

## HOW TO DRESS LIKE A CHIC ROCK CHICK



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*Music and fashion have always been intimately connected, drawing off one other's creativity and innovation. Two of my favorite music-inspired style trends — Electro Glam and Beatnik Cool — are strongly represented in the upcoming fall season. Both trace their roots back to the new and hip cultural moments of their eras (the mid- and late-20th centuries), and project different vibes. The genius of it all that you can easily transform from one look to another with just a quick switch of accessories.*

### Electro Glam

The season's best collections are influenced by electronic dance rock of the late 1980s and early 90s, the time when Depeche Mode ushered in the era of sensuously dark and mysteriously somber style, both in music and fashion. All-black: leather jackets, skinny jeans and statement shoes, with slightly punkish metal-accented accessories. Unknowingly the band created one of the sharpest and most versatile fashion directions that stays relevant to this day. Create a modern, rock-chic edge business outfit by accessorizing a no-frills black top and pencil skirt with a distinct bracelet, pair of buckle-detail stilettos and monochromatic black sunglasses.

Saint Laurent,  
110 Geary Street,  
San Francisco,  
415-765-0975,  
ysl.com.



Hermès Kelly Bracelet in Black, \$540; hermes.com.



Victoria Beckham Layered Cat Sunglasses in Black, \$500; victoriabeckham.com.



Gianvito Rossi Clash Stiletto in Black, \$1,195; gianvitorossi.com.

### Beatnik Cool

Another prominent trend takes us on a more lighthearted and nonchalant style journey inspired by the 1950s and '60s Beat subculture, with its modern jazz music, nonconformist lifestyle and anti-materialistic fashion sense. A simple black turtleneck was introduced into the mainstream by the Beatnik movement and became the most universal fashion symbol of understated elegance. Channel your present-day artistic self-expression by wearing a luxuriously soft sea captain style cap, throw an easygoing messenger bag over your shoulder and compliment your beauty look with carefree glossy tresses.

CHANEL,  
156 Geary Street,  
San Francisco,  
415-981-1550,  
chanel.com.



Sisley-Paris Hair Rituel Precious Hair Care Oil Glossiness and Nutrition, \$100; sisley-paris.com.



Chanel Cap in Ecru/Grey/Navy Tweed, \$1,300; 156 Geary Street, San Francisco, 415-981-1550.

The Row Sideby Pebbled Calfskin Bag in Black, \$2,600; neimanmarcus.com.

