

10 Chic Ways to Style a Pleated Skirt This Season

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- Designers are reimagining the pleated skirt this season: longer lengths, fuller volumes, refined cuts.
- Overall on the runway, brands like Tory Burch, Altuzarra, Sacai, and Prada have updated the classic pleat with leather, belting, metallic accents, and modern layering.
- Therefore street style, you'll see pleated skirts paired with fall staples—crewneck sweaters, barn jackets, tailored coats—for a grown-up aesthetic.

10 polished outfit ideas (with style tips)

Below are some standout ways to style a pleated skirt (midi or below) this fall. Use these as inspiration and tailor according to your climate, wardrobe, or personal style.

Style Idea	What to Pair	Why It Works / Styling Tips
The Updated Khaki	Khaki pleated skirt + burgundy polo sweater + utility jacket + ballet flats	A modern, collegiate nod with a mix of structure and ease.
Schoolgirl Edge	Grey midi pleated skirt + cream tie-neck blouse + distressed leather jacket + knee-high boots	Blends preppy with grit — perfect for day to evening.
Heritage Remix	Red skirt + argyle cashmere crewneck + pointed ankle boots + clean accessories	Evokes fall colors and classic motifs in a fresh way.
Walk on the Wild Side	Leather pleated midi over a tee + chunky sweater + statement boots	Adds boldness via texture clash and edgy layers.
Texture Clash	Suede pleated midi + chunky knit cardigan + tailored leather blazer	A rich mix of tactile elements that elevates the pleat.
Countryside Core	Plaid pleated skirt + Fair Isle cardigan + barn jacket + suede knee boots	Earthy, cozy, and perfect for transitional weather.
Downtown Cool	Faux-leather pleated midi + oversized flannel shirt + biker jacket + sneakers	Streetwise and fashion-forward, with relaxed layering.
Poplin Perfection	White poplin pleated skirt + turtleneck + suede jacket + loafers	Takes a summer staple into fall with smart layering.

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Classics	Gray pleated skirt + cherry-red crewneck + khaki car coat +	A classic palette with a bold accent and relaxed outerwear.
Reimagined	slouchy bag	
Haute Hues	Black pleated midi + butter-yellow draped top + chocolate blazer + burgundy boots	Injects color into neutrals while keeping the look grounded.

Styling tips & key takeaways

- **Volume & proportion:** Since the skirts are fuller, balance them out with more fitted tops or structured outerwear (such as cropped jackets or belted coats).
- **Texture mixing is your ally:** Thus pairing leather, suede, knits, or metallics with the fabric of the skirt adds depth and richness.
- **Layer boldly, but smartly:** Hence let the skirt be the hero, and use jackets, sweaters, and shirts to frame it without overwhelming.
- **Shoes make a difference:** However ballet flats, boots (ankle, knee), loafers, or even sneakers can all work. Choose based on the vibe you want — polished, edgy, or casual.

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