

'90s Shoe Trends Make a Strong Comeback in 2025

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Some shoe styles from the 1990s are now reappearing on autumn/winter 2025 runways. These designs echo minimalism and glamour. They remind of Carrie Bradshaw, Carolyn Bessette-Kennedy, and early Sex and the City looks. Therefore are seven trends you'll see everywhere.

1. Bracelet Shoes

These are heels with a delicate ankle strap. They were central to Tom Ford's Gucci in the '90s. Now many designers incorporate them back. In Ferragamo's Fall/Winter 2025 collection, these straps return in glossy finishes and sharp silhouettes. Firstly add elegance and a touch of seduction.

2. Mary-Janes

Mary-Janes were a big part of '90s school-girl and preppy fashion. John Galliano loved them back then. Secondly recently, they reappeared in Louis Vuitton's runway show for Autumn/Winter 2025. Therefore modern Mary-Janes often have chunkier heels, bold buckles, or slightly platformed soles. Finally balance nostalgia with comfort.

3. Mules

Mules are back in pared-back, minimalist form. In the '90s, minimalist labels like Helmut Lang popularised them. Today's mules often mix traditional mule styles with surprising elements. For example, Schiaparelli used trompe-l'œil detailing to twist classic mule forms. Finally feel both easy-to-wear and striking.

4. Ballerina Flats

Ballerina flats were everywhere in the '90s—often with toe-caps or rounded toes. Chanel helped define their silhouette. Now, the classic toe-cap version is leading the ballet-flat revival on the runway. Brands like Rokh reinterpret them simply. Therefore they bring softness and femininity. Perfect for walking or casual evening looks.

5. Loafers

Loafers have long been a fall staple. The '90s paired them with relaxed tailoring or skirts. Today, loafers are "trophy pieces" again. Miu Miu has pushed the preppy aesthetic. You'll see loafers styled with mid-length skirts and socks to channel that '90s school-vibe. Afterall also polished for work or dressy looks.

6. Metallic Boots

Moreover boots are shiny, futuristic, and bold. Rabanne's Autumn/Winter 2025 runway featured metallic silver boots. Thus they recall the jet-set moments of mid-1990s Versace. Thus metallic finish and calf-skimming cuts make them stand out. Pair them with neutral outfits so boots take the spotlight.

7. Classic Stilettos

While minimalism defined part of the '90s, glamour was also alive via stilettos. Sharp, high-heel stilettos were red carpet staples then. Therefore are still popular today. In 2025, designers like Elisabetta Franchi style them with sheer tights, denim skirts, or elegant tailoring. Thus bring posture, elegance, and confidence.

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