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Designer Donna Karan is a woman who has mastered the art of getting dressed in the morning. At 66, she's attired simply in a black shirt and black skinny pants, with wide leather cuffs at her wrists and a giant black necklace made from twists of leather. She looks youthful without being inappropriate, stylish without being staid. "I have a system of what I like and what I don't like," she shrugs, "and it really doesn't change much from season to season."

The same philosophy of simplicity and ease has been at the heart of her design ethos since Karan first started out as a designer in the late 1980s. Born in Queens, New York, to a mother who was a model and a father who was a custom tailor, she has worked in fashion since the late 1960s when she took her first job with legendary American designer Anne Klein. After taking over the company when Klein passed away in 1974, Karan eventually founded her own label, which this year celebrates its 30th anniversary.

"My goal has always been to make a difference in women's lives," the designer explains, sitting in the New York West Village loft that was the art studio of her late husband, Stephen Weiss. "I want to simplify everything because when you don't have to think about what you're wearing, you can get on with what really matters."

Karan - who is still very much at the helm of her eponymous brand, as well as her DKNY diffusion line, and the Urban Zen Foundation (an organization that combines her love of design with her philanthropic work) - has spent her career reinventing her "seven easy pieces", a capsule wardrobe comprised of the key items that every woman needs to take her from the school run to the office, from day to night, that remain favorites from season to season. Here Karan explains her rules of heroine dressing. >

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FALL FASHION NOW



## style everlasting

Whether you're 20, 30, 40, or beyond, you can age-proof your wardrobe with these timeless pieces. Superstylish Cat Deeley, host of *So You Think You Can Dance?*, models the new classics at The Carlyle, a forever-fashionable hotel in New York City.

Photographs by Adam Fedderly

**THE CAPE**  
Why should superheroes have all the fun? Throw this anytime topper over slim pants or a slinky dress and off you go!  
Crow cape, \$298, jcrew.com; Talbots sweater, \$79.50, talbots.com; Elizabeth and James pants, saks.com; BCBG Max Azria clutch, \$198, bcbg.com; for shoes: New York Hat Co., hat, \$14, newyorkhatco.com; Strenesse blue leather and metal bracelet, \$120, at Pamela Rubin, 914-572-4033, shopthelook.net; leather bracelet, \$15, shopthelook.net



**THE LEOPARD CARDI**  
Make like Cat and wear this classic animal print in a fresh and modern way.  
Wilmington by J.C. Penney cardigan, \$24, jcp.com; macys.com for shoes; J Brand pants, \$200, nordstrom.com for shoes; Jennifer Fisher hummingbird necklace, \$640, jenniferfisherjewelry.com; necklace by Doyle & Doyle citrus necklace, \$450, doyleanddoyle.com; Karen Walker luncheon necklace, \$840, karenwalker.com; Colee belt, \$10, 212-219-4068; Shaina for W Hotels' Global Glam cuff, \$150, wholesthestore.com; Elizabeth and James ring, \$295, saks.com



**THE LUXE PARKA**  
A faux fur hood and a waist-cinching belt make this sporty puffer look sophisticated.  
French Connection pants, \$148, shoosara.com; Lands' End Canvas belt, \$44.50, landsend.com; Sheshty for W Hotels' Global Glam cuff, \$65, wholesthestore.com; Kushfoot tights, \$9, kushfoot.com

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> WE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE RETURN OF GEEZER STYLE. NOW THE

## SPORTS JACKET

IS THE LATEST AND MOST VERSATILE THING TO COME BACK FROM YOUR GRANDDAD'S CLOSET.

\*An old-school sports jacket can make just about everything—from your cargos to your polo—look that much fresher. *Arrested Development*'s Jason Bateman shows you how to do it right.

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• About the Whole Turn-of-mind-in-Jacket Thing... This look has been the epitome of big-brother confidence since legendary producer Robert Evans pioneered it. • You don't have to have benevolent The Outlander to make it work.

• Make it 1960s turn-of-mind (\$775) and also 1960s turn-of-mind (\$775) where to buy it? go to go.com/go/turn-of-mind

**Repeat Our Fall Mantra: #NSO**

That stands for "Never squander a style opportunity." Something as small as swapping out your watch strap can get you the compliments you want, or the attention, or even the girl (actually, she'd have to be a pretty shallow girl).

watch strap \$20  
J.Crew  
watch \$48  
Times for J.Crew

**< 6 Get Your Sweatpants Up Off the Couch**

Before you get all sartorially indignant and write a letter of complaint to the Style Guy (by him, he's at styleguy @gigamon), answer this question: Does Big Sean look cool here? You know that wearing sweatpants with a blazer is unorthodox. But it works for him. And it can work for you this fall, too (as long as the sweatpants are tapered with elastic cuffs).

