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The scarf is the accessory of the moment, injecting European chic and retro-glamour into simple, summer looks

BY DEBORAH FULSANG
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Echo design African striped polyester scarf, \$50, www.thebay.com Gap racer back cotton tank top, \$24, gapcanada.ca

wrap it up

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ask jeanne

A LESSON IN BASIC TRAINING

Dear Jeanne, I bought an evening gown that has a bit of a train. How do I contend with it gracefully?—Gerrie, Toronto

Dear Gerrie, Kudos to the dramatic diva in you! I'm impressed that you're looking to make an entrance—and exit—at your next formal affair. Certainly, trains are cropping up at all the best black-tie events, and they do make the most divine, sweeping statements. But who said anything about practicality?

On the red carpet, stars give the impression that they couldn't care less if someone stepped on their ultra-long

gowns, or if a little dirt got dragged along with it. After all, most of these frocks are borrowed for the evening. Of course, the seas generally part for an A-lister. But some of us who live in the real world may want to indulge in the sumptuousness of a gown with a train, without tripping anyone up. So what's a girl to do?

I have an amazing black satin fishtail gown from the '90s by American designer Christina Perrin with a rather sizable train. It's drop-dead glam, for sure, but it does drive me crazy when someone steps on it. The designer equipped the end of the train with a small thread loop which hooks over my finger, and serves as a demure way of lifting the train when I walk down stairs, or if I'm dancing.

Trains are a common problem for brides, of course, who need to deal with them effectively on the reception floor. Some will lift their trains with a little wristlet sewn to the bottom, or a seamstress can attach the train to the back of the gown by sewing on a cloth-covered button and loop. But I have the feeling you might want to sashay around with your dramatic little train, and if that's the case, you'll have to adopt a *laissez-faire* attitude about the fabric getting a little tattered. Part of the appeal of this luxe style is that it lends the appearance that you're above it all—above worrying over whether the extra fabric trips you up (or trips someone else up); above

fretting over whether it gets dirty; above agonizing over how you're going to deal with the impracticality of it all.

Unless you're marching down the aisle with your bridesmaids there to attend to you, or have your own publicist following you around to make sure everyone keeps off your train, you may just have to throw caution to the wind.

And speaking of wind, earlier this year, a Dutch designer went train-crazy, and created a silk and lace wedding gown with a train almost 3 kilometres long! It earned a spot in the *Guinness Book of World Records* and was modelled by a young woman who rose up over Bucharest in a hot air balloon, with her lengthy train billowing out over one of the main streets. The train took 100 days to stitch and was crafted by a team of 10 seamstresses. Now that's drama!—*Jeanne*

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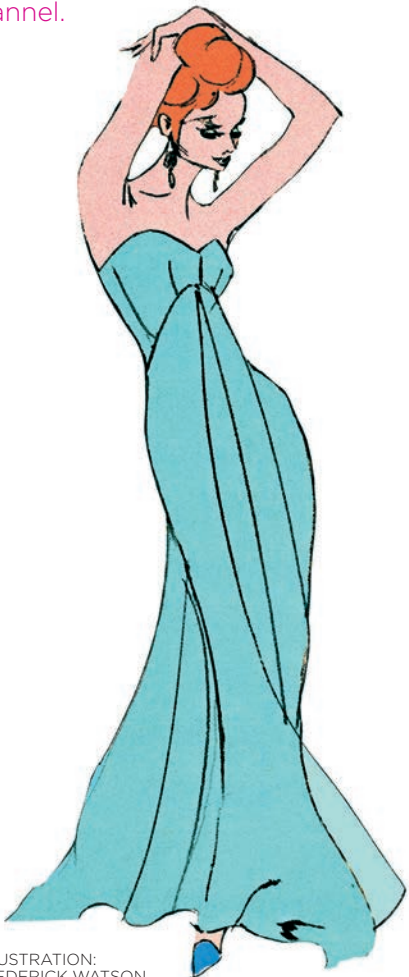


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one-minute miracle

GET YOUR OWN J.LO GLOW

BY DEBORAH FULSANG

"Necessity is the mother of invention," says celebrity makeup artist **Scott Barnes**, by way of explaining the genesis of his cult-status Body Bling bronzer. Barnes was in Cancun about a decade ago for a spring break bikini shoot and was challenged with turning models, who had just arrived from New York in January, into bronzed beach goddesses. His solution? A wonder concoction whipped up in a blender in his hotel room using products from his makeup kit. Success. Three weeks later, he smoothed it on Jennifer Lopez. "Everyone was like, 'Wow!'," says Barnes, "J.Lo is glowing." To create your own J.Lo glow at home, Barnes's Body Bling shimmer moisturizer does the trick.

