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## Outer Charm

Coast through the colder months with tweedy coats, futuristic parkas and dramatic capes worth draping over your best fall dresses and pants



### PRESENT DAZZLE

Score cool holiday gifts, from dolls for budding fashionistas to 'Mad Men' hats for him

### MR. NOT-NICE GUY

'What Not to Wear' snark Clinton Kelly tells women to lose the bitsy bags and flip-flops

RIGHT: A JUNYA WANTANABE COMME DE GARCONS' CAPE LAYERED WITH AN ETOILE ISABEL MARANT DRESS AND BRODGREN VEST (\$960, \$370 AND \$595, HU'S WEAR). ACCESSORIZE IT WITH A VINTAGE NECKLACE AND EARRINGS (\$42 AND \$26, BW ART, ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES, 109 N. FAYETTE ST., ALEXANDRIA, VA; 703-518-8464), WOOL SCARF (\$120, PROPER TOPPER, 1350 CONNECTICUT AVE. NW; 202-442-3055), ELIE TAHARI BOOTS AND DIANE VON FURSTENBERG GLOVES (\$350 AND \$165, SHOE HIVE, 127 S. FAIRFAX, ALEXANDRIA, VA; 703-548-7105).

BELOW: PAIR JUNE LEATHER'S PARKA WITH AUTUMN CASHMERE'S CARDI AND LOEFFLER RANDALL'S TEE (\$525, \$395 AND \$172, HYSTERIA, 125 S. FAIRFAX ST., ALEXANDRIA, VA; 703-548-1615). SHOWN WITH JUNYA WANTANABE COMME DE GARCONS' SKIRT (\$795, HU'S WEAR), MAX MARA BOOTS (\$350, MAX MARA) AND RINA LIMOR'S CORAL AND ONYX RING (\$1,250, MYSTIQUE JEWELERS, 211 THE STRAND; ALEXANDRIA, VA; 703-836-1401).



**IN THE EARLY** days of Old Town Alexandria (that'd be the 18th-century), well-heeled colonial types, including George Washington, bundled up under sweeping cloaks and tricorn hats. These days, you're more likely to spot modern settlers in cloche caps and trenches as they stroll the brick sidewalks and cobblestone streets of the waterfront zone. Like many neighborhoods in Washington, Old Town — where we shot this story — bustles with foot traffic even when the weather turns chilly.

It's a good thing that designers this season have come up with a range of outerwear as varied as the storied burg's architecture and history. "This year's wide variety of coats looks great, because I think that the average woman needs things for different scenarios," says Virginia wardrobe consultant Margaret Lilly of the just-launched Style for Hire ([Styleforhire.com](http://Styleforhire.com)). "You need a dress one, then something for every day, like a pea coat or parka."

Still, in this era of mix-and-mismatch, fall's best outerwear — floor-grazing camel numbers, military-influenced capes, colorful trenches — invites wardrobe experimentation. "The old rule used to be long dress, long coat," says Lilly. "But nowadays, you can change things up. Still — you might not want to wear a puffy jacket with a cocktail dress." JENNIFER BARGER