

The Midas touch

Gild the lily this winter



Dries Van Noten AW10



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This season's shimmering frocks signal a return to the decadence and glamour of the Eighties. Gold is the unapologetically louder sister to this season's camel, beige and taupe shades. Kiss goodbye to austerity and embrace the latest must-have metallic – whether blinging it with accessories, shining in brocade or stepping out in a pair of shimmering shoes.

For the brave, a tailored suit is just the (golden) ticket as seen at 3.1 Philip Lim, oozing confident elegance. Slightly less loud, tapered trousers and leggings were key pieces on the catwalk (we loved them at Balmain, Just Cavalli and Blumarine).

As to be expected, the gold dress is also very prominent this AW10 – and not just in the predictable form of cocktail frocks. Gianfranco Ferré, Marchesa and Emilio Pucci were breathtaking in their intricate detailing and fabulous silhouettes reminiscent of Hollywood's golden era.

Dressing it right down, the glam day-dress can even be worn with shoes and socks at Dries Van Noten, Sophia Kokosalaki and Marc by Marc Jacobs. Separates, probably the easiest way to wear the trend, were also strong on the runway – MaxMara's full-length gold skirt will certainly get you noticed. Finally, if you're brave and really feeling it, wrap it all up with a shiny belted coat (PPQ). As one prescient man said once, greed is good. ▶▶▶

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