Original and Platinum (for fair skin) shades, \$45, scottbarnes.com



WHAT WE WANT THIS WEEK

TOP THE KIT LIST 7

ACCESSORIES KIT

JUMBO CUFF

When working the minimalist white trend—or sporting an itchy-bitsy bikini—choose one bold accessory and rest easy in your well-edited taste. **Hermès** enamel cuff, \$850, at **Hermès** boutiques



BODY KIT

CITRUS BOOST

Imagine our delight when **Biotherm** launched **Lait Solaire**, which melds the essence of the brand's iconic **Lait Corporel** and **Eau Vitaminée** lines into a radiant, citrus-laced broad-spectrum sun-protection collection. \$25–\$35, biotherm.ca



HAIR KIT

BOBBY BRACELET

This brilliant magnetic wristlette means you'll never again be halfway through an updo without a bobby-pin close at hand. \$12, rickysnyc.com

SHOE KIT

KILLER HEELS

If the bright hue wasn't enough, the don't-mess-with-us spikes will garner some attention on your next night out. Consider yourself warned. **Sam Edelman** Lorissa suede and stud heels, \$250, holtrenfrew.com



FACE KIT

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CUTE SKIRT

We've seen pencil skirts before—but this one is different. The crisp cotton keeps its shape and is cut to flatter curves (ie. lengthen the bottom half). And then there is this colour. Need we say more? **J. Crew** No. 2 double-serge cotton pencil skirt in Citron, \$134, jcrew.com

HANDBAG KIT

NEON TOTE

Not one for a tiny day bag? Neither are we. This neutral (and roomy) tote gets an instant refresh with a hit of neon. **Aldo Accessories** Hippos synthetic handbag, \$55, aldoaccessories.com



on the cover WRAP IT UP

Do as French women do and embrace the high style of a scarf this season. Wrap your hair, circle your neck or create your own sexy halter top. It's practical, beautiful, versatile and fabulous

BY DEBORAH FULSANG



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cover look

HEAD SCARF

Let Grace Kelly be your guide. Wrap a scarf around your head or ponytail for a pretty, polished effect.



Jessica ombre chiffon scarf, \$10, sears.ca

KIT PICK



Echo Design African striped polyester scarf, \$50, www.thebay.com Gap racer-back cotton tank top, \$24, www.gapcanada.ca

CUDDLY WRAP

Choose colour and pattern—or both—and jazz up a lightweight cardigan or tee with a vibrant, oversized scarf.



Virginia Johnson merino wool scarf, \$195, virginiajohnson.com

Tie-dye and floral patterned silk and linen scarf, \$30, winners.ca

DIY HALTER



step 1

Take a large square scarf and fold it in half to form a large triangle. Take the top points of the triangle and tie them around your neck at the back.



step 2

Take each of the bottom two points of your scarf and hold outward to the sides at waist level.



