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Sharp Shoulders Making a Cutting Comeback

Make an entrance with the powerfully, pointed shoulder. A must have statement piece we all need in our closet.

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**Balmain Spring 2020-21**

It's back! The authoritative fashion we've been waiting for. This is the season for some power moves, so if you're looking to show them whose boss, then the pointed shoulder has your name all over it. This silhouette has made its way from the runway onto celebrities like Kylie Jenner and Ariana Grande. This year is very different than most in which we can further celebrate the elevation of women in positions of power. This bold shoulder is the perfect mix of masculine and feminine energy to bring into the workplace or to simply spice up your casual looks.



Ariana Grande shares to Instagram new album 'Positions' photoshoot pics



Kylie Jenner shares to Instagram her in Givenchy alongside Travis Scott

This padded, extended shoulder trend is giving us an emphasis on power with its tight tailoring and luxurious appeal. Designers and celebrities have been drawn to this structured silhouette appearing very put together and professional. This look has since evolved from its 80s roots and has become edgy and very fashion-forward. With this extended shoulder, try to envision pairing dress pants or a skirt. You can wear a monochrome look, or you can play with patterns and/or complementary colors for a pop. To complete the outfit you can add your favorite heels or some tall boots depending on your mood. You can wear this to work, to a meeting, or even brunch. This addition to your closet will give you endless options and allows you to easily change any plain outfit to an eye-catching cohesive look.



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The pointed shoulder was featured in several catwalks such as Balmain and Balenciaga. Balmain opened Paris Fashion Week with this protruding shoulder that was hard to miss. They are called pagoda shoulders, and they are bold and dramatic. Balmain showcased this look with neon colors and gray shades to contrast. The structure of this shoulder is very architectural in a way, drawing the eye upwards. Balenciaga also features this style with a capelike design and a series of patterns, warm and cool tones. This look is very versatile as we can see throughout these collections.



Balenciaga 2020-21 Fall Autumn Winter

We can use inspiration from these runway looks and style our own wearable pointed shoulder outfit. Similar to these Balenciaga looks, a flowy dress very much compliments the shoulder allowing the silhouette to be balanced. You can leave a boxy shape or you can soften it with a belt to cinch the waist. You can tie back your hair to allow the shoulders to steal the spotlight and make an entrance wherever you go.

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