

NEW FASHION GOALS

It's September, which means: three, two, one... Happy Fashion New Year! Here are nine of the most common style resolutions—plus, how *not* to break them



Elizabeth Cole "Ashton" 24k gold plate earrings with glass and Swarovski crystal detail, \$268; elizabethcolejewelry.com
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A METALLIC
BROOCH POPS
AGAINST WHITE



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1 I WANT TO EXPRESS MY PERSONALITY MORE

Try a piece of jewelry, like a pair of standout earrings or a cuff. When it comes to bold items, there are tons of options—from sleek to notice-me—to fit whatever mood you're in.



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STILL LIVES: ALEX CAO; FROM LEFT: YOUNGJUN KOO; PAOLO DILETTO; RUNWAY MANHATTAN

2 I'M READY TO INVEST IN MY STYLE

It's all about a statement coat! Not only will a well-made option last you forever, in cooler temps it's the first thing people notice about your look.



TRY A BRIGHT
SHADE WITH DARK
NEUTRALS

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BB Dakota "Gunievore" wool-polyester coat, \$160; shopbop.com



BCBG Max Azria "Wayne" wool-polyester-blend coat, \$498; bcbg.com

DKNY "Notch Collar Coat" in wool, \$955; dkny.com

3 I PLAN TO EMBRACE MY SHAPE WITH CLOTHES THAT ACCENTUATE IT

Take a cue from curvy fashion blogger Rochelle Johnson of *Beautycurve.com*: Try a pencil skirt that hugs your hips and tapers just below the knee—it creates or accentuates an hourglass shape. Pair it with a shorter, looser top that highlights your midsection.



TIE YOUR SHIRT
UP IF IT HITS
BELOW YOUR WAIST



4 I HAVE TO GIVE MY FLATS A BREAK

Fact: You can (literally and figuratively) elevate your look without killing your feet. Go for a pair of lower, chunkier heels—they have a cool retro look that's totally on-trend, and they are easy to walk in.



Nina Originals
"Patience" suede heels, \$148; ninashoes.com
win it!
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Calvin Klein
"Keller" suede heels, \$129; macys.com

SURPRISINGLY SEXY WITH A LITTLE DRESS ★★



Stuart Weitzman
"Firstclass" leather heels, \$385; stuartweitzman.com

SKINNY ANKLE STRAPS ARE THE MOST FLATTERING

5 I WOULD LIKE TO FIND A BRA THAT FITS RIGHT

Visit Lindasonline.com. The official website of NYC bra boutique Linda's offers a "Bra School" section dedicated to pinpointing your perfect pick. There you'll find an easy-to-use fit calculator (it's spot-on, we tried it!), plus a style guide and list of sizing problems and solutions.

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& Other Stories
Leather bag, 6"H x 8"W x 2.5"D, \$150; stories.com

Vince Camuto
"Leila" leather cross-body, 8"H x 7"W x 3"D, \$178; vincecamuto.com

Joy Gryson
"Sophia" leather cross-body, 7.5"H x 10"W x 3"D, \$495; 212-691-2785

6 I REALLY NEED TO DOWNSIZE MY BAG

The good news: There are tons of supercute small bags for you to choose from! The even better news: Editing down your must-haves isn't as hard as it may seem. Consider which items you use on the regular—if you haven't reached for something in a week, chances are, you don't need to be lugging it around. Also, get rid of multiples—no one uses three lipsticks and two mascaras!

7 I VOW TO BREAK OUT OF MY ALL-BLACK RUT



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SHADES LIKE MAROON ARE EYE-CATCHING, BUT STILL SUBTLE



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A BRIGHT EXTRA ADDS WOW TO A BASIC LOOK

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8 I WEAR MY SKINNY JEANS OVER AND OVER—I WANT TO BRANCH OUT



PARIS

Make the transition easier by opting for a bootcut. Worried you'll look like you're stuck in the '90s? Don't sweat it! The silhouette is back in a big way and looks great on all body types.



AG "The Angel"
Tencel-cotton-blend jeans, \$188; agjeans.com

A DARKER WASH ★
★ LENGTHENS LEGS ★

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9 I ALWAYS PLAY IT SAFE, BUT I'D LIKE TO PUSH MYSELF TO TAKE A FASHION RISK

Choose one "wowza" item, like a tulle skirt, and ground it with a basic. A chambray or denim shirt is perfect—it's classic, goes with everything and gives your outfit an I'm-not-trying-too-hard feel.