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Hello, Jacket

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Fall in Indiana is unpredictable, which is the perfect excuse to stock up on stylish jackets. The right one can extend the life of your summer wardrobe and layer beautifully over light sweaters. Picking some neutral colors gives you more options, while a bright plaid jacket is a perennial fall favorite. When the weather trends erratically from hot and muggy to downright frigid, you can trend effortlessly with our picks for six impressive jackets.

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Up in arms



The anorak — aka army jacket — soldiers on among the stylish picks for fall. Choose the popular olive color or seek out navy, red or black. Dress it up for work with a pencil skirt or even a black dress. Pair it with printed tops, boho slip dresses and white jeans to make colors pop. Need more inspiration? Check Pinterest for 1,000+ ideas on how to style them.

Ambiance jacket, \$48, and Embrace top, \$32; both at dottiecouture.com.

Wide Leg Trouser Jeans, \$49.88 at theloft.com.



Fly girl



Bomber jackets reappeared on runways over two years ago with a monochrome body, leather sleeves and a sporty trim. They are still on trend in many forms and can be a chic substitute for a denim or leather jacket. Bomber jackets flatter all shapes and are surprisingly versatile. Wear them dressed up with a slip dress or skirt and boots, or go the casual route. Either way, you'll be fashion forward for fall.

Paper Crane Ethereal bomber jacket in olive green, \$59 at pitaya.com. Vince Camuto Chiffon-yoke Shirrtail blouse, \$69 at vincecamuto.com. Leather Pencil Skirt, \$249, at Talbots.

Big in Japan



The Japanese kimono, long admired for its beauty and rich history, is now an ultra-elegant fashion statement for the rest of us. The jacket is simply constructed with an inherent elegance about it. Pair it with neutral classics, jeans or even a white slip dress or figure-hugging bodycon dress.

Abstract sheer-patterned kimono jacket by Niche Clothing Company, \$149 at marigoldclothing.com. Ming Wang sleeveless black sweater, \$98 at Von Maur. Monkey Ride jeans, \$29 at dottiecouture.com.

Easily Suede



Leather's flip side, velvety suede, shows up this fall in shoes, purses, skirts and jackets. This shirt jacket has a nifty price and the faux fabric means you can wash it. A warm caramel color makes a great neutral to don with every shade of denim, boho tops and even classic looks such as a cream turtleneck.

Jack brand jacket, \$88, and Wayf top, \$68, at vonmaur.com. Wide Leg Trouser Jeans, \$49.88 at theloft.com.

Sports figure



If you prefer athletes to pilots, pick up a varsity jacket-style bomber. Nail the sporty/casual look by layering it with distressed jeans, Chelsea boots, sneakers or even heels and a T-shirt. It's difficult to make a wrong move with a bomber jacket — they're practically foolproof.

Paper Crane Ethereal bomber jacket in black, \$59 at pitaya.com. Factory Slim Washed T-shirt, \$9.50 at jcrewfactory.com. Monkey Ride jeans, \$29 at dottiecouture.com.

Plaid news



Who doesn't love a bright red plaid — especially in the fall? This shirt jacket spares few details with its mix of soft flannel, lace details and pearl buttons. Button it up, belt it and wear as a jacket with jeans or a casual skirt for work. The Western bag amps up the rustic appeal.

Leaders in Leather purse, \$189, and *White Crow Shirt*, \$72; both at delaneysshop.com. *Monkey Ride jeans*, \$29 at Dottie Couture. Belt, thrift store find.



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