step 3

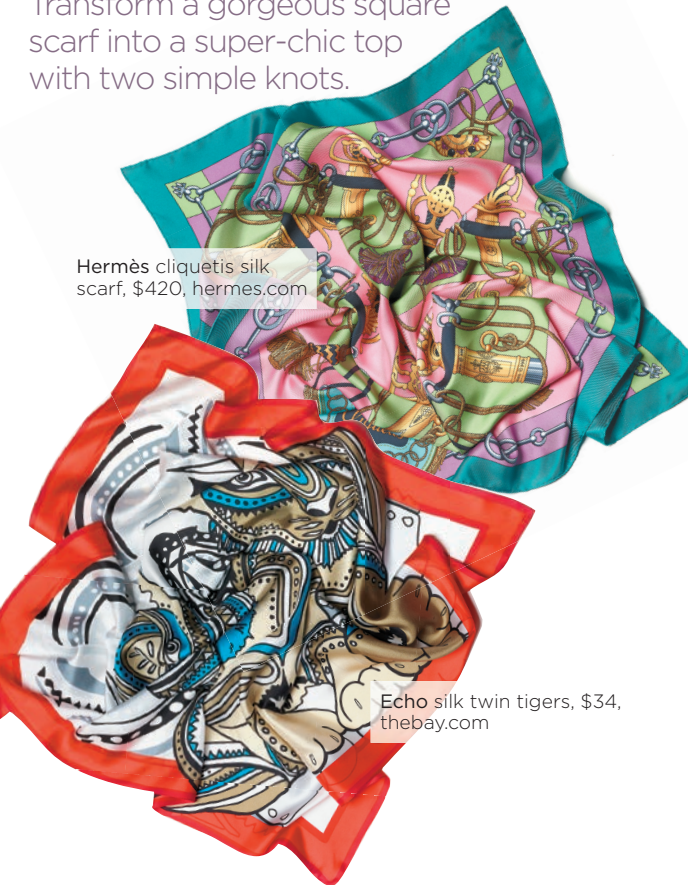
Wrap the bottom points of the scarf around to your back and tie at waist level.



Juma silk scarf with graffiti print, \$200, www.jumastudio.com Joe Fresh cotton pleated pants, \$39, www.joefresh.com Joe Fresh braided leather belt, \$16, www.joefresh.com

HALTER

Transform a gorgeous square scarf into a super-chic top with two simple knots.



Hermès cliquetis silk scarf, \$420, hermes.com

Echo silk twin tigers, \$34, thebay.com

NEWS



M.A.C AND CARINE ROITFELD

M.A.C Cosmetics is looking to ex-*Vogue* Paris editor-in-chief Carine Roitfeld for a new cosmetics collection from the “fashion visionary and muse.” This fall, the company will launch a 12-piece limited-edition line based on Roitfeld’s signature strong brows, smoky eyes and nude lips. Roitfeld, who is launching her own magazine in September, was involved in everything from package design to the product names and colour palettes. Ooh-la-la!

VANCOUVER’S BEAUTY PALETTE

Vancouver is getting a stylish nod from beauty brand Stila via a limited-edition travel makeup palette hitting the city’s stores in June. Vibrant in Vancouver features a shimmery neutral eye shadow palette and watermelon-hued gloss, an easy-polish fit for Vancouver’s laid-back vibe. \$21, at Shoppers Drug Mart Beauty Boutiques and Murale in Vancouver; nationally via murale.ca.



TORONTO SHOE GOES GLOBAL

You may not have heard of Toronto-based designer Abel Munoz but shoe connoisseurs in New York, Denver and California have—and soon shoppers in the Middle East will get the chance to sample his Italian-made confections. Priced from \$500, Munoz’s shoes will be sold at Harvey Nichols in Kuwait. Check out abelmunozaccessories.com



Madonna and her daughter Lourdes

MADONNA MISTING

Madonna is nothing if not unpredictable. How fitting, then, that her much-anticipated perfume Truth or Dare is more elegant than eccentric—and inspired by her mother, no less. A sophisticated blend of gardenia and tuberose, Madge’s spin on the floral has a heart of jasmine and benzoin, with vanilla, caramelized amber and musk to lend chutzpah. EDP, \$65 (50 ml), coty.com



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DECODING THE DRESS

If your weekends are filling up with parties and events, it’s time to plan your summer wardrobe. Here are a few tips on what to wear to your next warm-weather soirée



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VANESSA TAYLOR



Lauren Conrad



Mila Kunis



EVENT: BRUNCH WITH THE IN-LAWS DRESS CODE: WEEKEND CHIC

A floral dress is the no-fail option. A modest neckline will make it easy to go from day to night. The soft print can be dressed down with pair of neutral flats or glammed-up with bold accessories. **H&M** recycled polyester-blend dress, \$50, hm.com/ca



EVENT: SUMMER OFFICE PARTY DRESS CODE: STYLISH CEO

While the summer work wardrobe can be a challenge, the best plan is to keep it simple. This frock incorporates the bold-colour trend but keeps things fuss-free with an appropriate neckline and hemline. As a general rule, if your clothing requires a complicated bra (ie. one-shoulder or strapless), the item is likely not work-appropriate. And if your office is more conservative, add a blazer and a glossy belt to express your shining personality. Chiffon dress, \$60, winners.ca

