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If anyone has been shopping in the high street recently you would have no doubt noticed the eighties revival is still going strong. The trend of oversized jackets, cardigans and blazer are fantastic for the English autumn weather. They are that perfect magic third piece to cover up with but keeping up to date with what the style of the moment. The secret is to team it with a slim leg: ideally a slim trouser, opaque tights, or mid-calf legging. If you are not a fan of jackets or blazers then cardigans are definitely for you. There are a few that stood out in Joseph, silver and black sequined as a perfect staple piece.

Denim jackets are also going from strength to strength this season. If you still own one at the back of the closet then it is time to revive it. A vintage denim jacket would look fantastic with all the distressed leather that is in the stores. There are however a few guidelines for the denim jacket to ensure it looks the best.



When you go out in search of the ideal denim jacket make sure the material is pliable and the collar able to stand up. Fastening the 3rd and 4th buttons only creates a waist illusion. I suggest distressed denim for a daytime look like the one pictured from All Saints with it's extra long sleeves or a deep indigo, black or fine gauge corduroy for the evening. There is a jacket out there to suit everyone.

Now that there is a chill in the air and the odd drizzle of rain it is time to start building the layers. For most the first focus is a good pair of trousers. Denims this season are focusing on the high-rise waistband. This is great news for those women less confident about their waistline. Reiss has a fantastic collection of denim from their 1971 range. There is also a new brand to Fenwicks called Nobody Jeans, an Australian brand known for their 12-inch waistband rise. Other jeans to have a look out for are J Brand, Acne and James. However if you are not fond of denim this is the perfect time to invest in a good pair of fine gauge corduroy or velvet denim styles.



It is also about time to search for that great pair of winter boots. There are still some great wedges to be found, however the trend it is all about structured heels and leather distressed boots. The tough look, edgy, distressed style leather boot is the buy of the season and Venon by Kurt Geiger is the one. It can be worn with a straight skirt or trouser and goes really well with the oversized jacket. If you are not a great fan of distressed, Kurt Geiger also have a fantastic range of suede stretch boots in both black and taupe and the only wedge style I have seen.

I know I promised my wife's feed back about the bio-fur (anti-cellulite undergarment from John Lewis) but the weather was gorgeous the past month, far to hot for her to try it out. Perhaps next newsletter we will have her verdict now that the autumn chill is here.

Well that's about it for now, but if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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*PS – Remember – 20% off for all returning shopping clients!*

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