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chunky knitwear

To stay warm, cozy and chic during the cold winter months, look no further than chunky knitwear. Whether you're snuggling up in front of the fireplace, strolling around town, or sitting in front of your office computer, this versatile fashion trend is a must-have for Merrimack Valley winters. With a vast selection of shapes and forms, chunky knit garments and accessories are ideal, especially for the unpredictable Northeastern winters. One day your chunky knit sweater may be one of many layers protecting you from the frigid weather, and the next day it could be a fabulous jacket alternative on a mild winter day.

Chunky knits add texture and dimension to your winter wardrobe. The wide variety of sweater styles — long, short, wrap, cardigan, hoodie, vest, dress, etc. — are all in vogue this season and provide a look for just about any occasion. It's important to keep in mind that these garments are true to their name, so their "chunkiness" consequently adds volume and bulk. Therefore, think about maintaining a balance when incorporating chunky sweaters into your wardrobe by pairing them with more form-fitting apparel, such as skinny jeans, fitted pants, pencil skirts and tights. Adding a belt to cinch the sweater around the waist is a great way to create a shapely silhouette in order and make visible the curves that these sweaters usually hide. Also, chunky knitwear is perfect for layering. Throw on a chunky knit sweater, particularly one with open-weave detailing, over a turtleneck or a fitted T-shirt for a great look.

Chunky knit accessories are also in this season and are a fun and simple way to embrace this trend every day. Scarves, gloves, mittens and hats are essential to survive the winter cold spells and are a great way to add texture and style to a winter outfit. Chunky knit accessories look great in all colors, including brights and bolds, while sweaters, especially the extreme chunky knit styles, tend to be more flattering and easier to wear in darker, subtler colors. Wrap a chunky knit scarf around your neck with any coat or outfit to keep your neck warm and add a great accessory to your look. There is no need to add superfluous accessories when wearing this trend —



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keep it simple. Because of the sheer volume, detailing and weaving of chunky knits, the garments themselves are already making the fashion statement.

Experiment with this look to see how chunky you prefer your knitwear. The extreme styles seen on the runway don't seem to be practical for everyone, but, as always, give it a shot. And remember, chunky knit doesn't mean frumpy knit. With this great winter look, you can be cozy, comfy *and* chic.

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