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***UNIQUELY YOU***  
***My Favorite Top Ten Trends for***  
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**Dear Orene,**

**This is my big fall/winter style trends issue with my Top Ten Favorite Trends this year. I bet that you will adore and adopt some of them.**

**There is also an interesting new trend away from "fast fashion" toward "buy less but better." Please let me know what you think of this.**

**Please check out my opinions on two styles below.**

**Enjoy!**  
*Orene*

### **An Interesting New Trend to Adopt - "Buy Less but Better"**

According to the **Wall St. Journal**, there is a "buy less but better" movement. People are moving away from "fast



fashion - trendy, inexpensive versions of runway looks that shoppers wear for one season or one occasion, and often toss. Now, many of these shoppers are graduating to a philosophy of quality not quantity." There is a shift in consumer spending patterns in that many shoppers are building simpler, smaller and longer lasting wardrobes, with quality fabrics and better construction. *In my opinion, many people are opting for simpler, well-edited closets.*

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### **My Favorite Top Ten Trends for Fall/Winter**

There are some fantastic styles to try this Fall/Winter fashion season. Maybe some of them will be finding a home in your closet. Don't worry, I'll steer you away from any disasters!

**Colors:** Some of my favorite, luscious and rich colors are being shown everywhere - burgundy (and all wine and eggplant colors), spruce and pine greens, and *all* shades of grey! These colors pair well with each other. The wine colors and forest greens flatter almost all skin tones. Burgundy with grey is a staple combination. Try spruce with grey or with burgundy! Try one of these colors in leather.



**A-line skirts:** Perhaps it is a nod to the '60s or '70s, but A-line skirts are back and look good on almost everyone. (It is also being shown in Paris for next spring.) The current very popular "fit and flare" style dress is an A-line styled skirt with a fitted bodice.

**My motto:**  
**Everything in your closet should work for you now,** so that when you go in there, you know each item fits, is clean, is current and what it goes with.



So many of us inadvertently buy the same type of thing over and over again. For instance, who needs five black cardigans? We may not have enough closet space for so many purchases.

**I am all for "thoughtful buying".** I like most items to be versatile. A wardrobe planned around "capsules" - where each piece in a capsule can be worn in a variety of ways (with the colors and fabrics coordinating) - is easy to wear and to pack. For example, if you buy a beautifully styled tweed jacket and pants for work, the jacket would also go with a skirt, the pants can be worn

**Midi skirts:** These are back in full force (just check out many of the recent red-carpet looks on Hollywood celebrities). Midi-skirts can be A-line, pencil, have an inverted pleat, or any other style. A word of caution to you petite ladies - be careful with this length and with the shoes you choose to wear with it.



**Wrap coats:** One of the season's best outerwear styles and is a perfect item to buy (so cozy and comfortable, and fits over most outfits). The optimal length is just below the knee.



**Ankle Booties:** Very current. Try a block heel, regular heel or a flat bootie. The variations and colors of these booties are endless. To look more statuesque, keep everything below your waist in the same color family. Try a sexy black bootie with black tights worn with a dress or skirt.

**Cross Body Bags:** My favorite! I love the comfort of these bags (which are usually smaller than and not as loaded with heavy stuff as a regular bag) and they leave your hands free. They are now so popular that they come in a variety of styles and colors and at every price point.



**Pants**  
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**Cropped Just Above the Ankle:** looks very fresh. You can wear them almost any kind of shoes, from pumps, to flats, to booties (which rise up enough above the ankle to not show skin between the pant and top of the booties when standing).

with a sweater, the jacket works with jeans, the skirt can be made dressy, etc. I look at the amount of use you would get out of an item and its *cost per wear*. (And, I do look for value in purchasing and, like everyone, I like buying on sale.)

**I also look for "special" pieces** - pieces that flatter, are beautiful and current. Think about having that gorgeous "go to" blouse that works with skirts and slacks. Do you have your favorite dress to fall back on? **Just imagine . . . having a closet full of clothes that you love to wear!**



## COMPLIMENTARY CHAT

Sometimes you may feel that you are in a fashion rut or that you are looking frumpy and it is time to look more up-to-date. You may not have much

### Statement-Making

**Knits:** This is big!

Think lush texture, mohair, cashmere, alpaca, Nordic patterns, turtlenecks. A few warnings though -- be careful about too much bulk in a knit top or bottom which may make you look heavier; relaxed shoulders or slouchier knits may swallow you up. Everything is a



question of degree and what looks best on you, but this is a great look modified for your body type. Try wearing a knit top with skinny pants (leather?) or a slim skirt.

**Patterns:** Modern plaids are worth a try. They are more English gentry than grungy - softer and less graphic. The Nordstrom's catalog has plaid pants cropped at the ankle and also shows a pair of black and nude-colored plaid tights. If you know what you are

doing, a cool look is to pair a plaid piece with another print in the exact same colors. Another current pattern is a bold, geometric in dresses, sweaters, tops and even shoes, and may be worth a try in a color combination that suits you. With such a strong pattern, don't mix it with other statement pieces or accessories (unless the pattern is in the shoe or scarf).



**Details:** Fringe is back. It is kind of fun in limited amounts. Of course, it is being shown a lot in suede. Leather vests, pants, skirts and jackets continue to be on trend.



time nor inclination to figure out how to put together items you already have in your closet in a new way. Being busy doesn't always allow you time for shopping. Or, perhaps you don't know where to shop to maximize your dollar.

Wouldn't it be helpful to have an expert who can help you with all of this? If you are ready to take some action, schedule a free initial conversation with me by [clicking here](#) and we can explore your challenges and goals.

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Who needs to wear a top when a purse will suffice? Pretty silly isn't it, but this Chanel advertisement sure gets your attention!

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Do you want to look as big as a house? Try this coat from Moncler. Although I'm sure it's warm, the fill, the shape, the style and the bright orange stripes strategically placed to make the model look her widest makes me want to pass. Normally, Moncler is quite fitted and flattering for insulated jackets. This sure captured my attention!