

Met gala 2025 co-chairs are preparing for event

By Ashley Williams

The 2025 Met Gala, one of fashion's biggest events, is just around the corner. It's set to happen on May 5, 2025 at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in Manhattan, New York.

The Met Gala is a fundraiser for the Costume Institute, raising millions of dollars every year. Last year, more than \$26 million dollars were raised.

This year's theme is "Superfine: Tailoring Black Style," celebrating Black designers and Black men's fashion throughout the years. The co-chairs of Met Gala are Pharrell



Left to Right: Pharrell Williams, A\$AP Rocky, Anna Wintour, Colman Domingo, and Lewis Hamilton

Williams, Lewis Hamilton, Colman Domingo, A\$AP Rocky and Anna Wintour. Not to mention, the honorary chair is LeBron James.

Their main duties are to pick the gala's theme, oversee the event, plan the gala's theme, oversee the event, plan the menu, create

guest lists and decorations and more. Anna Wintour will make final decisions and oversee the financial proceeds.

Met Gala 2025 has revived an old tradition: having a host committee. This committee includes athletes Simone Biles and Sha'Carri Richardson, rappers Doechii and André

3000, singers Tyla and Usher, actress Ayo Edebiri, and more.

Attendees will be greeted by the co-chairs and spend the evening taking pictures on the carpets, enjoying live music, having cocktails and dinner, and viewing the exhibit.

Fun Facts About the Met Gala



Gala



It took 50,000 hours to create Rihanna's iconic yellow dress for the 2015 Met Gala.



The 2024 Met Gala raised more than \$26 million, breaking the record for raising the most money.

This will be LeBron James' 1st time at the Met Gala, serving as the honorary chair for Met Gala 2025.



Trendy footwear for your streetwear

By Sarah Turner

What goes with a pair of white sneakers? Well, everything! We looked at some of the trendiest white sneakers over the most recent years and made our best picks to elevate your best streetwear fit.

Nike Cortez: An all time Nike classic, from the beginning days of the iconic

shoe company. You can pair this shoe with just about anything, and it never goes out of style, even since its inception in 1972.

Adidas Samba: The legacy of the Samba is incredibly important to the shoe world, it's one of the most recognizable pairs of streetwear in the game right now.

You can dress them up or dress them down, and pick a fun color to further show off your personality. Obviously, we've picked the classic black and white look here.

Nike Killshot: Another Nike pick, because you really can't go wrong with the swoosh. The Killshots have become hard to miss

in young fashion these days. They were even heavily featured in the 2024 summer box office hit Challengers, furthering their current popularity.

New Balance 530: A timeless look from the shoe giant, New Balances are no longer just for your dad mowing the lawn.

The 530 is comfortable as well as fashion-forward, even Kendall Jenner and Hailey Bieber have been seen sporting them recently.

On Cloud 5: You can hardly walk down the street

without seeing the Cloud 5's. The Swedish company has skyrocketed in popularity recently, being utilized by everyone. These are definitely more of an easy athletic look for a casual afternoon.



The calm before the (dress) storm

By Madeleine Matherne

Chaotic. That's the word Biffy Horton would use to describe a Saturday during prom season.

Biffy is a fashion consultant at The Clothes Tree by Deborah, one of the largest formalwear stores in

east. Prom season, which typically lasts from January to mid-April, is in full swing, making this the busiest time of year for anyone involved in the formalwear industry.

Most people would think working in a prom dress store isn't too difficult, right? However, Biffy says

that there's more to it than meets the eye.

It gets so busy that you can barely move in here, and people are asking you to do a million different things at one time." Biffy explained as we straightened dresses in preparation for the next day, which was

a dreaded Saturday. "Whenever I tell my friends I work at a dress shop, they're like 'oh whatever, that's fun.' But if you came here on a Saturday, all the madness and the things we have to keep up with, and just being a good



Sorority Formal Dos and Don'ts

Do...

- Wear comfortable shoes
- Make sure your phone is fully charged
- Take lots of pictures
- Carry your essentials in a small clutch or wristlet

Don't...

