



Versatility And Creative Layering Abound At Barbara's Boutique

"The absolute best four 2011 winter fashion trends for women include creative layering and monochromatic tones with hot accessories and stunning footwear."

- Valua Vitaly

It's a perfect time to consider updating or extending your fall and winter wardrobe while beginning your holiday gift shopping at Barbara's Boutique. The friendly and fashion-savvy staff at Barbara's will help you dress for any kind of winter weather by adding lots of creative, chic and appealing layers. They will assemble six distinct outfits from four pieces of clothing that will be appropriate to wear for an evening of fine dining and entertainment or a Sunday brunch in the city. This ensemble will work as a stylish and comfortable outfit for lunch with your girlfriends or a play in New York. For example, they have beautiful tweed jackets that will coordinate with a dressy pair of trousers or a pair of brush corduroy slacks by Christopher Blue.

To create a chic and stylish look with layering, top a dress shirt, frilly top or t-shirt with a long loose knit sweater, a wraparound silk scarf and a sleek lined jacket. (Check out the In suede coats, some with fringes, very light weight and impervious

to water.) Leggings, skinny jeans, slim slacks, short dresses and vests can also be worn with the layered look. Another great look can be created with a chunky sweater with large buttons over a tank top. As you layer, you can choose from an assortment of textured fabrics, cozy knits, and soft cashmere.

Cashmere sweaters have never gone out of style and are an

essential winter staple. Autumn cashmere is fresh, contemporary, well made and affordable. From brightly colored hues to gentle creams, grays and burgundy, Autumn cashmere is a winter fashion favorite. Another wonderful cashmere line at Barbara's is the Kinross cashmere. It includes two-tone scarves, zipped up sweaters with hoods and comfortable open ruffle sweaters. The cashmere garments are made by hand and are pure, soft and strong. They begin their journey as the finest downy hair beneath the thick exterior coat of the Cashmere goat, which resides on the plains of Inner Mongolia. This downy fiber is hand-combed and used to create a Kinross garment of the finest quality. An additionally tidbit of information: because of their Scottish quality standards, a Kinross garment will actually improve with wear and washing, hold its shape and resist piling longer than most cashmere garments!

The monochromatic tones for this winter - soft grays, dense blues, rich browns, basic black, creams and taupe in the warm

and muted tones - can either be used to balance out a basic color scheme or they can be "the color scheme" itself. A monochromatic color scheme will stand out when paired with ankle boots, dramatic silver or gold jewelry and a designer belted jacket with bell sleeves.

A perfect holiday gift would be a chic scarf made of silk, cashmere, chiffon or fine cotton in bright or soft colors. The scarf can create a sophisticated, playful, or edgy look to any outfit. It all depends on the color and texture of the scarf as well as how the scarf is worn. Barbara's has a large selection of unique scarves, some created with a true artist touch.

Moyuru, a Japanese line, has made its debut at Barbara's this fall and winter. The line of clothing is comfortable to wear and created with a pursuit of free expression based on the idea of a relaxed mind. Moyuru produces a line of "Japanese Beauty" including dresses, painted vests and coats. The key word behind their product is Artmix, with the designers focusing on "The Earth," "The Wind," and "Freedom." The clothing line, which caters to women of all ages

and has been termed "timeless, funky, and avante guard, includes many distinct and unique pieces.

Lastly, the basic trench coat is now fashionable as well as functional. Trench coats are available at Barbara's in bright colors, complete with ruffles, fringe, cargo pockets, and zippers. For even more versatility, consider a belted trench coat, a lasting fashion staple.

Remember that the clothes you wear send a message about you and how you would like to be treated. The right clothes can complete your presentation and say great things about you without whispering a word. As Anne Hollander stated, "clothes can suggest, persuade, connote, insinuate, or indeed lie, and apply subtle pressure while their wearer is speaking frankly and straightforwardly of other matters." And sending out this message need not be overly expensive. Adding two or three fashionable winter pieces is a great way to update one's wardrobe for the winter season. Let the sales professionals at Barbara's show you how!



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