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## The hottest handbags for fall

TODAY style editor **Bobbie Thomas** on the must-have styles for this season

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From refined and defined to loud and stand-out-from-the-crowd, this season, there's a must-have handbag for every woman! Luxe details, splashes of color and rich fabrics are just a few of the elements that make this roundup of clutches, carryalls, satchels, shoulder bags and totes so remarkable. So get ready to write your "lust" list, ladies, as Bobbie Thomas, Today Style editor and author of the Buzz column for "In Touch Weekly," talks about the top trends in handbags this season.



purseboutique.com

### Textured

Designers indulged in everything from pheasant feathers to exotic skins in order to make notice-me-now handbags this season. While these lush accents are fanciful and fun, remember: A little goes a long way. Plenty of fluffy frocks recently walked down the runway (and the red carpet — think Vanessa Williams in Kevin Hall at the Emmys), but for those who prefer a more understated appearance, it's much easier to transfer this trend into your look with a pochette! And with an abundance

of luxe faux options, even animal-friendly fashionistas may opt for a little fuzz. Whichever texture you choose, the key with this trend is to treat yourself to a bag that not only looks great, but feels great, too.

What you saw on TODAY:

- Pach bucket in black: \$995; [Zappos.com](#)
- Zara black faux pony-hair bag: \$229; [Zara.com](#)
- CEN faux fur and feather evening bags: \$34-\$135; (212) 268-4000
- Colorful faux skin clutch: \$45; [ChineseLaundry.com](#)
- Beige crisscross faux python clutch: \$34.95; [PurseBoutique.com](#)
- Arden B purple faux skin clutch: \$78; (877) 274-6722
- Classic brand shearling wristlet: \$88; [UggAustralia.com](#)

### Glam

Gear up for some glitz this season — designers are doing away with minimalism and offering the ultra-throwback, retro, and nostalgic. In a chain of glam bags in all shapes and sizes, the evening bag is back in a big way. Crystal-encrusted cases, bejeweled boxes, itsy-bitsy beaded bags and intricate miniatures are making a big statement in a small package.



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What you saw on TODAY:

- Prada Vernice Degrade bags: \$2,195-\$2,425; [NeimanMarcus.com](#)
- Knight bag: \$2,995; [Burberry.com](#)
- Sasha stud bag and crystal clutches: \$69-\$200; (212) 268-4000
- Sabina silver leather clutch: \$99.99; [Anniezez.com](#)
- Nine West pyramid stud clutch: \$120; [NineWest.com](#)
- Bead fringe and gem evening bags: \$32-\$48; [Lulu-Nyc.com](#)

### Bold

Expand your idea of fall hues from crisp oranges, browns and greens. Instead, grab a bag in a traditionally winter jewel tone or customarily spring neon shade. These colors are sweeping through clothing stores this fall, but if you're afraid to wear a hot hue all over, you can at least accessorize with one. We're betting you'll



What you saw on TODAY:

- Erromete red patent bag: \$40; [AldoShoes.com](#)
- Sonata satchel: \$135; [MaxxNewYork.com](#)
- Tri-colored clutch: \$42-\$52; [AmiciAccessories.com](#)
- Teal raw edges clutch by Melie Bianco: \$54.95; [PurseBoutique.com](#)
- Coco's Crocos bags: \$2,250-\$2,350; Chanel, (800)-550-0005

### Polished

Structured satchels are the perfect accent to fall's sophisticated fashions. But just because they're grown-up doesn't mean they're predictable. From crisp clutches and small, prim purses to sleek oversized silhouettes, there are all sorts of styles to compliment this season's buttoned-up clothing. Sharp, clean lines and ladylike top-handles are literally the "frame" of reference to use when choosing a handbag to top off your polished look. And the best part about this trend? These runner

- [LouisVuitton.com](#)
- Versace Hit bag \$2330; [Eluxury.com](#)
- Room service top handle: \$240; [MaxxNewYork.com](#)
- Nicole Lee nylon tote \$89.95; (877) 642-6531
- Abaete for Payless navy Andie tote \$28; [Payless.com](#)
- Sopresa! Croc-embossed leather bag: \$128; [Bloomingd](#)
- Navy satin clutch: \$49; [NineWest.com](#)

Navy satin clutch: \$40; [NineWest.com](#)  
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