- Wear anything you don't feel comfortable in
- Forget your phone or charger
- Forget to take pictures
- Carry a large tote or purse

5 WAYS TO FIND A SORORITY FORMAL DRESS ON A BUDGET

By Madeleine Matherne

Formal season is upon us, and if this is your first time attending, you may be having a hard time finding a dress that fits a college budget. Of course, there are fast fashion options, but you may be looking for something more sustainable. Here are five of the best places to find a sorority formal dress on a budget!

1. Look in your own closet
You might have the perfect dress hanging in your closet! You don't typically wear something as fancy as a prom dress to a sorority formal. Maybe an old bridesmaids dress or your favorite wedding guest dress will do the trick!
2. Shop online
Sites like ThredUp, Poshmark and DePop have thousands of resale dresses at an affordable price. It may take some time to sift through your options, but finding the perfect formal dress will be worth it!
3. Borrow from a friend
Maybe one of your sorority sisters has a dress that they would be willing to let you wear for formal, helping you create a new-to-you look for the big night!
4. Thrifting
Don't sleep on Goodwill! Try looking at thrift stores and consignment shops near your school or home to find an outfit for formal!
5. Use social media
There are pages on Instagram and Facebook dedicated to formalwear resale, and you might even be able to find one that's specific to your city. Some allow users to make a post describing exactly what type of dress they're looking for, prompting people to comment photos of dresses they're trying to sell!

Hopefully you have some ideas for finding the perfect formal look! Don't stress too much about your dress-chances are, you'll have way too much fun with your sisters to think about what you're wearing!



Fashion Quiz



1) What clothing item is Levi Strauss famous for patenting?

- A. Leather Jacket
- B. Sneakers
- C. Top Hat
- D. Blue Jeans

3) In which country did the "poncho" originate as a popular garment?

- A. Peru
- B. Spain
- C. Portugal
- D. Aruba

2) Which ancient civilization is known for pioneering the use of makeup and elaborate hairstyles?

- A. Greece
- B. Egypt
- C. Persia
- D. Rome

4) Which pop icon made cone bras a fashion statement in the 1990s?

- A. Britney Spears
- B. Celine Dion
- C. Madonna
- D. Christina Aguilera

Answers: 1) D, 2) B, 3) A, and 4) C



Popular looks from Coachella 2025, collage by Ashley Williams

MOST POPULAR FASHION TRENDS AT COACHELLA 2025

By Ashley Williams

Coachella is one of the most iconic, fashion-forward festivals in the world. This music-and-art event has some of the hottest looks every year, with the recent Coachella 2025 being no exception. Let's take a look at some of the biggest fashion trends this year:

1) Boho - This fashion style is known for its natural and free-spirited aesthetic and loose-fitting clothing. It became popular among the 70s hippies and is still popular today. Many festival-goers wore this style this year, wearing especially white lace and crochet tops and pants.

2) Sparkling/Bedazzled - Wearing rhinestone leggings, bedazzled rhinestone and pearl tops and jeans, many festival-goers were sparkling in the sunlight.

3) Animal Print - Leopard print has been the most popular animal prints at the festival. Festival-goers are wearing leopard print skirts, dresses, tops and even boots.

4) Country/Western - Top Coachella 2025 headliners such as Beyonce and Lady Gaga are recently incorporating this style, influencing many festival-goers to show up at the festival wearing cowboy hats and boots. Not to mention, a look wasn't complete without accessories. Some of the trendiest ones from Coachella 2025 were Western-style chunky belts, shades, bandanas, scarves, and parasol umbrellas. This music-and-art festival never disappoints and the festival-goers know their fashion assignment.

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with, I don't know that they would say it's easy."

Right now, though? All was calm. It was a Friday afternoon, about an hour before closing. One fashion consultant had a customer, and we could faintly hear them discussing what alterations would need to be made to a dress she was trying on.

I headed back to the fitting room my customer was using earlier. She found a dress she loved but didn't want to make the decision just yet. It was a popular style, so the chances of it staying in stock were slim to none.

