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Streetwear's Greatest Hits for Fall

street urchins

Pick a decade... Retro influence is the expression of the day for streetwear trends this fall. We begin our journey in the '60s, embracing the prairie/gypsy look. Women's shoes and boots come in a variety of earth-toned suedes, with Bohemian treatments like fringes, buckles, laces and some Western silhouettes. Guys partake in this trend with easy slip-on constructions that feature burnished and distressed leathers, as well as woven uppers.

From there, time travel shoots forward to the gender-bending '70s with boxing and wrestling-inspired booties and shoes for men and women. Athleticism reigns in this decade as trainers take on a decidedly geek-chic attitude heralding the return of the bright white sneakers, corduroy uppers and fat laces. And then we move on to the '80s with punk rock influences: big buckles, denim uppers and elongated lasts, as well as the slouch boot for women.

Rumor has it that the '90s—the heavy-soled, chunky decade that spawned the 'Grunge' look—will be streetwear's next flashback. We can hear the collective thud of logger boots now.

—Marlise Rocco

Two-tone slip-ons from CLAE.
Leather boot with rubber outsole from CATERPILLAR.
Shirt from Kenneth Cole, corduroy pants from Spiewak. Jacket and T-shirt from Spiewak, denim skirt from Koperhans, fishnet stockings from Donald J. Pliner.

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Left to right: GUESS? SPORT, ROYAL ELASTICS, VISION STREETWEAR and GRAVIS.

Left to right: STEVE MADDEN, FRYE and DURANGO.

