



What's hot

Looking to add colour to your wardrobe? Here's why you should think pink this season

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Mac to the future:
trench coat,
£1,850, Burberry

New coats to covet



The main event

Whether it's the classic biker or the super-cool puffer, these are the essential jackets for all seasons. By **Nadia Balame-Price**

It's hard to believe but spring is here. The days are getting warmer and lighter, and the clocks go back at the end of the month, officially heralding the start of British Summer Time.

But, this is England. And although we're longing for fewer layers it's not always practical, or possible. After all, who among us hasn't shivered

with regret after failing to take a coat at the first sign of sunshine?

Luckily, the amount of styles on offer has never been greater, whether you're looking for a total coat overhaul or just another jacket to add to the rotation.

As always, the street style starlets and Instagram influencers show how even the most outlandish coat trend – a snug leather jacket under a chic tailored coat with an oversize puffer on top (yes, really) – can be worn.



THE PUFFER JACKET

Once the go-to for European tourists and grumpy teenagers in the Midlands, the puffer jacket is having a resurgence and

A-list look: red puffer,
£1,915, balenciaga.com/gb

is actually (whisper it) kind of cool now. Blame Balenciaga. Last year it sent two styles of puffer down the runway, which both gained a waiting list after being spotted on the A list – Rihanna has one in red.

Worn slung low off the shoulders, this is the most fashionable of unfashionable coats. Of course, if the Balenciaga is a bit much then Moncler and Canada Goose have been an alternative option for years. Favoured by backstage film crews and Notting Hill mums alike, these are more serious than their fashionable counterparts. However, the same rules apply: keep layers light

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Pulse points:

Lip crayons

Channel your inner child and perfect your pout with a chubby lip crayon – the finish of a lipstick and the nostalgia of scribbling trumps precision every time. By **Jess Lacey**

1. Clinique

This inspired collab with ultimate crayon brand Crayola transports us back to playschool. There are 10 limited edition shades of its iconic Chubby Stick matching and named after some of Crayola's most renowned colours, all in an ultra-hydrating tinted balm texture and wearable transparent finish. Pocket money well spent.

Chubby Stick Moisturising Lip Colour Balm in Pink Sherbert, £17.50



2. Chanel

Who could ever have predicted that the seminal Chanel lipstick would find its way into crayon form? Like pop art for the lips, these deliver an intense hit of pigment along with the trademark satin finish of a high-end lipstick. Framboise is the perfect brazen red that makes applying a statement lip child's play.

Le Rouge Crayon de Couleur Retractable Longwear Lip Crayon, £28



3. Primark

Single-handedly solving all our festival make-up quandaries, these smouldering shades are the modern answer to shimmer. The kind of liquid metal that's usually only reserved for eyes, push them into the centre of your mouth for an on-trend ombre effect, or layer them over your favourite lippy as an arty update.

Primark Beauty Precious Metals Lip Crayon, £2



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leather jacket,
£630, Maje

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and proportions slim to avoid overheating or looking like the Stay Puft Marshmallow man.

THE TRENCH COAT

The trench coat is as British as cucumber sandwiches and gin, part of the fashion DNA of this country, from Burberry to Macintosh. This spring the style is for oversized macs – think one you'd have borrowed from Dad or a super-tall boyfriend. But shorter women beware, this is a trend that needs some stature to wear it well and avoid looking like a six-year-old playing dress-up.

Shorties fear not though: not all macs are created equal and there are plenty to pick from right now. Colour wise it's a veritable paintbox – khaki, navy, green and stone are the most popular, but M&S has a brilliant yellow one for the bold, and of course, classic camel is never a mistake. The long versus short mac question is a personal one, but as a rule it's best to try as many

styles as you can to decide on optimum length and belt placement. If you really want to mix up your mac game then go and seek out a denim one.

THE SHEARLING COAT

As a rule, Del Boy isn't a style icon, but we're making an exception when it comes to his classic shearling coat. This is one that needs to be approached with care, unless lower league football manager is the look you're going for. The balance matters, as does colour. Topshop has a black shearling aviator jacket that is just the right side of Top Gun, while H&M has an all-white option that will add an element of ice queen chic to any outfit.

This is a style that will definitely be around next autumn – Marc Jacobs and Anya Hindmarch were among those who sent shearling down the catwalk – so invest wisely now. Topshop Unique had one in its SS17 show that is part of the see now, buy now trend and Burberry does a shearling trench if you want to tick off two trends.



