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# Under wraps

Swathe yourself in  
knits this winter

As the cold weather hits, banish minimalism and embrace a more-is-more approach. And if last winter is anything to go by, this trend is sure to be a hit. It's all about laying it on thick – sweaters that look like blankets, shawls, even moon boots! But beware, the cold must be tackled with style and there is an art to doing it successfully, and avoiding looking like the Michelin man.

Contrasting textures is one key formula seen on the catwalk and will deliver this look elegantly. Team contrasting textures – velvet and chiffon worked a treat at Cavalli, silk, cotton and wool at Etro, or different types of knits – from the finest to a much thicker knit, as seen in BCBG Max Azria. Keep the colour palette as uniform as you can to allow textures to melt into one another.

A bolder, more bohemian take on the trend was beautifully displayed at Kenzo, Missoni, Jeremy Laing and Issey Miyake, where patterns and blanket-style wraps reminiscent of tribal ensembles were draped. Keep your silhouette strong by wearing a slinky dress or skinny trousers – this creates a strong contrast with all that voluminous weight.

For urban junkies, a more casual yet structured look will probably appeal. D&G paired leggings with oversized knits and moon boots for an après-ski vibe, and J. Crew managed to combine tights, denim shorts, a gilet, scarf, jumper and shirt into a seamless outfit. As did Jean Paul Gaultier with his very-thin-belted-gilet-over-hoodie-and-scarf combo. Get it right, and you won't be left out in the fashion cold. ▶▶▶



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