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## How to find the perfect blazer

# MODIFIED BLAZERS FOR FALL

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**Blazers are not just for finance gals anymore. This fall, boyfriend jeans have moved on up and girls will mirror their men in modified forms of the classic blazer.**

### BLAZER TRENDS

Blazers are a hot way to help our summer frocks transition to fall. Have a favorite jumper? Throw a blazer over it. This also works with everything from skinny jeans, leggings and even a classic skirt and sweater.

Women can wear their blazer by paring it with skinny belts and girly jewelry, or getting one that fits close to the body and adjusts to form. There's a lot more going on, though, this season in the way of trends as the cropped jacket says goodbye and the boyfriend blazer jumps in front of the trend scene.

"We have been seeing '80s influences come back slowly, first leggings, then neon color, and now the boyfriend blazer. It provides a nice option to wear with leggings if you are tired of pairing them with tunic tops, and it's more masculine style compliments the ultra feminine ruffle blouses we are seeing more of this season," says Laura McDowell, Style Expert for T.J. Maxx/Marshalls. "The looks are relatively the same although some blazers are more fitted than others. Grab a few from different designers, head to the dressing room and see which one looks best on your figure," she continues



## YOUR PERFECT BLAZER

However, it's not just as simple as choosing what's trendy and going with it. There are ways to find the perfect fit -- and style -- for you, regardless of what is currently the "it" style. For some tips on how to find the perfect blazer, I consulted Ann Siner, co-founder and CEO of Eco-Chic Consignments, Inc.

Here's some tips for when in the store:

- Petite women can wear a boyfriend jacket as long as it is scaled to size.
- Full figured women can accentuate their curves with a three-button jacket but will want to steer away from double-breasted styles to avoid looking outdated.
- All body types can always turn to a basic trench as it can have many uses and be worn with a variety of styles.
- Don't be afraid to invest in a classic blazer and work with a good tailor to customize your jacket to best fit your body.

An important lesson I learned, personally, when early in my blazer pursuits is that the best way to find a fit is seeing if I could lift my arms above my shoulders comfortably. This test ensures the back isn't too tight and the armholes are deep enough.

Armed with my advice, you are set. Happy fall shopping!

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