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"HOW CAN I WINTERIZE MY FALL WARDROBE WHEN IT'S 90 DEGREES OUTSIDE?" "Leather is great, but how can I incorporate it into my ensemble?" "Isn't basic black too boring for tropical locations?" These are just a few of the questions we often ask ourselves upon discovering Fall's trend forecast when living in year-round sunny (and often, suffocating) South Florida.

But fret not! We asked a handful of Miami's top fashion experts how to appropriately wear Fall's most fabulous trends here in South Florida and which sartorial staples never go out of style, and they happily offered plenty of solutions to get us through the season.

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FALL'S HOTTEST TRENDS ARE QUITE OFTEN LITERALLY TOO HOT FOR MIAMIANS TO ENJOY. BUT WHERE THERE'S A WILL—AND A NEED TO BE ON POINT—THERE'S A WAY, SO WE HIT UP SOME LOCAL EXPERTS AND GOT THEIR TAKE ON HOW TO MAKE THEM WORK RIGHT HERE IN THE 305.

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Lisa Perry's mod minidress; Chloé's Faye shoulder bag; Nasty Gal suede miniskirt; Alberta Ferretti lace blouse; Tory Burch's fall runway show; floral wide-leg pants from Valentino.

SIMONETTE PEREIRA

OWNER OF STYLE MAFIA BOUTIQUE

- **TRENDS TO WATCH:** "I'm really feeling cropped flare pants, ruffles and retro seafaring styles for fall."
- **HOW TO INTERPRET FALL TRENDS IN WARMER CLIMATES:** "With lows of 75 degrees in Miami, it's hard not to live perpetually in shirtdresses. I think the best way to add a little fall into our wardrobes is by using richer textiles in Florida weather-appropriate cuts. For example, try a suede miniskirt."
- **REACH FOR THESE PATTERNS:** "Bold, graphic and geometric prints. In addition, any prints with an early '70s influence."
- **EVERY CLOSET NEEDS THIS:** "I think every woman should own a good silk scarf. Am I French yet?"

REGINA ARRIOLA CAUFF

FOUNDER OF STYLE RAC CONTENT CREATION AND PRODUCTION COMPANY

- **FALL TRENDS TO WATCH:** "Fall is all about florals, lace and fluid silhouettes with a nod to '70s hippie glamour—think wide-leg pants paired with a lace, high-neck Victorian blouse. Fortunately, it's a look that is both on trend and appropriate for South Florida."
- **HOW TO WEAR THE TRENDS IN SOUTH FLORIDA:** "Suede is a big trend this season, but translating a head-to-toe suede look in South Florida can be challenging. Instead, I'll invest in key pieces, like a suede miniskirt in a rich cognac color, or a handbag like Chloé's Faye shoulder bag. Styling Fall trends in warm weather is all about balance: just a touch of suede, cashmere or heavier fabrics with airy, lighter pieces that speak to this market year round."
- **FALL MUST-HAVE PIECE:** "A mod minidress that can be styled countless ways, or a suede handbag in an earthy tone like camel, olive or rust."
- **GO-TO HUES:** "Cognac, camel, rust, olive, burgundy, navy and shades of purple like aubergine and magenta."





✦ **LEFT TO RIGHT:** Burberry bomber jacket with fur collar; Matthew Williamson's '70s-inspired psychedelic minidress; Rachel Zoe's black and white mini with thigh-high tights; Versace Collection does color blocking; Missoni animal-print everything, including bolero jacket. **INSET:** Cape top by Totême.

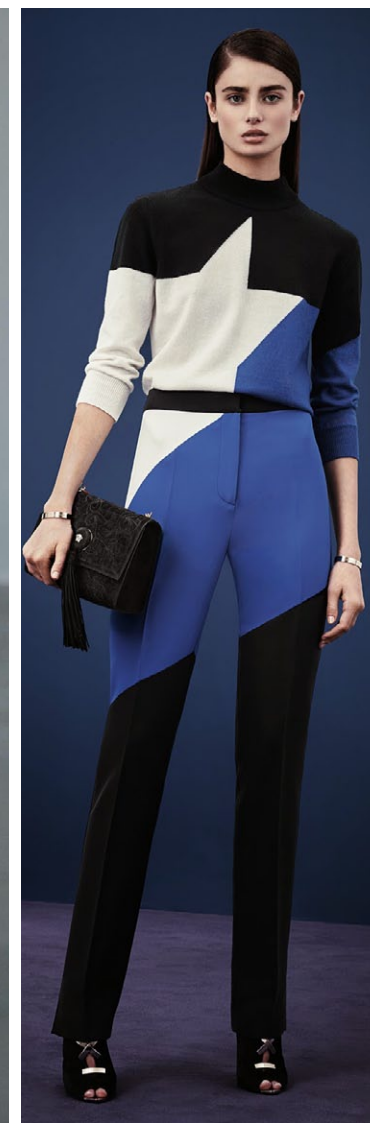
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FOUNDER & CREATIVE DIRECTOR OF RENE RUIZ DESIGNS

- **FALL FORECAST:** "Animal prints, especially when combined with varying textures; for example, an animal print lace or animal print chiffon. Reds and browns are going to be the dominant color palette. And lastly, maxi dresses and '70s-style pants with legs that flare."
- **FALL FASHION FAUX PAS:** "No more jeggings worn during the evening—this applies to both men and women! And remember, it's OK to keep a little summer in your wardrobe and soften the reds and browns with light pastels, especially pink."
- **HOW TO DRESS "COOL" IN HOT SOUTH FLORIDA:** "Lightweight knits are excellent accents for a woman's wardrobe. Imagine a cropped bolero, a tank top paired with a cardigan, or even a lightweight cashmere wrap—all of these are excellent for South Florida's warmer climate."



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- **THE BIGGEST FASHION DON'T:** "Do not have your clothes fit you improperly! Wear items that fit your personality but ones that fit you well, too. Make sure your blazers are fit in the shoulders and hem your pants properly—this will make all the difference with how clothes and styles look on you."
- **BUY THIS NOW:** "A well-fitting coat. It's all in the tailoring. Outerwear can transform your entire look. Really invest in that one great outerwear piece, as it can carry you throughout the entire season and be used with a myriad of ensembles. I personally loved the coats Chloé showed for fall. They were youthful enough to wear with jeans yet elegant enough to wear with dresses. And if you want to go that extra step, buy something in camel, as that is the go-to outerwear color for fall."
- **THE "IT" PRINTS:** "The '70s showed itself all over the runway for fall. A major print spinoff of that trend is patchwork. It was everywhere with almost every designer. To wear this can be tricky. I would wear one patchwork item, such as pants or a miniskirt, and pair it with something solid such as a silk blouse and a fitted blazer so as not to compete with your standout item."



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- **WEAR THIS COME SEPTEMBER:** "A must-have is a great fitted or bomber-style jacket. A lightweight cashmere shawl, wrap or poncho is perfect over any outfit as well."
- **RELEVANT PRINTS:** "Some of the most prevalent fabric choices that designers across the spectrum are showing have a '70s vibe with psychedelic looks. Think retro geometric and optical graphic prints, floral and swirl patterns, soft-hued paisley and bold color-blocking."
- **STANDOUT FALL STATEMENTS:** "Big bold belts, capes, lingerie as outerwear, Victorian influences, patchwork and statement shoes."
- **BEST FASHION TIP:** "Designers are showing lots of patterns, prints, tweeds, patchwork and busy fabrics, but wear them in a fashionably modern and moderate way—not head to toe!" ❗