—MAGNETIC  
Sweatpants \$100  
Saturdays NYC

coll jacket \$120  
J.Crew  
coll shirt \$120  
J.Crew  
coll shirt \$120  
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coll shirt \$120  
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**SHOP \$100 OFF FOR INSPIRATION**

**Detroit Rap City**

"Clipse" was everywhere, all at once, blowing into the scene right. There were verses from Kanye and Jay-Z...who were that? Big Sean, the skinny 22-year-old from Detroit with the godfather delivery and offbeat ad lib, was calling down the funk in staccato bursts over a sparse, beatnik bass line. *Don't nobody fuckin' with my clique*. Clipse, Clipse. Since then, Sean's collaborated with Miley and Kendrick

**7 Cozify Your Feet**

We're not sure who started this, but some designer was probably wearing sneakers with a grey flannel suit, looking down, and thought, "Hm... Grey flannel sneakers?" We're into it. Sailing fabrics are migrating to toes and bags, so why not to your shoes?

just this ass man, looking about as quakes and as chaotic as it gets," he says. "This time I wanted to get my pants across instead of just showing how good I can rap."

—EMMA CAMACHO

shoes \$120  
Common Projects  
Sneakers \$120  
Sneakers \$120  
Sneakers \$120

sweater \$100  
Paul Smith

shirt \$100  
Gent Rigger

hat \$100  
The Tie Bar

jeans \$100  
Raf Simons

where to buy it? go to go.com/go/flat-outfit

**< 8 You've Got a Snapback. Now Add This Throwback.**

If you follow street style, you know where the snapback lives. Dapper much every dude at the fashion show is George Jetson wearing an old-school fedora. We're on board with this trend, especially abandoning our other cold-weather noggins: beanies, knit hats, and fuzzy knit caps.

**< 9 Give a Flat Outfit a Big Lift**

Wearing any sweater over a tie is cool, but shaggy shaggy sweaters hit a crucial fall style note: texture. Even a brand-new one looks vintage, with just the right retro appeal.

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**And there's no better place for it than a coat.** If both 63-year-old Jeff Bridges and 70-year-old Big Sean are instantly elevated by a topcoat, we're quite sure you'll experience the same effect.

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**Now Come Out of Your Shell**

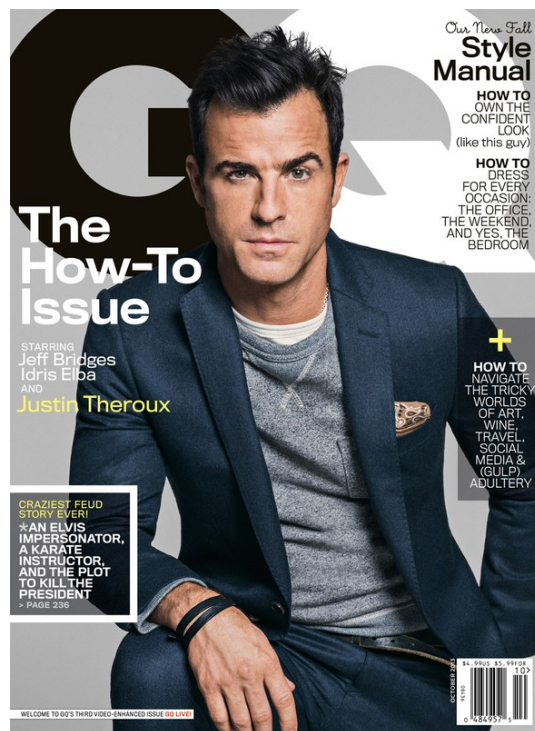
You, unfortunately can be a little intimidating, but go to any proper men's store and try one on. See if you don't find a little comfort (in both senses of the word). You can wear one with a suit, but if that feels too risky, a denim jacket will protect you.

turtleneck \$220  
John Smooty  
J  
\$140  
J Brand  
jacket and suit  
Brunelle Cucinelli  
watch  
Hermès

**Remember:  
Fall Style Is  
Synonymous  
with Tweed**

suit \$108  
Bonnie Depakite  
cardigan \$140  
J Crew  
  
shirt  
Polo Ralph Lauren  
tie  
Michael Bastien  
gloves  
Gant  
sweater  
AG Adriano  
Goldsmith  
shoes  
Gucci  
turtleneck shirt,  
knitting tie,  
boots (shiny) using  
shearling membrane by  
Isafume wool for  
shells, extra stitching by  
Barnett & Noble  
where to buy it?  
go to mycra.com/  
fashionanddecorations

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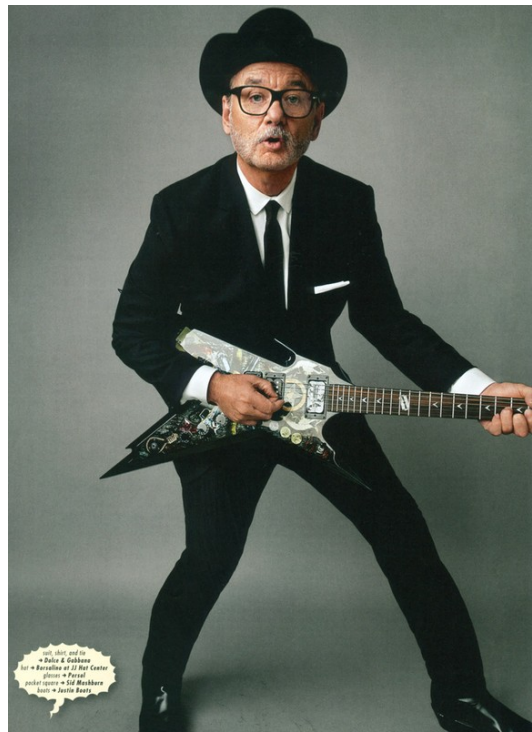
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