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# 10 Runway-Ready ESSENTIALS *for* 2026

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## WELCOME TO THE BORN2SHOP STYLE EDIT

This season, fashion is rewriting its own rules. The runways were alive with bold colour, sharp tailoring, fluid fabrics and a renewed confidence in individuality. From dopamine dressing to quiet luxury, every piece tells a story — of freedom, joy, and a touch of nostalgia.

These 10 Runway-Ready essentials capture the essence of Spring/Summer 2026. Wear them your way — remix, layer, elevate. Because real style isn't about following trends. It's about making them your own.

## 2026 *Ultimate* Guide



## The Cobalt Power Blazer

**Runway Reference:** Alexander McQueen | Victoria Beckham | Stella McCartney | Armani

**Why It Matters:** Cobalt blue emerged as the power colour of the season — vivid yet sophisticated. A sharp-shouldered blazer brings confidence to neutrals and makes any look editorial.

**Style Tip:** Pair with tailored shorts or wide-leg trousers; keep accessories minimalist.

**Keywords:** Confident • Modern • Electric

**Image Inspiration:** Tailored cobalt blazer over white shirt and beige trousers; structured shoulders and clean lines.

*The colour of the blazer doesn't matter, just get a great fitting one.*





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## Lemon Pop Pieces

**Runway Reference:** Fendi | Dries Van Noten | JW Anderson

**Why It Matters:** Bright lemon yellow lit up SS26 collections — it's joyful, radiant, and looks sensational against bronzed summer skin.

**Style Tip:** Try a yellow knit, mini bag, shoes or pleated skirt. Works beautifully with ivory, denim or soft grey.

**Keywords:** Joyful • Sun-Kissed • Vibrant

**Image Inspiration:** Lemon midi dress with white sandals, or a yellow handbag against monochrome outfit.

*Yellow costume jewellery is another great way to add a pop of colour to your outfit. Play around with shapes and sizes . . . layer it up!*





## Stone & Sorreal Neutrals



**Runway Reference:** Bottega Veneta | Max Mara | The Row | Loro Piana

**Why It Matters:** As colour gains attention, neutrals ground the look. Sorrel beige, stone grey, and pearlescent white give the palette calm authority.

**Style Tip:** Mix matte with sheen — e.g., a silk top with linen trousers.

**Keywords:** Timeless • Balanced • Refined

**Image Inspiration:** Beige trench over white tank and grey trousers; layered textures.

*Neutrals never go out of style, they are everyone's wardrobe staples.*



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## Sheer Intentions

**Runway Reference:** Schiaparelli | Erdem | Chanel | Chloé

**Why It Matters:** Transparency is the new power move — sheer layers, lace and mesh reimagined through sophistication.

**Style Tip:** Layer a sheer blouse over a bralette or a mesh dress under a structured blazer.

**Keywords:** Ethereal • Elegant  
• Daring

**Image Inspiration:** Lace or mesh dress in ivory layered over tonal slip; sheer sleeves catching light.

*Wearing something sheer is daring, but can give you a boost of confidence while still remaining a lady.*





# The Structured Blazer 2.0

**Runway Reference:** Saint Laurent | Balmain | Alexander McQueen

**Why It Matters:** Power shoulders are back — strong, confident, and unapologetic. Tailoring gets sharper, waists more defined, and proportions bolder.

