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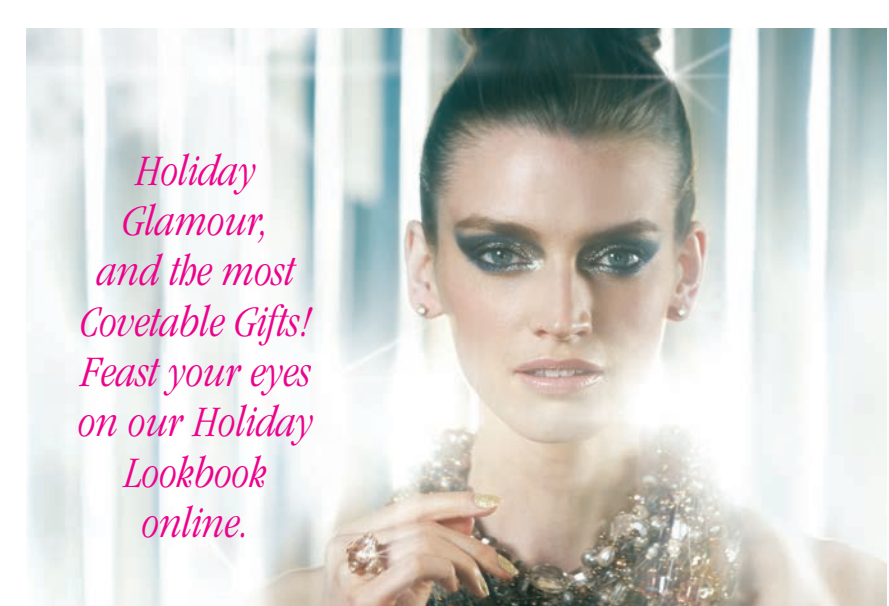
10 *haute* HOLIDAY ENSEMBLES

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1. POWER PUMP

A pointy-toed stiletto for the holidays? Yes, please. Talk about firing up last year's little black pumps. **Boutique 9** leather pumps, \$180, at Nine West, ninewest.ca

2. RACY RED

If red could smell, it would be lush, like this combo of crème de cassis, Victoria

plum, blood orange and citrus, orchid and dark red calla lilies and muguet, amber, oud, tonka bean and musk. **Victoria's Secret Seduction No. 1 Dark Orchid** eau de parfum, \$84 (100 ml), at Victoria's Secret, victoriasecret.com

3. WICKED RED

From the brand that gave

us Vamp lacquer, this new varnish ensures a most wickedly modern red manicure. **Chanel Le Vernis** in Malice, \$27, at Chanel counters, chanel.com

4. GLAM & GLITTER

Old school glamour looks new with these glittering claret earrings with crystals. They'll wow with an updo

or free-flowing waves. **Elsa Corsi** Swarovski crystal earrings, \$345, elsacorsi.com, jeweliette.com

5. DIETRICH TO DARIA

Ruby lips have long been part of a red-carpet beauty call. Channel your inner diva with **L'Oréal Paris Colour Riche** Lip Colour in Intense Plum, \$11, lorealparis.ca

—DEBORAH FULSANG/PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADRIAN ARMSTRONG

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ASK JEANNE

How do I wear multiple prints at the same time without looking like I'm going to clown college?
—Emma

DEAR EMMA:

Not every trend is right for every woman. You can always give a nod to a trend without wholeheartedly diving in.

This business of mixing multiple prints is a blatant shout out to the idea of irreverence in fashion. But it's also one of the most difficult things to pull off, because you run the risk of looking like a walking patchwork quilt.

When I walked into J.Crew's spirited spring fashion presentation in New York in September, I was dazzled by the offbeat manner in which colourful prints were jammed together. And after talking to J.Crew creative director Jenna Lyons, I was convinced it would be cool to at least attempt the mixing patterns trend in the coming months.

If you're worried about making too loud a statement, just play with a couple of prints at a time, and keep them in the same colour family. A smaller, geometric print can act as your basic. For example, a black and white houndstooth print suit could be teamed with a black and white floral or dotted shirt, to great graphic effect. Stripes and florals usually work quite well together, too, though I remember a black and white striped and dotted ensemble I wore back in the 1980s that got me on one Canadian magazine's worst-dressed list. Just keep in mind that the scale of the print is what might separate the clowns from the connoisseurs. And prints with the same intensity also usually work together, like the retro pajama prints that Prada and Stella McCartney did so beautifully. If you don't have the nerve to experiment, start with accessories.

Leopard print shoes worn with a plaid ensemble can be fun (Valentino was doing that years ago), or a floral scarf with a checked jacket could be pretty palatable well. Once you build your confidence, you can strut just about anything with flair.

It's that very attitude that keeps us all out of clown college and allows us to really work it, no matter what the trend.

