

BEND THE RULES

Fall footwear boasts sumptuous folded fabrics, sassy pleating and slouchy leathers BY MEAGHAN KERINS



Corso Como

SLOUCH POTATO

While the aerobics craze of the '80s made slouchy socks king, modern styling brings this trend back to the future with boho flair. A timeless, yet still funky, interpretation of the Reagan-era fad, these relaxed styles exemplify effortless chic and look pulled together when paired with leggings or a loose-fitting, unconstructed dress, such as this ensemble by **Hermès**. Quincy S16717 by **Corso Como** (\$195), Nikita by **Via Spiga** (\$298), Awesome by **Volatile** (\$110), Wiz by **Chinese Laundry** (\$89), Elle by **Oufi** (\$495) and Sienna by **Bourne** (\$260).



Chinese Laundry

HOW TO WEAR IT

I would wear these in a more casual setting—going out to a bar, shopping with a friend—they're a little more youthful and trend-forward," says stylist Lindsay Segal. "High-heeled slouchies look really nice with mini dresses and short shorts, but they're also versatile. To add funk, wear them with patterned tights or pair with a flowy tent dress for a bohemian look." While tucked in skinny jeans or leggings will also work, steer clear of long pants, which will add bulk to the leg.



Oufi



Hermès



Via Spiga



Volatile



Bourne

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Chapurin



Söfft



Nicole

IN THE FOLD

Poker may have given the fold a bad rap, but when it comes to fall footwear the fold-over ankle boot holds all the aces. While buttons and buckles give the shoes a Victorian vibe, this silhouette stays contemporary by ditching laces and adding height to the heel. With intricate folds and creases, this jacket by **Chapurin** takes the trend into the next millennium. Hayden Bootie by **Frye** (\$328), Lust by **Perlina** (\$145), Orlena by **Söfft** (\$140 to \$155), Snappy by **LifeStride** (\$49), Alright by **Nicole** (\$135) and folded ankle bootie by **Outono**.

HOW TO WEAR IT

These ankle boots are more sophisticated and tailored than their slouchy counterparts and can actually be very flattering on the leg. These are definitely work appropriate and also lend themselves to after-work outings." When it comes to stepping out in this style, Segal suggests, "Wear them with dresses or skirts that hit right above the knee or higher, and match your tights to the boot color to create a longer leg." When pairing with pants, be cautious. "The only pants that work well tucked in to ankle boots are really tight ones, like skinny jeans or leggings."



Perlina



Outono



LifeStride



Frye



Valentino



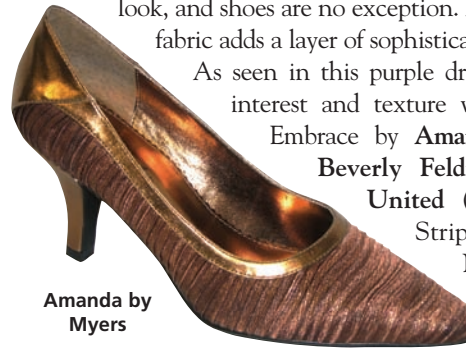
Highline United

PLEAT YOUR HEART OUT

As the winter weather approaches, we'll all be adding extra layers to our look, and shoes are no exception. A twist on this trend for fall, pleated fabric adds a layer of sophistication to the tried and true silhouette.

As seen in this purple dress by **Valentino**, layered folds add interest and texture while still maintaining sleek lines.

Embrace by **Amanda by Myers** (\$55), Adonis by **Beverly Feldman** (\$179), Adele by **Highline United** (\$120), Satin by **Nomad** (\$38), Stripes by **Butter** (\$195) and Paris North/South Tripple Zip Tote by **Latico Leathers** (\$250).



Amanda by Myers

HOW TO WEAR IT

This is a really cute, feminine trend that can be dressed up or down—you can wear them with jeans, but you can also wear them at the office. In neutral shades, it's actually a great style for work since it looks professional and polished, but the pleats make it a little fashion forward. On the weekends, pair with capri pants or knee-length skirts. Petite women should pair them with shorter hemlines to extend the leg."



Latico Leathers



Nomad



Butter



Beverly Feldman



LINDSAY SEGAL

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FRILL OUT

This season's selection of flirty sandals and pumps will have her searching for any reason to play dress up. **Elie Saab** paints the town purple in this sexy style with delicate ruffles for a bold, eye-catching statement. Ideal for a fancy dinner date or gallery opening, these shoes will make every occasion feel special. Ruffle by **Dolce by Myers** (\$75), Tuxedo by **James & Bona** (\$59.99), Lolita Ruffle Bag by **Hayden-Harnett** (\$348), Elga by **Nina** (\$99.95), Tamika by **Badgley Mischka** (\$190) and Tuxedo hobo LH21/S by **Lauren Henry** (\$630).



James & Bona



Hayden-Harnett



Badgley Mischka



HOW TO WEAR IT

This is such a fun, fanciful, feminine trend. These styles tend to be the focal point of an outfit, so add them to a look you want to spice or sass up. Sport this ruffle shoe the same way you sport an animal print—one item at a time, otherwise, it's going to be overkill. And as far as apparel, keep it simple and sophisticated—a simple black sheath would be nice. My favorite way to wear this style is to contrast it with tougher pieces like a cropped leather jacket or a tangle of metal chains.”



Dolce by Myers



Lauren Henry



Nina

TRANSLATING THE TRENDS

PUCKER UP

From the Grecian toga to the Indian sari, gathered and ruched fabrics have a long history in apparel. Mastering the pinched look, **Martin Grant** keeps this seasoned trend fresh with a bold pattern. Spark by **Charles David** (\$105), 109 1018B by **Via Uno** (\$249), Kaycee by **Rampage** (\$50) and Formosa2 by **Report Signature** (\$195).



Charles David



Via Uno



Report Signature



Rampage



Martin Grant

HOW TO WEAR IT

These take the pleated trend out of the office and into nighttime. I could see these working great with a little white cotton blouse tucked into a high-waisted pencil skirt."

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