



5 Types of Coats Everyone Needs

The time to break out your favorite outerwear is here. While coats are a necessity to keep warm, they can also serve as statement pieces for all your new-season outfits. Jackets are a key styling element that can enhance your look, while also keeping you warm. With a variety of [designer coat](#) silhouettes, lengths and fabrics to try this season, we’ve narrowed down five different types of coats that will elevate any look.

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Trench Coats

Perhaps the most quintessential and versatile jacket style is the trench coat, made popular by none other than the British fashion house, Burberry. Ideally made for those cool, rainy days, a [trench coat](#) provides a crisply tailored design that also honors functionality, as it doubles as a raincoat. What makes this coat type even more versatile is that it can easily be dressed up or down, depending on your agenda. Throw it on over your favorite comfy sweatshirt and sweatpants set and chunky sneakers to add another layer for running errands. For work days, pair with tailored trousers and your everyday loafer for a refined look. [Trench coat outfits](#) are also perfect if you’re going out at night because the long length lends itself to any kind of formal dress. No matter how you choose to wear it, this jacket style will be your go-to throughout the new season.

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Puffer Coats

While puffer jackets are not anything new, the extra-warm style is always undergoing updates with new lengths and textures every season. Just because the puffer coat is crafted for the ultimate insulation, doesn't mean it lacks a fashionable point of view. Designers have been rolling out puffer jackets in different sizes and colors to transform the design typically viewed as sportswear into more of an It piece in its own right. Puffers are great to throw on over a workout set on your way to the gym, but can be dressed up as well. Balance is the key to perfecting a puffer jacket look, so for a long puffer, try a mini skirt with booties. For a cropped puffer jacket, style with straight-legged jeans and a chunky knit sweater. Lastly, accessorize with a colorful handbag to tie the look together. Puffers provide extra warmth, and with all the new varieties, they won't sacrifice the overall look.



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Leather Coats

As a perennial It List trend, leather separates are a must-have closet item. Leather jackets have undoubtedly always been a transitional go-to because they go with everything. Most leather jackets are cropped with moto details like fringe and zippers, but what if your style is more refined? Enter: the tailored leather jacket. With the silhouette of a trench and the leather fabric, this coat type aligns sophistication with a touch of edginess, making it a breeze to style any leather jacket outfit. Throw this leather jacket over a pair of pattern trousers and loafers for work days, with an oversized tote to store all the essentials. Similar to the trench, this long coat adds polish to a comfy lounge look as well.



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Faux Fur

When the weather (inevitably) gets bitterly cold, it’s the perfect time to whip out a faux fur coat. Whether it's a fuzzy shearling or ultra-soft faux fur, th. coats add the ideal amount of warmth to any look, without compromising flair. Fur coats were traditionally seen as opulent, but have since transformed into a

more universal silhouette. A neutral-colored faux fur coat seamlessly adds an extravagant touch to any ensemble. Layer over a silky dress and heels to provide warmth for a formal affair. For a daytime activity, a colorful teddy-bear style acts like a stylish blanket over jeans or sweats.



Speaking of the teddy-bear style coat, the plush piece has been designed in just every color in recent years. Style over a mini skirt and tights for an easy, yet bold outfit. Paired with a contrasting handbag and platform heels, your ensemble will resemble those that make you stop mid-scroll on Instagram.

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Alternatively, for a more classic approach, the neutral faux fur bomber jacket easily elevates any outfit. Pair it with a flowy dress and chunky loafers making a refined, yet simple workday outfit.

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Duster Coats

Primarily due to its minimalist silhouettes, easy-to-style structure and the ability to keep you warm, of course, the duster jacket is a major favorite. Because of its simple design, the duster coat can experiment with neutral or bold colors and even embellishments. The only common feature is the length, typically to the knee or longer. With these elements combined, the duster has solidified itself as a seasonal staple. Although the tailored nature of this long coat may seem too elevated for everyday wear, one of the best ways to wear the overcoat is with a comfy pair of sweats and running sneakers. The duster coat instantly adds a touch of polish, even when you’re just going out to pick up a coffee. This overcoat style also makes a great addition to workday ensembles because it effortlessly layers with a button-down and trousers.



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It can be difficult to choose a jacket when there are so many types of coats available, but each type has its own characteristics that make it a crucial wardrobe piece. While some may just throw on their go-to jacket when the weather changes, putting a little effort into styling a coat can upgrade your outfit to another level.



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