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Next Level Plaid

Gingham, plaid, checked, tartan and flannel. We all know it and we've all owned a piece or two with this type of pattern. Many associate the fashionable print with Cher Horowitz's cliché matching two-piece schoolgirl outfit from *Clueless*: bright, big, yellow and preppy. While the teen actress' fashion inspo may have been epic a ~~few couple of~~ decades ago, fashion has graduated and elevated its take on plaid. 90's trends, especially plaid, have always ~~seemed to make~~ their way back into our closets. But, Fall 2018 runways have taken the timeless plaid pattern and have woven it into newer, more modern clothing.

We ~~are~~ absolutely ~~love~~ing incorporating plaids into our fall outfits by mixing different patterns, prints, pattern sizes and stripes. Some tend to shy away when it comes to mixing and matching prints, but styling plaids and other fall ~~enthused~~ patterns can be easy with the right colors, textures and fabrics. Plaid can be worn unexpectedly and paired ~~in~~ completely new, stylish ways.

For a bold look, try pairing patterned pants with a different-patterned blazer or shirt. We paired two separate plaid patterns together and tied the outfit together by knotting the blazer in the front. For that perfect fall touch, add a rich~~ly~~ colored lace-up boot or a bold earring.

For the first look, we paired some bold statement plaid pants layered with a different~~ly~~ patterned plaid blazer. We closed the blazer with a knotted tie, matching the print of the pants. To accessorize we added some layered gold necklaces and gold stud earrings. The shoes are ~~a~~ rich colored lace-up boots that add a perfect fall touch.

But don't be afraid to venture away from plaid. We mixed maroon colored pants with a gorgeous burnt orange plaid print topped with a colorful, floral high-neck blouse. ~~Again, play~~ Play with your accessories. We added a pop of emerald green for her earrings to play with fall-themed colors and draw attention to the face.

Not every look has to be bright and bold. We love a more edgy and sophisticated look with darker fall tones. Style a capped sleeve dress with a ~~bold~~ blue plaid under an oversized red, flannel jacket for an unexpectedly dressed up look. This outfit is transitional for any occasion and has structure for a complete switch-up of silhouettes.

If neutrals are more your style, try a neutral toned plaid two-piece matching set. Give the pants some texture with a ruffled bottom and use dark accessories like buttons to draw attention to the top. To add more patterns, pair the outfit with a plaid fitted jacket. If you're missing some color, add a chic pink pointed toe heel or a statement emerald circular handbag.

Of course, we can't forget about ~~an~~ unconventional look. We took a gingham dress and layered it with a grey plaid skirt on top to mix and layer. Then we added a trendy belt ~~back~~ and classy plaid pointed heels to give the look some dimension.

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Finally, let's talk about shoes. Nothing can make or break an outfit like a shoe choice, so try an over-the-knee plaid boot with a navy plaid print romper. This look is the perfect mix of classy and sexy.

