

# FAKE IT

Animal lovers rejoice!  
Today's fake fur is  
(almost) as good as the  
real thing, says  
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**G**lamour need not go out with window when the mercury drops. Just take one look at Karl Lagerfeld's almost yeti-esque designs for Chanel AW10. Hang up the military parka (besides, it's not warm enough) and reach for some fabulous faux fur.

The look was all over the fashion houses this season, taking many different guises: in rich, classic browns and blacks; in animal prints; in shocking hues; on garments as trim; patchworked; and even on footwear and accessories...

For a classic look, reminiscent of the Hollywood set, opt for a full-length dark coat and wear with tights and heels to keep it feminine – check out Alberta Ferretti. To create a stronger silhouette, wrap a skinny belt (as seen at Bottega Veneta) around your waist.

Those of an edgier bent (think Matthew Williamson and Burberry Prorsum) should go for a shorter pea-coat style and team with biker boots and black tights or, in the case of Chanel, furry moon boots and a faux-fur trimmed dress – very après-ski chic.

If it's grown-up subtlety you're after, and you want to show the world that you're on trend, a waistcoat or gilet will work wonders. Dries Van Noten, Derek Lam, Fendi and Gucci all had them in their collections. Ideal for their versatility, you can adapt them to your everyday wardrobe without the fur taking over.

Finally, if you want to make your presence felt, choose a bold colour and make a statement; the sky is the limit. Take inspiration from Giorgio Armani's vibrant red jacket, Lanvin's stunning mottled red fluffy number or Versace's Eighties electric blue gilet. Keeping warm, looking hot and staying on the right side PETA – who said being politically correct was hard?



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