EVENT: SUMMER WEDDING DRESS CODE: COCKTAIL ATTIRE

Choosing what to wear for a wedding can be tricky—the obvious is to avoid shades that hint at white. Our go-to outfit of choice is the printed dress. Chances are slim that the bridal party will be sporting a print (although I have been to a tartan-themed wedding). Look for styles in dressier fabrics like silk and chiffon. **Banana Republic** monogram-printed silk dress, \$275, bananarepublic.ca



EVENT: BACHELORETTE PARTY DRESS CODE: SATURDAY-NIGHT SEXY

Though the bride-to-be might be decked out in an outrageous outfit, attendees can stick to something slightly more sassy, like an animal print in a flirty fabric. Finish the look with gold accessories and a pair of heels. **Smart Set** polyester dress, \$58, smartset.ca. Available in June.

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THE KIT GIRL

WHAT IS SHE WEARING?

Prada shoes, dress from Yoana Baraschi, Bottega Veneta bag, Mikimoto pearls, Chopard watch, and bracelets by Hermès and Henrich & Denzel.

NAME
DIANE TSUBOUCHI
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It's only fitting that Diane Tsubouchi leads a well-curated life. Having a passion for interior decorating, she divides her time among properties in Cabo, Canmore and Calgary.

“I have always loved shoes,” says this busy globetrotter. “I bought my first pair when I was 12 years old with money my father gave me to buy my mother a birthday gift. I got the gift and a pair of olive green platforms for \$20.” Now that's a good buy!

When faced with unused office space in her home, Tsubouchi had friend and interior designer Paul Lavoie build her the ultimate closet. The result is a space devoted solely to shoes and handbags. With more than 150 pairs of footwear, the labels are endless: Prada, Jimmy Choo and Christian Dior are Tsubouchi's go-to names for day. Giuseppe Zanotti and Yves Saint Laurent stilettos are reserved for night.

As for purses, her lineup includes Hermès Birkin and Kelly bags, classic quilted Chanel purses, as well as several Pradas and a Valentino or two. More drawers hold her collection of dazzling Judith Leiber clutches and neon Burberrys.

“I love this closet because it keeps me organized,” Tsubouchi says. “I have room for everything and there is still space for more.”



a curated closet

Seasoned shoe-addict Diane Tsubouchi shares some of her favourites **BY** KAREN ASHBEE

BEAUTY SECRET



Miracle 10 AHA cream, \$58, miracle10.com

CLOSET STAPLES



Smythe viscose-blend blazer, \$450, smythelessvests.com. Smythe also available at Holt Renfrew.



Jimmy Choo Denton neoprene peep-toe sandals, \$795, net-a-porter.com. Jimmy Choo footwear also available at Holt Renfrew.



STYLE ROLE MODEL

“A combination of Eva Longoria and Jennifer Aniston, with a dash of Audrey Hepburn's simplicity.”



FAVOURITE SHOPS

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STEAL OF THE WEEK

Every Friday we bring you a great sale on one of the season's trendiest items. And to ease your shopping guilt, we tell you why you should buy it—even how to wear it. Look for it under Kit Picks in our new Shop section. Visit TheKit.ca/tag/steal-of-the-week/



HAIR HOW-TOS

Our Hair section is full of great cut, style and colour ideas. We go straight to the experts to get tips on the hot trends and celebrity looks. Our current fave? How to get Zoey Deschanel's luscious locks. Check out TheKit.ca/beauty/hair/



MEET KIT BLOGGER AMANDA

Have you read Kit blogger Amanda DiPasquale's posts? The curly-haired PR professional blogs about her untamable tresses, embracing beauty of all kinds and her makeup must-haves. Go to TheKit.ca/blog-ambition/not-a-model/

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SUMMER PREP

The best swimsuit for your bodytype, easy-to-wear accessories and more: The Kit's June 2012 digital magazine gives you the summer fashion scoop. Find out what to buy and how to wear it. Visit TheKit.ca and click on [The Kit Magazine](http://TheKit.ca).

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