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Olivia Palermo leopard shoes with printed pants

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GOODBYE PLAID MAGAZINE

We're sad to see it go, but glad that it was here. Toronto-based fashion and culture magazine **Plaid** announced it would be shutting down December 1. Launched by fashionable editorial director and marketing whiz Odessa Paloma Parker, it was an inspired curator of independent fashion design, artists and musicians. We'll miss both *Plaid's* bi-annual glossy and the website.—Nadine Anglin



NETFLIX OF NAILPOLISH

Germaphobes, skip this item altogether: **Lacquerous** has just launched, a U.S.-only nailpolish subscription service where for \$18 a month, budget-minded members receive three high-end polishes to use, then return them for a new set. Since few of us ever finish a bottle of polish, this makes sense. But would you go to these lengths for lacquer?—N.A.

FRENCH-MADE FACIAL MAGIC

Would you like to soften wrinkles, define your cheekbones and contour your face without going under the knife? Sound too good to be true? It's not, thanks to the French **Biologique Recherche Remodeling Face Machine** that claims to do this in a one-hour sitting. The machine (only available through an aesthetician) uses electric currents to stimulate deep skin tissue while calming the upper layers of skin. Prices on request. Visit biologique-recherche.us—J.W.

KATE MOSS MAKES DOC

Supermodel **Kate Moss** is opening up to the world with her very own documentary. The film will follow the her through launch parties and press interviews as she promotes her new book *Kate: The Kate Moss Book*, while letting us in on bits of her past. Moss has recently been opening up to the media about her nervous breakdown and her daughter Lila as part of the book promotion, but with cameras following her every move, we're hoping to see more candid moments. Most anticipated subject? Her breakup with Johnny Depp. —Janelle Wilson



Kate Moss

SKIN DECODER

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST SKINCARE DILEMMA?

Like millions of Canadian women, we all have one area in our beauty regimen that we need help with. Skincare expert **Julie Chamoun**, head of Medical and Scientific Relations at Vichy Canada, can decode and fix your biggest skincare concerns.

TODAY'S TOPIC: UNEVEN SKINTONE



Vichy ProEVEN BB Cream is laced with mineral pigments, antioxidant vitamins and hydrating hyaluronic acid to instantly neutralize signs of unevenness.

Q: I NEVER USED TO HAVE DARK SPOTS. WHY AM I GETTING THEM NOW?

A: Dark spots can be caused by a number of factors, ranging from hormonal to environmental. “For a teenager, dark spots could be the consequence of acne,” says **Vichy Canada’s Julie Chamoun**. “For women in their 30s or 40s, they could be the byproduct of hormonal changes due to medication or pregnancy. Or they could be the result of photo damage from the sun.” For women in their 40s, 50s and beyond, dark spots are part of the aging process. As the clock ticks, we age and so does our skin. This process impacts the skin’s metabolism and its production of melanin, the pigment that causes age spots.

Q: HOW DOES AGING AFFECT SKIN UNEVENNESS IN TEXTURE AND COLOUR?

A: “The passing years and repeated exposure to both internal and external aggressors can wreak havoc on your skin,” Chamoun says. The sun, stress, pollution, dust—all elevate damaging free-radical activity in our cells and can trigger skin to up its melanin production. Hello, dark spots. By keeping the skin calm and protected, these pigmentation spots can be reduced and skin texture can be improved.

Q: I HAVE REDNESS AND THE OCCASIONAL BOUT OF MILD ROSACEA. DO I NEED SOMETHING MORE CUSTOMIZED THAN A BB CREAM TO COVER WITHOUT FURTHER IRRITATING MY SKIN?

A: “A BB cream by definition is not a treatment for rosacea,” says Chamoun. “However, the right BB cream can be a great complement to a treatment.” Multi-tasking BB creams are ideal for those looking to even out skin tone and texture. They also possess the signature ability to neutralize redness while

hydrating and soothing skin, and protecting it from external aggressors and UV rays. For those prone to redness, irritation and inflammation, Chamoun also advises to look for a BB cream that’s designated safe for sensitive skin. **Vichy ProEVEN BB Cream** is laced with powerful antioxidant vitamins along with hydrating hyaluronic acid and glycerin.

Q: CAN I FIX MY SUN DAMAGE, OR AM I STUCK WITH IT FOR LIFE?

A: “Sun damage can be compared to a sprained ankle,” Chamoun says. “Although you can ‘fix it’ with several methods and patience, such as our **Vichy ProEVEN Daily Dark Spot Corrector**, it is important to protect these areas regularly from the sun, since they will be more likely to reappear—just like a previously injured ankle may be prone to reinjury.” The strategy? Prevention. Damage from the sun can occur at any time of year—winter or summer, clear or cloudy skies. The best plan is to apply SPF daily. The best offence is a good defence.

Q: BECAUSE OF MY UNEVEN SKINTONE, I LIKE A BIT MORE COVERAGE WITH MY FOUNDATION. ARE BB CREAMS “BUILDABLE”?

