

The good life

Take time out and escape into fashion-friendly comfort. Relax with soft breezy layers, must-have tweeds and cosy capes – feel the ease of dressing warm for the cold snap

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THE FEELING'S NEUTRAL

Give knits that extra edge by mixing and matching textures: print with cable, and faux fur with leather. It's all in the mix. Stamp out your style with layers and be totally individual.

Jumper, £32, 6 to 22; jeans, £28, 6 to 22; boots, £100, all Next. Blouse, £145, s to l, Velvet at Trilogy. Faux-fur snood, £22, Accessorize. Scarf, £7.99, New Look >>

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IT'S A WRAP

Everyone knows that layers are the answer to keeping warm, but how do you get it right? Start with a fitted shirt to keep slim underneath, then build upwards with a cosy cape or punchy poncho, plus scarf. To nail that new homespun look, keep patterns in earthy natural tones.

Shirt, £26.99, 6 to 16, Republic. Cape, £30, one size, Wallis. Scarf, £7.99, New Look. Culottes, £65, 8 to 20, Monsoon. Belt, £55, agnès b



OVER THE TOP

You've got it made this winter when you invest in the perfect cape. This is the cape that thinks it's a jacket, and it's perfect in every way! Wear it over trousers or jeans, or even over a short pencil skirt with boots to get maximum wearability mileage.

Cape, £245, s to l, Toast. Cardigan, £16, 8 to 20, Bonmarché. Blouse, £211.50, 8 to 16, Hoss Intropia. Trousers, £159, 8 to 16, Day Birger et Mikkelsen. Boots, £100, Next. Beret, £18, Accessorize. Scarf, £36, Kew >>

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SPOIL YOURSELF

It's the dress you'll love to slip into for whatever your day might bring – whether it's an impromptu lunch or a lazy day out with friends. The bold floral print has a hint of nostalgia but looks bang up to date with slick boots and a cosy scarf.

Dress, £149, 8 to 16, Brora. Belt, £4, Peacocks. Scarf, £36, Kew. Stripe knit, £190, xs to xl, Maje. Boots, £325, LK Bennett



THINK: OVER EASY

Check out the new coat, softly deconstructed. It's sleeveless to wear as a supersized gilet but warm enough to act as the practical winter coat you demand. Wear it over a dress for a feminine feel, or over trousers for a casual look.

Sleeveless coat, £399, 8 to 16, Jaeger. Dress, £35, 8 to 22, Bhs. Leather belt, from a selection at Longchamp. Polo neck, £55, 8 to 18, Phase Eight. Tights, £24, Falke at mytights.com. Boots, £145, Massimo Dutti. Leather gloves, £44.90, Mango >>

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**LONG-RANGE
FORECAST**

What skirt length are you prepared to go to? If you opt for the maxi, work it with short snappy boots and warm tights to give it the newest on-trend feel.

Dress, £195, 6 to 16, LK Bennett. Jumper, £30, 8 to 18, Red Herring at Debenhams. Pouch belt, £49, Noa Noa. Tights, £7, Aristoc. Boots, £140, Ted Baker. Scarf, £10, Matalan



**COME IN FROM
THE COLD**

It's official – there's no taboo on wearing hats indoors, especially when they're as girlie as this! It's amazing how fabulous a simple blouse and skirt can look when they're stylishly accessorised. Keep colours in the same zone to create an expensive look.

Hat, £28, Urban Outfitters. Blouse, £26, 8 to 22, M&Co. Skirt, £16, 6 to 20, F&F at Tesco. Tights, £7, Aristoc. Socks, £6, Next. Boots, £375, LK Bennett. Scarf, £36, Kew. Long necklace, £29, Day Birger et Mikkelsen >>





STATEMENT SEPARATES

When separates slip together effortlessly, you know you've got it right. Start with a colour theme such as copper then add the cosiest faux-fur wrap and the warmest ribbed polo neck – and you're all set for everyday style.

Skirt, £45, 6 to 18, Lands' End.
Faux-fur stole, £49.99, Faux.
Polo neck, £79, 8 to 16, Hobbs Unlimited. Leather belt, £22, Monsoon. Tights, £12, Pretty Polly. Socks, £18, Scott Nichol. Boots, £65, Next. Scarf, £5.99, New Look. Leather gloves, £80, MaxMara Weekend **w&h**

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