILS & FITS

Feminine style elements like ruffles and bows have been popular for the past few years, and they still are—just in a softer, subtler way.

“We’ll continue to see really beautiful feminine details coming through,” Moon explained, “Just a bit cleaned up, not as overt.”

Additionally, fits that are a little closer to the body will be popular in the upcoming year, both for work wear and casual attire. You’ll see more skirts that emphasize the true waistline (instead of falling closer to the hips) and more belted dresses that have the same effect.

Self-conscious about your figure? Believe it or not, feminine cuts flatter most body types; in fact, wearing clothing that’s too big or loose can actually make you look bigger than you truly are.

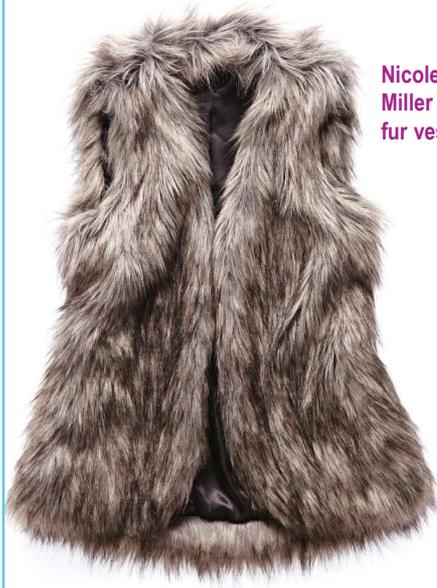
## BEYOND NECKLACES

Many women feel under-dressed, or at least under-accessorized, without a necklace, but Moon said this year the



Worthington print woven.

Worthington zip front pencil skirt.



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### MAKE IT WORK FOR YOU

As you head into the holiday season and begin preparing for 2015, it's a great time to reassess your wardrobe and determine how you can refresh your look to reflect the upcoming styles and trends.

In doing so, Moon said to remember that trends are there to complement your existing closet, not overtake it.

"Buy what feels new and fresh to you—what you feel most comfortable in and what fits your style," he suggested.

And remember, there's no need to divide your closet into work attire and casual wear. Blurring the line between the two will instantly invigorate your style, leaving you looking—and feeling—more fashionable. **B**

focus will be on the ears and wrists.

"With a bold earring or a stunning bracelet, you don't necessarily have to wear a necklace," he said.

Expect to see a lot of those earrings and bracelets in gold, he added.

"There's a lot of beautiful gold jewelry that you can easily wear casually or to work."



Bisou Bisou ivory high-low lace blouse.

Bisou Bisou marled active pant.

### 4 MUST-HAVE PIECES FOR THE NEW YEAR

#### 1. Soft pair of pants.

Moon said pants in a soft fabric like velvet or corduroy can be paired with a simple sweater or a beautiful blouse both on weekends and more casual days in the office.

#### 2. High-waisted pencil skirt.

Find one that comes up to the true waistline and hits at the knee or below. And think beyond the traditional black; this season, pencil skirts will come in all different prints and patterns.

#### 3. Bright crewneck sweater.

Moon thinks a crewneck sweater in a waffle weave or cable treatment is the perfect way to try out a bolder color. Wear it over a plain white or striped button-down both during the workweek and on the weekends.

#### 4. Chunky gold bracelet.

Add a touch of glam to both work and casual outfits with a large piece of gold jewelry. Moon said the trendiest way to do so is to focus on the wrist.



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