I hung each dress up-there's a proper way-and hoisted them back onto the large racks suspended from the ceiling. There's likely over 1,000 dresses in The Clothes Tree-prom, pageant, mother-of and much more. The large selection is part of what draws people in.

As we continues straightening, Biffy recounted some of the strangest things she'd seen on prom Saturdays. Over the five years she'd been working at the shop, she'd seen customers fighting over dresses, people coming in

n a dress, and much, much more.

"One of the craziest things I've seen is someone flying on a private jet down here just to find a prom dress... they were like 'oh, we came down for the weekend, we flew down on the private jet, we wanted to come prom dress shopping,'" she recalled. "It was like two years ago, and I still think about it."

Working in customer service can be famously frustrating at times. While difficult customers are few and far between at The Clothes Tree, they aren't unheard of.

"I just have to realize that some people just... their personality is not good. And I have to remember that there's not really anything I can do to change that, I just have to keep a smile on my face."

Through all the chaos, working at a dress shop makes for some unforgettable moments. Getting ready for prom can be a nerve wracking experience, and a lot of teens don't know what to expect from dress shopping.

"Any time a girl, especially a little bit younger girl who I can tell is more insecure, every time

they get excited about to wear a dress, that just always makes me happy," Biffy smiled. "Because, whatever I put somebody in, or they decide, I want them to be happy. So the best thing is just seeing girls be happy about wearing a dress."





The sound of the bell floated through the door, and Biffy and I both looked up, straining to hear who just came in.

We heard Keri, the store manager, say that the prom dresses were upstairs. The sound of footsteps brought the conversation to a pause.

"I think it's my turn? Yeah, it is," Biffy mused as she stood up to go greet the customers. I continued straightening. It was nice to have time today to take it slow. Because, as everyone in the store knew, this was the calm before the storm.

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PARIS FASHION WEEK 2025



Key Takeaways from Paris Fashion Week 2025

By Ashley Williams

Paris Fashion Week 2025 proved that the upcoming season is going to be solid, filled with innovation, creativity, and boldness.

Here are the key takeaways from the week-long event:

1) Fashion is leaning more towards the female gaze, empowering women and embracing femininity. Fashion houses such as Miu Miu and Givenchy are just some who have reigned supreme with these kinds of looks.

2) Tradition meets change, with revival of classic styles and radical innovation by young designers. One of the styles revived was 80s office glam, reimagined with a sleek modernity.

3) Futuristic



Models from the Germanier Runway Presentation

minimalism, hyper-feminine elegance, avant-garde streetwear, sustainability, and retro revival are other noteworthy trends.

4) There was a noticeable shift away from overly extravagant or showy pieces, with designers focusing on creating clothing that could be worn in everyday situations. This trend was evident in the use of casual fabrics, relaxed silhouettes, and comfortable designs.

5) Designers presented collections that blended casual and tailored

elements, creating outfits that were stylish and practical. This was evident in the use of oversized blazers, wide-leg trousers, and sharp-shouldered coats, all of which radiated a relaxed yet refined attitude.

In conclusion, Paris Fashion Week 2025 was an evolution, a season of power flourished with purpose. The victory of the female gaze, reimagined classic styles, retro revival, and experimental looks painted a portrait of an industry in tune with its time.



Inside of the Grand Palais

WHEN/WHERE

Paris Fashion Week 2025 was from March 3-11. Many of the fashion runways took place at the Grand Palais, the Louvre Museum, and Palais de Tokyo.

CELEBRITIES

Celebrities such as Doechii, Chappell Roan, Jared Leto, Kit Connor, and more were in attendance.



Doechii Wearing Schiaparelli

FASHION HOUSES

Iconic fashion houses like Dior, Givenchy, Saint Laurent, Balenciaga, Chanel, and Louis Vuitton were there to showcase their new Fall/Winter 2025 collections.



Looks from Chanel

POPULAR TRENDS

Fashion trends that dominated the event were: Capes, Fur coats, Ruffle collars, Skinny-fit pants, and Retro style looks.



Met Gala Fashion Finds

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