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# the PENCIL SKIRT

*Embrace a sultry new shape for fall*

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All hail bombshell curves! Fall heralds the return of the feminine silhouette, as the perennially chic pencil skirt takes center stage once again. The waist-cinching, hip-hugging power of this sultry piece has seduced women for decades, from the sharp skirt that created Marilyn Monroe's famous 'wiggle walk' in *Some Like It Hot*, to the tailored knee-length design Maggie Gyllenhaal paired with a pussy-bow blouse and stockings in *Secretary*. Fast forward to 2011 and the new pencil skirt is cut from futuristic fabrics and stamped with statement prints. Miu Miu channels a ladylike mood with giant feminine bows, while Donna Karan's sleek gray design is a softer take. Simply pair with a button-down shirt and elbow-length gloves and you'll have sophistication wrapped up.

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**STYLE TIP**  
Nod to the retro trend and pair your pencil skirt with a slinky jewel-tone silk blouse.

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