

# Style

## Warm up with winter accessories



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With the end of daylight savings time everyone's gearing up for the change in seasons. Our closets may be packed with cozy sweaters and down jackets, but winter preparation isn't complete without cold weather shoes and accessories. Here are some ideas on incorporating accessory trends to stay stylishly warm in wet and frosty conditions.

Other than a good coat, shoes are one of the main components

of dress that can determine whether you'll be dry and toasty for the day, or drenched and freezing. Warm boots are an essential. Cute rainboots are a great pick for rainy fall days, but when the temperature drops, you'll want something both stylish and functional. When shopping for a winter boot, you'll want to look for enough insulation to keep your toes warm, so check the lining and insole material. Shearling wool makes for a warm and comfortable option as does thermal material such as Thinsulate.

In addition to lining material, ensure your winter boots are waterproof and have enough traction. Wet leaves and icy sidewalks can easily lead to slips, so if you feel your favourite winter boots are doing more sliding than strolling, take

them into a shoe repair shop to replace the outsole. Since you want to keep in heat, opt for slim fit bottoms to tuck into your winter boots. Pairing leggings, skinny jeans or tights with your boots will create a less bulky look. For a trendy option, try combat boots. Punk and grunge are huge for this season. Rock some combat boots with tartan jeans and a leather jacket for a punk style. Or portray a grungier sensibility by wearing combat boots with an oversized cardigan, babydoll dress and black tights.

For scarves, circular versions are still a popular option, whether as an infinity scarf or a snood. Snoods are tubular neckwear that can be either worn as a scarf, or pulled over the head and lower face like a hood. Whereas infinity scarves are usually wrapped around



Change up your scarf routine with a chunky snood. (Source: ASOS.com)

the neck several times snoods are a simpler, yet just as stylish, al-

ternative. Scarves are a great way to add a pop of colour to an other-

wise neutral ensemble, so go for chunky knit scarf or snood in a bold hue this winter. If you want to sport one of this season's trends try wearing a plaid scarf. Plaids, checks, tartans and houndstooth are hot patterns for fall and winter, and accessories are the perfect area to try out a trend. Don't be afraid to mix and match patterns in your outfit

grab it before heading out the door.

Gloves are another winter accessory essential. While fitted leather gloves are a timeless and elegant choice, a more practical idea may be capacitive gloves for frequent smartphone users. The capacitive threads in the fingertips will allow you to use your touchscreen devices, so now you'll



Cure the winter blahs with a fun, colourful toque. (Source: Zara.com)

— the key is to find patterned items with a similar colour palette.

Just like a colourful scarf can provide some much needed brightness to dreary grey days, the same can be said for a fun winter hat. One easy-to-wear trend is a slouchy beanie. Also known as a toque, look for beanies that are close-fitting around the head and loose on top for a slouchy style. Flattering for most face shapes, tuques are available in a variety of material, colours and patterns. Find one that expresses your sense of style or personality so you'll be more likely to

be able to change your music selection or reply a text without exposing your hands to the elements.

Dressing for the cold weather doesn't have to mean sacrificing style. Incorporating fashionable, yet functional, winter accessories into your wardrobe will allow you to stay chic even in subzero temperatures.

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Mid-height snow boots make for a more casual look. (Source: Sorel.com)




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