



# The Basics on Being Basic This Fall

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Being “basic” has gotten a bad rap lately. If you’re “basic,” the implication is that you’re unoriginal, mainstream and generally averse to standing out. You may ask: “How do I spot someone who is basic?” Luckily it’s fall, aka Pumpkin Spice Latte season, which is a “basic” girl’s favorite time of year, and at any given moment they’re only a pumpkin’s throw away.

We happen to think the “basic” haters are missing out because being basic is, well, basically the best thing ever! So what if you welcome the changing leaves with a perfectly filtered Instagram post every autumn? Who cares if you make your way to the closest apple orchard in your UGG boots, flannel, and leggings at the first hint of a chill in the air? Seriously, who can resist a cup of apple cider and those apple cider doughnuts—come on!

Everyone is basic sometimes, and things are basic for a reason—because they’re the best! So, let us give you a crash course on the best of being [#basic](#) this fall!

## 1. **Pumpkin Spice Latte from Starbucks**

The holy grail of basic-ness is without a doubt the pumpkin spice latte from Starbucks. The drink is almost synonymous with the expression. And now you can make it at home! [Starbucks](#) (4% cash back) has come out with an [Instant Pumpkin Spice Latte](#) so that you can feed your pumpkin spice cravings the second the first fall leaves hit the ground.

And don't worry, since you absolutely must have the quintessential "basic girl" Starbucks cup to go with your fall ensemble, the brand has made a special cup just for "PSL" lovers! Fans will love the [Team PSL Double Wall Traveler mug](#) from [Starbucks](#) (4% cash back).

## 2. Pumpkin Spice EVERYTHING.

We just *cannot* emphasize pumpkin spice enough. It is truly the quintessential fall flavor. It most notably originated with the enormously popular pumpkin spice latte from Starbucks, which resulted in pumpkin spice flavored and scented products flooding the marketplace. From pumpkin spice hand soap to pumpkin spice pancake mix, this flavor is everywhere – have you seen the Cheerios and Oreos?

We love this [Pumpkin Spice candle](#) from [Bath & Body Works](#) (2% cash back). The large three-wick candle radiates the delicious seasonal scent enough to fill an entire room.

## 3. UGG Boots

Who doesn't want to be comfortable and warm on those chilly fall days? No matter what those basic-shamers tell you, [UGG boots](#) are very comfortable and practical footwear, and will keep your feet warm on those long walks through your local pumpkin farm's corn maze.

The [Bailey Bow II](#) boots from [UGG Australia](#) (5% cash back) adorably update the iconic boot with two bows on the back. The fabric on these is now pretreated for protection against water and stains, and a new sole cushions feet and grips even better on both wet and dry surfaces. However, the traditional sheepskin insole is still keeping feet warm and toasty even on the coldest of days. Tuck your jeans or leggings into these bad boys and you're ready for fall!

## 4. Social Media Postings Featuring Fall Foliage, Pumpkins, Etc.

The days of Instagramming your legs by the pool in the classic #hotdogsorlegs pose is over, and it's time for an influx of seasonal fall pictures to flood your social media feeds. Prepare for photos of the colorful [fall foliage](#), pumpkin patches and apple picking excursions, which are likely to feature a pair of boots or a latte as well.

The new [iPhone 7](#) (in rose gold, of course) from [BestBuy.com](#) (1% cash back) is just what you need to take the sharpest photos and use the newest filters on all of your social media postings. Don't forget a [Kate Spade](#) (6% cash back) [iPhone case](#) to complete your basic tech combo.

## 5. Leggings, Plaid and Puffer Vests

Leggings are another example of some of the comfiest and most versatile women's clothing available. They can take you from the gym to brunch to watching Netflix on the couch without having to change your outfit. These [Luxe Yoga Solid Leggings](#) from the socially responsible brand [Gaiam](#) (3% cash back) will be your new go-to pants for fall.

You can never go wrong with plaid, either. This [Oversized Flannel Scarf](#) from [oldnavy.com](#) (4% cash back) will keep you warm throughout all of your seasonal activities and look perfectly fall-appropriate in your Instagram pictures. P.S. You might even consider wearing a puffer vest like this [Quilted Riding Vest](#) from [L.L. Bean](#) (3% cash back) on top to keep you extra warm!

You might have scanned this list and thought to yourself, almost shamefully, “Wait, I love that! But I’m not basic!” but the truth is, there’s a little “basic” in all of us. There’s nothing wrong with enjoying all of the wonderful things fall has to offer. So go ahead, own your basic-ness and drink that Pumpkin Spice Latte with your head held high. Because basically, fall is the best time of the year, and if you’re not excited for the season by now, then we just seriously can’t even!

You know what else is popular? Cash back savings and great deals! So, don’t forget to [shop](#) with [Splender](#) to receive cash back on for all of your “basic” (or non-basic) essentials. [Sign up today!](#)

What is your favorite thing about fall? Follow us on [Twitter](#) and hashtag #fallbasics!