

# Reporter: A Question Of Style



**Celebrity stylist Karen Ng answers your fashion queries.**

**Q** I love some of the trends from the Fall/Winter collections this year. Unfortunately, the weather in Singapore makes it so hard to carry off trends like layering, thigh-high boots and capes. How can I try some of the bigger trends for Fall in this heat?

— Cheryl

**A** Dear Cheryl, Sadly, the weather here doesn't allow for experimenting with winter trends. It's silly to wear winter clothing here unless it suits the dress code of a particular event. But do not despair, because there are still ways for winter-fashion lovers to incorporate some Fall elements into their wardrobes. Here's my advice:

**1** Go with the key looks for the season but choose fabrics that are lightweight. Fall/Winter 2010 is all about womanhood and femininity, so try a '50s full-circle skirt à la Louis Vuitton.

**2** To channel Brigitte Bardot's bombshell elegance, opt for a silk or linen top, pair it with a cotton printed skirt that falls to mid-calf, and dress it up with kitten heels and a classic carryall.

**3** To get the Jackie Kennedy '60s mod-chic look — throw on a dark navy mini-shift dress with lace-net stockings as seen at Miu Miu, and a pair of suede pumps. Alternatively, go for a tribal-exotic look with a knitted poncho or wrap dress from Missoni.

**4** Rather than a full fur coat, find pieces that use fur as accents (wear faux fur to save the animals). Get inspired by



Fiammetta Cicogna in a Missoni dress.



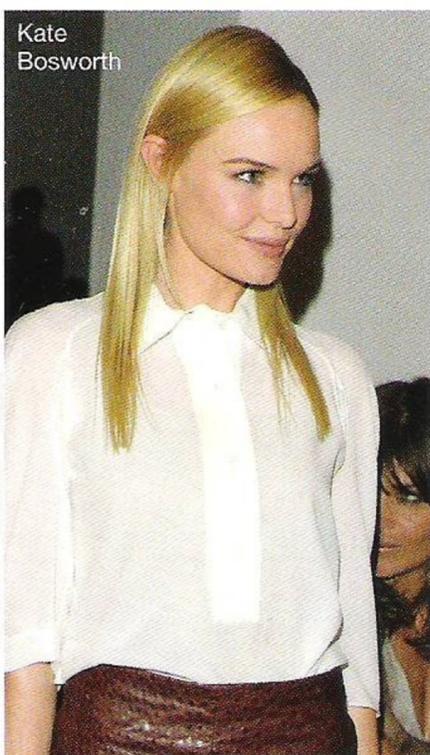
Kitten heels, by Prada.

the long neck-scarves from Roberto Cavalli, bags from Chanel, shoes from Yves Saint Laurent (YSL) or the outfits by Lanvin that feature fur details on the shoulders, collars and hems. Feathers, leather fringe and tassels are great alternatives to fur.

**5** Inject Fall's playful pieces into your summer wardrobe. Match a cropped biker jacket or fur-trimmed cotton gilet with a delicate chiffon dress. Equestrian-inspired riding boots go well with this season's lovely posy-print dresses, or plaid and tweed dresses from Jil Sander and Louis Vuitton. Also, a faux leather cape paired with a trapeze dress, as seen on the YSL runways, is the epitome of winter chic.

And there you go, Cheryl. Nothing is impossible! :

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