THE BIKER JACKET

The trend for biker jackets never really disappears; it just morphs slightly each season. The reason that leather bikers are a fashion fail-safe is their versatility – throw on over a slinky slip dress to instantly toughen it up. Or wear with jeans and a white tee for a chic pulled-together weekend look. While the classic black leather is always a wearable option – Whistles, Sandro and Warehouse have some great versions – for 2017 the style is a little different. Play with alternative fabrics and colours or even add patches or buttons. After all, slogan tees were all over the NYFW shows so get in on the trend early and let your clothes do the talking.

THE CLASSIC WOOL COAT

This often-overlooked classic wool number has found a new place in the coat hierarchy as an over, and sometimes under, coat. Jacket layering has been a bit of a trend for a few years now thanks to a particularly epic snowstorm that coincided with New York fashion week. This resulted in the usual street style stars being bundled up more than usual.

It's a trend that is surprisingly easy to wear and put the classic wool coat right in the thick of things. This everyday staple can be worn over a biker jacket or one of the implausibly thin Uniqlo Down jackets, but it is also slim enough to go under an oversized puffer or anorak, both of which are impossibly cool right now.

1. Green light wool, £389, Sandro
2. Shearling trench, £1,995, Burberry
3. Bright blue puffer, £49.99, Zara
4. Black belted wool, £247.50, Claudie Pierlot
5. Burgundy jacket, £264, Whistles
6. Yellow trench coat, £45, Marks & Spencer
7. Shearling, £199.99, H&M
8. Black aviator, £795, Topshop Boutique
9. Leather jacket, £185, Warehouse



Poppy appeal:
silk blouse, £79; silk
trousers, £79, both
Warehouse. Below,
pink on the catwalk
from Céline (left)
and Balenciaga

The trend

Once reserved for the girliest of girls, this season pink is finally growing up. From blush to bubblegum, fuchsia to flamingo, everything is rosy, says **Bibby Sowray**

It's 13 years since Mean Girls queen bee Regina George uttered those immortal words, "on Wednesdays, we wear pink" but right now she couldn't be more bang on the money.

While our love of the colour has been simmering away for a few seasons, this spring sees it hit the big time, splashed on everything from outerwear to accessories and in every imaginable shade, from soft and subtle to shocking Schiaparelli.

So, when did it turn from micro-trend to mega-trend? It can be pinpointed to one Sunday during Paris Fashion Week last October, when three of the most-influential fashion houses in the world all showed the shade as a prominent part of their SS17 offerings.

At Céline, a sheer watermelon-pink knotted cape was draped over a matching dress paired with white tights and mismatched shoes, while at Valentino a high-necked cape-dress in deepest magenta stood out in a collection that acted as an ode to the colour in all its many hues. At Balenciaga, a bubblegum-pink silk sheath was slit to the hip and worn over purple tights-cum-boots.

Thankfully, the ever-quicken pace of fashion retail means we needn't wait until the sun finally decides to play ball to get our fuchsia fix. The rails are already packed with every possible permutation; all you



need to do is decide how to wear it. If you're bold enough to try head-to-toe, Warehouse's poppy-print silk co-ord is the perfect way to ease you in. Outerwear is another key way to wear it. Mango's candyfloss-coloured coat looks fresh atop pale denim or an all-black outfit. Or, if you prefer a subtler approach, opt for statement accessories such as Loewe's newly-cult Puzzle bag in fizzy hot pink (but be quick, it sells like hot cakes), or alternatively, Adidas' must-have Gazelle sneakers in pale rose, which also touch on the ever-enduring athleisure trend.

To indulge in the trend totally,



florals and super-frills are the way to go. Snap up H&M's unashamedly feminine super-ruffle blouse, or Topshop's asymmetric-hemmed baby pink dress covered in spring blooms.

It's little surprise we're all about rose-tinted hues, really. A certain shade of the colour – Baker-Miller Pink – has been scientifically proven to calm aggression and anxiety, as well as suppress appetite. (Supermodel Kendall Jenner has even painted her living room in the shade because of its unexpected psychological effects.) And in these trying times we all need a little calm, so why not get it from our wardrobes?



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1. Frilly top, £34.99, H&M
2. Puzzle bag, £1,395, Loewe
3. Flowery dress, £49, Topshop
4. Gazelles, £74.99, Adidas at Office

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