‘Gilmore Girls’ celebrates 25 years of fall tradition

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As the leaves are changing and the weather is cooling down, it’s officially “‘Gilmore Girls’ season” — a tradition that finally reached its 25th year. The heartfelt comedy drama first aired back in October 2000 and the cast has been back in the spotlight even more than usual in light of the anniversary.

The show follows the mother-daughter/best friend duo of Lorelai (Lauren Graham) and Rory Gilmore (Alexis Bledel) in the fictional small town Stars Hollow, Connecticut — a place we all wish we could live. After the series finale in 2007, almost the entire main cast returned for the four-part series “Gilmore Girls: A Year in The Life” in 2016.

For myself, “Gilmore Girls” is a year-round watch, but its most iconic time is when autumn rolls around every year — especially with Richard Gilmore’s (Edward Herrman) iconic “I am an Autumn” line.

More than just the fandom have acknowledged the hold the show has on fall.

To celebrate the show’s anniversary, Graham and Bledel reunited on the stage of the 2025 Emmy Awards. They stood on the steps of their Stars Hollow home to present the award for Outstanding Writing for a Comedy Series award and reminisced on their days as the Gilmore girls.

“Twenty-five years ago, a show called ‘Gilmore Girls’ premiered and, apparently, took the season of fall hostage,” Graham said.

Bledel continued the sentiment, also noting how small the show was before it grew into such a staple.

“In spite of our autumnal dominance, ‘Gilmore’ was actually a very small show,” Bledel said.

Graham was also honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Oct. 3, joining 2,822 other celebrities. Alongside Graham was “Gilmore Girls” creator Amy-Sherman Palladino and several of her former castmates, who are still friends today.

And now, while fans have hoped for a reboot since being left on a cliffhanger in “Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life,” they are getting to see their favorite characters once again in the upcoming documentary “Searching For Stars Hollow.”

While many of the former cast members have returned to take part, several of the show’s stars are not confirmed as interviewees. That includes “Alexis Bledel, Lauren Graham, Melissa McCarthy, Scott Patterson, Milo Ventimgilia, Yanic Truesdale, Matt Czuchry, Liza Weil, Sean Gunn, and Amy Sherman-Palladino,” according to tvinsider.

So far, fans have gotten sneak peeks into the interviews with cast members, discussing the impact of “Gilmore Girls” and reminiscing on their days in Star Hollow. And while the documentary is still underway, fans anticipate the release and hope their favorite characters will make a return.

It’s been over two decades since it aired, yet the love and devotion from the fandom never ceases.

So what makes it so iconic?

As the show encompasses fall, it’s inspired its own aesthetic — especially with things like fashion choices. Every year fans shop for Rory’s iconic white sweater from the pilot episode or try to emulate Lorelai’s chic work outfits.

Aside from style choices, the show inspires fans during their everyday life — like in high school when I was dressed in a fall outfit while studying and my friend said, “so Rory Gilmore of you.”

I could be biased in telling you how good the show is, but it’s no secret how popular it still is. I first watched the show in 2020 and quite literally haven’t stopped since. If Netflix created its own version of Spotify Wrapped, “Gilmore Girls” would take over mine in every category.

Speaking of music, one of the most stand out parts of the show is its soundtrack. The show plays iconic hits of its time — like when the pilot episode opens with “There She Goes” by The La’s and, of course, the theme song “Where You Lead” by Carol King, who even joins the permanent cast.



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Even Spotify themselves shared some of the many “Gilmore Girls” inspired playlists in a post on Instagram, calling it “The Gilmore Girls Effect.”

“Each year searches for ‘Gilmore Girls’ on Spotify increase 140% on average,” according to Spotify.

But what really sticks out is the characters and their relationships with each other. Of course we all know and love the dynamic duo of Lorelai and Rory, who are “best friends first, mother and daughter second.” The show also has a large group of characters we get to follow throughout the whole series, each with something unique about them.

There’s a character for everyone. Any viewer can find someone in the show they relate to or something about a character they admire. Whether it be Rory’s academic focus, Paris’s (Liza Weil) drive, Lorelai’s wit, Michel Gerard’s (Yanic Truesdale) sarcasm or Luke Dane’s (Scott Patterson) passion — with such a large cast I truly could go on and on. We see countless different dynamics within the cast that are hard to not love, like Emily (Kelly Bishop) and Richard, but also the ones we wish we had more of, like Paris and Jess Mariano (Milo Ventimiglia).

