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It's a wrap

The sun is beginning to go down quickly and the days are getting shorter. Soon the autumn tints of gold and brown will descend on to paths and pavements and with the prospect of frost, chilly air and cloudy skies our attention turns to coats and jackets.

The primary function of this outerwear is to keep us warm but we want to look good and trendy. Fortunately there is an abundance of classy coats in different hues and colours with geometric, jacquard or animal prints that come fitted or as shapeless silhouettes.

Strongly tipped to be a major force among trendsetters this winter are longer and larger coats. Yes, oversize appears to be the keyword but there is no real reason why it cannot still mean sleek and super-long. The oversize effect can add to femininity, this especially so if the material is a pastel or floral print.

One other fashion statement in coats that is making an appearance is the classy, elegant and polished look of the collarless coat. It is retro but it is also modern, looks streamlined and is a good companion for

apple shapes when worn with leggings.

Always glamorous is timeless fur whether it is real fur or faux fur. Perhaps the faux fur sits more comfortably and is politically correct but either way fur is an indispensable winter classic. It is now being styled to give a patchwork effect and with flashes of different colours being introduced the faux fur coat is gaining more popularity.



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1 - Red Amie duffle coat from Hobbs, £299; Angela sweater £79; Lucian skirt £179. 2 - Marisota collarless coat - £55. 3 - Yes, it's Lorraine Kelly modelling this JD Williams coat, £75. 4 - Wool mix belted boucle coat from Long Tall Sally, £130 has self-tie belt with two patch pockets and removable tonal fur collar, sizes 10-22. 5 - Brushed checked coat £85 from M&Co, skater dress £35, shoes £29.50. 6 - Faux-fur hooded coat £99 from M&Co; polo neck jumper £16; jumper dress £39.