

**FASHION TRENDS:
FALL ACCESSORIES**

**Find neon colors,
statement jewelry
on any budget**

Loafers and tights provide other ways to spice up your look.

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I always hate to see summer go, but fall fashion accessories usually make up for it.

This season you're going to see neon colors, polka-dotted styles, fringe and feathers and statement jewelry pieces in area retail stores. The good news: There's something for everyone on any type of budget.

The box-style handbag is the new arm piece. These purses offer a structured look for a sophisticated outfit. Cigar box handbags were a huge hit during fall 2011 runway shows. Designer Alber Elbaz went for boxy handbags and embellished necklines during his show.

Speaking of necklines, necklace collars are a must-have this season. For the trend-conscious, these collars are a statement piece around the neck designed with ribbon, fringe and even grommets.

Jewelry may be your best bet for selecting a fall favorite. The adjustable big and gaudy ring is a hot item for fall fashion. Birds, animals and reptiles will be popular choices.

Do you remember your mom's penny loafers? Well, they're back with a twist. Loafers were introduced with spiky heels and platforms during the fall runway shows. Local retailers grabbed the trend so quickly that the style is a hit among fashionistas young and old.

You'll want to rock the neon fashion scene. And you can do it by sporting a colorful watch band. The trend was hot for summer and will be moving right into the cool looks for fall. The bright watch will complement another new trend: bright pants. Orange and hot pink will be the fashion hues for fall.

Whether dotted or floral, tights will add funk and flow to your wardrobe. We liked the dotted pattern, from micro dots to large dots. Both styles offer fashion fun with striking patterns.

We chose six fashion accessory trends and found them in two price points.

**COLORFUL
WATCH
BANDS**



Steal: Neon orange slapwrist watch (\$18) at Melanie's, 10277 Clayton Road

Splurge: Neon blue watch (\$54.99) at Kmart



**DESIGNER
BOXY
BAGS**



Steal: Dooney & Bourke burnt orange bag (\$288) at Dillard's

Splurge: Mark Cross taupe bag (\$695) at Saks Fifth Avenue



**DOTTED
HOSIERY**



Steal: Hue micro dot tight (\$12) at Macy's

Splurge: Black Wolford Bonny Dots tights (\$62) at Neiman Marcus, Plaza Frontenac



**NECKLACE
COLLARS**



Steal: Black fringed collar (\$48) at BCBG MaxAzria, Plaza Frontenac and St. Louis Galleria

Splurge: Black ribbon collar with gold, silver and black studs (\$78) at Graphic Traffic, Plaza Frontenac



STATEMENT RING



Steal: Gold bird (\$9.97) at Charming Charlie



Splurge: Gold bird with glass bead (\$42) at Nordstrom, West County Center

LOAFER HEELS



Steal: Union Bay toast loafer heels (\$59.99) at Kohl's



Splurge: Taupe Biella high-heel loafers (\$265) at J.Crew, Plaza Frontenac