

# September Fashion Direction



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With Kirstie Smillie

Autumn beckons but don't pack away your summer frocks just yet, advises fashion stylist, Kirstie Smillie

I WRITE this on a scorcher of a day in July, but being a Leo and experiencing many a wet birthday, I know it can all change in August and then revert to being warm again by September, especially when the kids go back to school.

So with this hot/cold dilemma (or hot/hot as I write), I am wondering what would be helpful to write about on these style pages? As we are nearing the end of the holiday season for many, focus moves to a new start - new schools, new job, new styles... September has that January vibe.

Time to clear out, assess and prepare what will be packed away. Finding those transitional items for cooler mornings and evening; long sleeve t-shirts, jeans, and jackets are all a big 'yes'. Autumn is my favourite season of all, as layers are definitely 'in', starting with a dress or two:

- **Elongate summer dresses by wearing long sleeve t-shirts under or over**
- **Add an oversized jumper on top of longer printed dresses**
- **Experiment the dress over trousers look, it's easier than you think**

### Style Workshops at HOBBS Guildford

Former fashion stylist for Good Housekeeping, Ideal Home magazines and House of Fraser, Kirstie Smillie has teamed up with HOBBS in Guildford to host more **Style Workshops** looking at the new season ahead.

**Learn** what is a capsule wardrobe?  
**Find** key autumn pieces to introduce into your style.  
**Experiment** how to accessorise and feel confident in your outfit choices.

Dates available throughout October, tickets £30 per person in a group session or one-to-one available. Includes refreshments and clothing discounts.

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More details can be found on:  
[www.kirstiesmillie.com](http://www.kirstiesmillie.com)

The high street trends take direction from the main players in the fashion world, those who have shown their collections on the catwalks in February with a first timer, The Queen, watching the Richard Quinn show in full colour. And plenty of colour there will still be, with bold and bright or multi 70s inspired prints.

If you enjoyed the colour clash of summer, you will love the winter wonderland to follow, which still include animal prints and velvets. There are plenty of cool classic options on hand too, so choose your own direction but enjoy the variations on offer.

Continuing from our summer workshops, I am basing myself at Hobbs again in October for autumn style sessions. Join me for a one-to-one or group session to find your own capsule wardrobe, find key items to boost your style and enjoy experimenting again.

In July we played with scarf shapes, learnt about colour and discussed individual issues. Sometimes it is important to focus on 'you' to get your outfits and outlook in order. See below for our changing room challenges - the carpet looks good too!



# What's New (or still going this season)

## BABY BLUE

Designer: The Row High Street: Hobbs



## BLOCK COLOUR

Designer: Mary Katrantzou High Street: John Lewis



## COLOUR DENIM

Designer: Chloe High Street: Top Shop



## WINTER FLORALS

Designer: Richard Quinn High Street: Hobbs



## FAUX ANIMAL PRINT

Designer: Masscob High Street: Mango



## PRETTY NEUTRALS

Designer: Acne Studios High Street: Reiss