**Style Tip:** Choose one statement blazer; style it over denim, mini skirts or sleek trousers.

**Keywords:** Powerful • Iconic • Sharp

**Image Inspiration:** Black structured blazer with defined shoulders; styled open with gold accessories.

*Have a blazer in all colours and textures.*

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## Satin & Gloss Finishes

**Runway Reference:** Prada | Versace | Dries Van Noten | Tory Burch

**Why It Matters:** Light-catching fabrics — satin, patent, polished leather — transform daywear into modern glamour.

**Style Tip:** Opt for a satin slip skirt, or glossy bag for instant luxe.

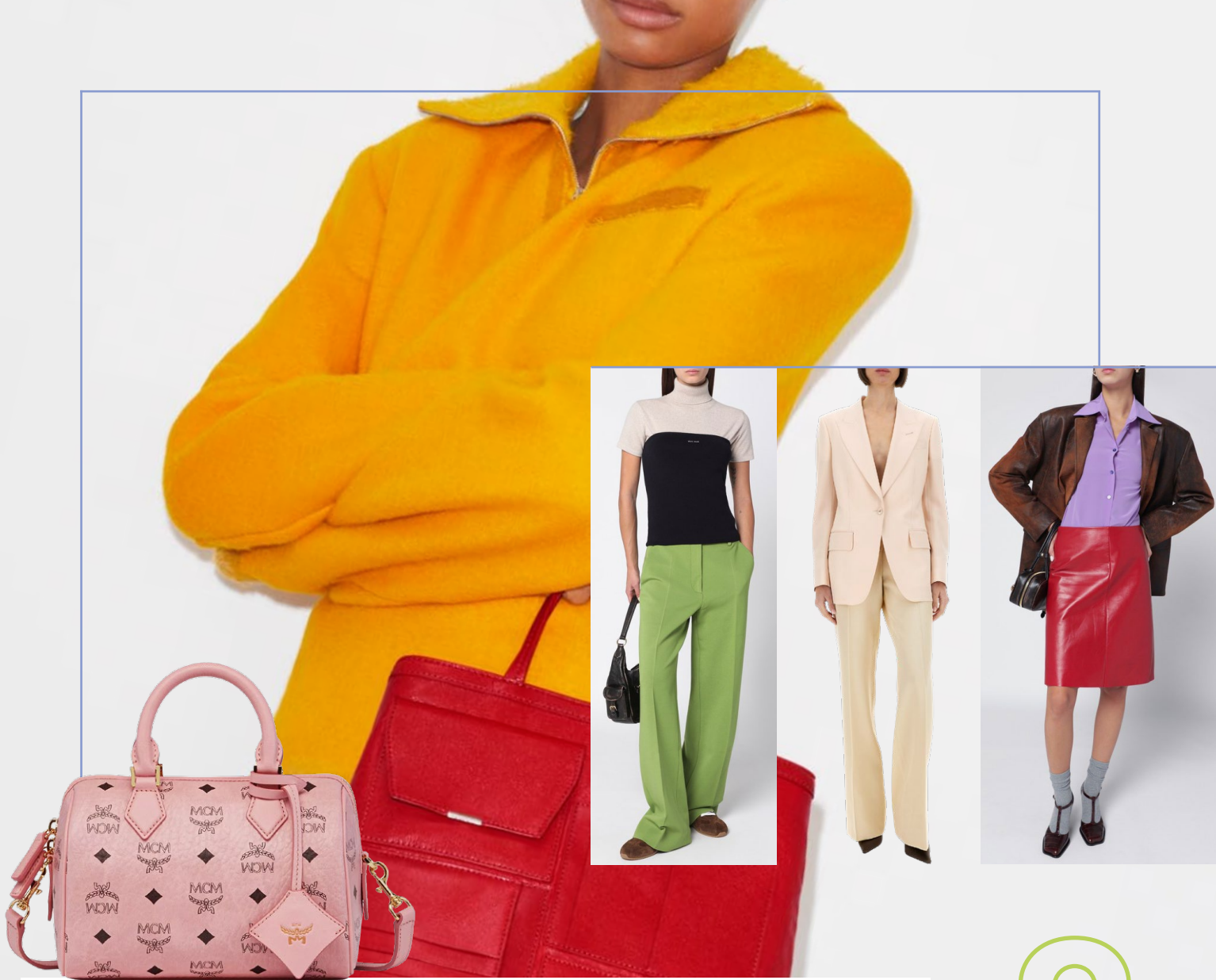
**Keywords:** Luminous • Sophisticated • Sleek

**Image Inspiration:** Soft pink satin midi skirt paired with crisp white shirt; dewy tones and glow.

*Satin and glossy accessories adds a great feeling of sophistication and subtle glamour. Understated luxury.*







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**Runway Reference:** Loewe | Valentino | Miu Miu | Jacquemus | Saint Laurent

**Why It Matters:** Colour confidence defines 2026 — clashing brights like orange + pink or cobalt + red dominate street and runway alike.

**Style Tip:** Keep the silhouette simple; let the colours make the statement. Bold or subtle colours work.

**Keywords:** Bold • Playful • Fearless

**Image Inspiration:** Red trousers + cobalt top, pink blazer + orange skirt combo or green + brown.

*Colour blocking works quite well for someone who's brave enough to wear colour, and who might not like patterns very much. Be bold and expressive with your colour blocking, colour choices.*

Colour  
**Blocking**  
Moments





# The Statement Accessory

**Runway Reference:** Schiaparelli | Balenciaga | Aspinal of London | Catherine Zoraida Jewellery

**Why It Matters:** Accessories take centre stage — oversized sunglasses, sculptural earrings, and micro bags add personality.

**Style Tip:** Choose one focal point — your bag, your shoe, your jewels. Everything else steps back.

**Keywords:** Quality • Artful • Defined

**Image Inspiration:** Metallic mini bag with matching heels; sculptural gold earrings and bangle.

*Accessories is a great way to start your wardrobe of designer brands. You can start small, even with a great scarf.*

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# Modern Minimalism

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**Runway Reference:** The Row | Proenza Schouler | COS

**Why It Matters:** Amid the excess, minimalism reasserts itself — quiet luxury, clean lines, impeccable fit.

**Style Tip:** Think monochrome palettes, precise tailoring, and understated accessories.

**Keywords:** Effortless • Elevated • Pure

**Image Inspiration:** Cream suit with white tank, simple leather slides, clean backdrop.

*The phrase 'less is more' stands even stronger here. Keeping it simple = stand out in a crowd. Elegance is primo.*





# 2026 Colour Palette

## BRIGHT ACCENTS:

Lemon Yellow  
Cobalt Blue  
Bright Orange  
Vivid Green

## NEUTRALS:

Stone Grey  
Sorrel Beige  
Pearlescent  
White  
Lavender Blue

## EARTH HUES:

Chocolate  
Brown  
Olive Green  
Burnt Orange

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