The show follows the characters through the ups and downs of school, romance, friendships and family — making it relatable and comforting.

And though the show ended almost 20 years ago, everlasting debates still keep conversations buzzing. For instance, the debate of who Rory’s best boyfriend was will forever live on, or all the ‘what ifs’ like what would have happened if Lane Kim (Keiko Agena) and Dave Rygalski (Adam Brody) didn’t have to split.

We all have our go-to rewatch, but arguably “Gilmore Girls” takes the comfort show to another level. So us “Gilmore Girls” enthusiasts can only hope for there to one day be a revival of the show, but for now we put on our fall sweaters, sip our hot coffee and go back to Stars Hollow yet again.

How to choose the best jewelry color for you

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I have always loved jewelry and see it as a powerful part of self-expression.

When I was younger, I would shop at stores like Claire’s and Justice with my mom, excited to buy those tacky clip-on earrings, charm bracelets and necklaces that inevitably turned your skin green.

When I was nine years old, I was finally allowed to get my ears pierced and from that moment on my love for jewelry of all kinds grew.

Jewelry was not cheap though, so most of my earlier pieces were silver because it was the most affordable. As I got older and started spending my own money, I began experimenting with different styles and metals, trying to figure out what really suited me.

At first, I had no idea what actually complimented my features. I learned there’s a general guideline: people with darker hair or warmer skin tones tend to look best in gold, while those with lighter hair and cooler complexions often suit silver.

But, of course, it is not that simple. Everyone’s unique combination of undertones, style and personality plays a big role in what looks best on them. This is a simple guide of how to find the jewelry metal that will compliment you the best.

If you are completely lost, the best way to start is to determine if you are warm or cool toned. To do so, under natural light, look at your veins to see if they are clearly blue or teal. If your veins are blue, you are cool toned meaning skin has pink or bluish undertones. If your veins are teal, you have a warmer skin tone and you most likely have golden or peachy undertones.

Now that you have determined if you are warm or cool toned, you can explore even deeper into your tones.

Start off with skin color.

For those with fair skin, stick to plain silver or white gold jewelry since it looks really fresh on pale skin. Avoid any gold or rose gold metals because it will bring out the pink in your face and can cause your complexion to look pasty.

If you are someone who is lightly tanned or has olive skin, almost all metals look flattering on your complexion. Since olive skin has undertones of yellow and green, it creates a versatile canvas for all metals. Warm metals like gold and rose gold will harmonize with the skin's natural tones, while cool metals like silver will produce a very natural looking contrast.

On darker skin tones, gold is the way to go. It really comes through naturally against darker skin tones and will make you look more luminous. While silver is not completely off the table, it can get a little lost, especially if you are wearing a really delicate piece.


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If you want to go even further, consider hair and eye color as well.

For blond hair, go for a light toned metal. A silver is always best to stick to, or a very soft gold. If you want to add in gemstones, go for an aquamarine, morganite or a pearl since they maintain a subtle, graceful look and bring out the shine in blond hair.

As for brunettes, darker hair creates a strong contrast that helps jewelry stand out, so explore bold golds and bronzes. Deep colored gems like sapphire, emerald and ruby look especially vibrant against brown hair.

If you have red hair, stick to warm and earthy tones like copper, rose gold and yellow gold. These harmonize really well with the warmth in red hair. For gems, consider earthy greens like peridot or a deep blue like lapis lazuli. These give a great contrast and bring the vibrant tones of red hair to life.

Working off of your eye color can also help decide which metals suit you best.

For brown and green eyes, yellow gold or a rose gold will contrast really nicely beside your eyes.

For blue eyes, silver and white gold are great choices because they create a striking contrast, making your eyes appear more vibrant.

And for hazel eyes, both gold and silver work very well. Gold jewelry will highlight the golden flecks in hazel eyes, while silver can create a contrast against the eye.

Harmonizing your jewelry metal to your physical features does not have to be daunting. With this guideline and simple steps, you will easily be able to figure out what works best for you in order to really highlight and bring out your natural features.