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Fashion Forward: Score Your Fall Favorites

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This fall, fasten your seatbelts and prepare to be amazed by a dizzying array of rich tones, textures and fabrics. In addition, this summer's color block party shows no sign of ending; this means, at least through the end of 2012, we can continue to concoct endless permutations and combinations of color and texture to keep things fresh.

Excited? So were we when we handpicked two of the hottest trends and dissected them in detail:

1. In love with leather

We're not talking about just the good old black leather jacket and other staples here. Classics aside, colored and patented leather is the big idea this fall.

This trend is so versatile it can be applied in so many ways:

Footwear: Bored of black boots? The runways in New York, Paris and Milan saw rich-toned, over-the-knee boots for fall and winter 2012. If over the knee isn't your style, invest in a pair of colored boots—like these **Diane von Furstenberg** plum boots from Nordstrom, guaranteed to turn some heads. Get some inspiration from these leather and color-blocked Mary Janes by **Prada** in a classic black and red contrast.

Leggings: If you want to add a little rock chic to your leggings, leather detail is the answer. **Saks has these lovely Alice + Olivia Ponte & Leather leggings that mix it up.** They're subtle, so if you team them up with patent leather shoes for the added shine, you'll definitely make the cut. If you're feeling really bold and want to push the

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envelope, you can sport all-leather leggings.

Jewelry: Juicy Couture, Marc Jacobs, Tory Burch and even Pandora have a nice range of colored leather cuffs that can be found at [Nordstrom](#). Add color and texture to an everyday outfit with these bracelets.

2. Eclectic embellishments

Dubbed as an absolute fall essential, double up on the sparkle quotient with embellishments. Get your share of glimmer on a dress, blouse, tee and accessories. Here's how you can work it:

On apparel: Studs, rhinestones and sequins will brighten up tees, jackets and dresses complementing the rich hues. [Polyvore](#) and [Bloomingdale's](#) have a great collection of embellished jackets and tees and dresses to choose from. Also, colored gemstones on light coats and sweaters would work very well with our weather, as would rhinestone and metallic trims on leggings and denims.

On shoes: These black and gold ballet flats and sequined sandals at [Nordstrom](#) by Steve Madden can be total showstoppers. [Nine West](#) has some good patent leather and embellished options worth trying out. Or if you're in the mood to splurge, how can we not mention Manolo Blahnik when we're talking shoes? Nothing says embellishment better than this [sparkling pair](#).

On accessories: These [beautiful Darby Peacock Earrings](#) by Kendra Scott, available at Neiman Marcus, promise to mesmerize. Glamorize any outfit in an instant, even if it's a neutral tone. Studded belt buckles and jackets can be great mood-boosters and help with the day-to-night transition. Watches, bracelets and purses also can add to the sheen. [Natasha Couture](#), [Michael Kors](#), [Elliott Lucca](#) offer oh-so-many pretty options (available at Nordstrom) to jazz up a night.

Shop away and be fabulous this fall!



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