STEAL OF THE MONTH



CITY SLICKER
Frida Gustavsson, in Central Park, wears a Calvin Klein khaki trench, $149; select Macy's stores. Tucker pleated skirt, $440; tuckerbygabybasora.com. Eugenia Kim driver's cap, $313; eugeniakim.com. Yves Saint Laurent rain boots, $375; select Yves Saint Laurent stores. Hair, Teddy Charles for Orlo Salon; makeup, Alice Lane for NARS Cosmetics. Details, see In This Issue. Fashion Editor: Tabitha Simmons.



Rain Supreme

Weather the storm in style with a classic trench. The bright spot? Its $149 price tag. Photographed by Patrick Demarchelier.

Model Frida Gustavsson took to this Calvin Klein brushed-cotton trench like, well, a duck to water. "I love the high-waist belt," says the rangy Swedish-born beauty, who splits her time between Paris and New York. "It gives the raincoat such a beautiful, feminine shape." An authority on wearing things well, Gustavsson was working fall's nascent trend of long, lean, flared pants and structured purses (in her case, Fendi) back when neo-grunge leathers were de rigueur. And because she grew up in Sweden and shoots in London—a lot—she is a seasoned practitioner of downpour dressing. "It's simple and chic with a touch of luxury," she says. And at $149, it won't break the bank—after all, who wants to get soaked on something whose sole purpose is exactly that?

With such a utilitarian, water-resistant jacket to combat the elements, we simply don't always want—or need—to surrender the rest of a look to the weather. Which is where these Yves Saint Laurent forest-green vinyl Wellington boots come in (at $375, they are also available in an array of colors from rose blush to hazelnut). "I love their wedge heel!" says Gustavsson of the lattice lace-up with a *Belle de Jour*–meets–*The Umbrellas of Cherbourg* je ne sais quoi. Still practical, they're an elevation of the everyday, even when the forecast (we almost hope) calls for clouds.—**ESTHER ADAMS**