A: Chamoun reminds us of the origins of the first BB cream, which was created by a German dermatologist to hydrate and neutralize skin redness due to dermatological procedures. “It was not designed as a foundation,” she says. “The percentage of pigments is not comparable.” The bonus? Although a foundation typically provides more coverage, it must match your skintone to look its best. On the flip side, one of a BB cream’s strengths is its adaptability. It can be smoothed on and will adjust to a universal range of complexions, providing a natural and therapeutic base for your makeup.



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Matthew Williamson
Fall 2012

SPOTTED

PRINTED PANTS REALLY POP

Shimmering sequins, ornate brocades and geometric poppy prints are making their way onto trousers this holiday season. The boldness of these fabrics might be intimidating for the fashion shy, but not if you follow our golden rule: Find a flattering silhouette for your shape (not your best friend's) and then pick any print you love. Styles with some stretch are more forgiving to your figure, but a structured piece can also do wonders to streamline your bottom half. **HOW TO WEAR IT:** Whether you pair them with a solid sweater or printed blouse, opt for a contrasting fabric. If your trousers are sequined (or bejewelled) skip the sparkled top and go with a print or wooly knit.—VANESSA TAYLOR



FLOWER POWER For an easy alternative to a dress for your office-party, these brocade printed pants have a subtle festive shimmer. **Moon Apparel** printed polyester-blend pants, \$89, moonapparel.ca



CHECKMATE While the silhouette is posh, the print is bold. We love these paired with a bright cashmere V-neck and a mega necklace. **J.Crew** silk Tabby pants, \$460, jcrew.com



AMPED UP EVENING Ideal for evening, but as comfortable as your pajamas—what's not to love? Team with a pointed stiletto and cashmere turtleneck. **Michael Michael Kors** sequin and polyester trousers, \$225, 866-733-5677, michaelkors.com



MOD SQUAD When your coloured jeans begin to bore you, these fuss-free trousers are the instant upgrade. **H&M** printed viscose-blend trousers, \$60, hm.com/ca

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It's the perfect fragrance trifecta: A much-discussed starlet (fragrance muse Kristen Stewart), a French designer (Balenciaga's former fashion creative Nicolas Ghesquière) and a killer bottle. No wonder we're clamouring to try the newest floral scent from this near-century-old brand. Give yourself a femme-fatale pick-me-up.
—DEBORAH FULSANG

BALENCIAGA FLORABOTANICA EAU DE PARFUM, \$90 (50 ml), at The Bay, Holt Renfrew, Murale, Shoppers Drug Mart and Sephora, balenciaga.com

THE AGE CHALLENGE

STATEMENT EARRINGS

Jewels are shifting from our necklines to our earlobes, with the focus on shimmering stones and interesting mixes of metals. —VANESSA TAYLOR



Dianna Agron



Jada Pinkett-Smith



Jane Fonda



PRETTY POSH

This draped gown is a conservative cut but the bright cobalt colour keeps Agron's look youthful. Her polished updo showcases the mega-dangle earrings, giving her a little edge.

BUY IT: Lanvin pompons crystal tassel earrings, \$690, net-a-porter.com



MODERN WITH A TWIST

The classic mix of ruby and crystal-coloured stones gives these drop earrings a vintage nod. They're a great juxtaposition to her sleek monochromatic outfit.

BUY IT: Cocoa Jewelry gold-plated earrings, \$28, at Sears, cocoajewelry.com



COLOUR MATCH

Instead of competing for attention with the sequin gown, these earrings coordinate with Fonda's colour palette, adding a touch of sparkle up top.

BUY IT: Dannijo metal and Swarovski crystal earrings, \$335, at Holt Renfrew



Gucci
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THE FIX

5 EASY STEPS TO PERFECT RED LIPS

It's the season to wear ruby-red lipstick and women of any skintone and age can rock the look. Here's how

—CHANTEL GUERTIN
As seen on the Marilyn Denis Show

STEP ONE: EXFOLIATE

Dry, flaky skin on your lips is the nemesis. Scrub, slough and smooth your lips with a lip buffing product. It helps lipstick to go on smoothly and last much longer. (You're welcome.)

TRY: The Body Shop Lip Scuff, \$13, at The Body Shop, thebodyshop.ca

STEP TWO: HYDRATE

Replenish lost moisture by hydrating and protecting lips with a moisturizer meant for your mouth that contains SPF.

TRY: Cover FX MintGlaze FX, \$22, at Shoppers Drug Mart, The Bay, Sephora, coverfx.com

STEP THREE: PREP

To keep colour in place, you need to prime and line your lips. Victoria's Secret VS Pro Pout Fix primes lips, creating an even palette on which to apply your lipstick.

TRY: Victoria's Secret VS Pro Pout FX Lip Primer and Definer, \$14, in stores and online at victoriasecret.com

STEP FOUR: LINE

Keep lipstick on your lips—and not around them—by lining lips with a clear lip liner. Our new favourite is the No Bleeding Lips Secret Lip Liner.

TRY: No Bleeding Lips Secret Lip Liner, \$15, exclusively at Shoppers Drug Mart and Pharmaprix

STEP FIVE: COLOUR

Whether you splurge on your lipstick or select a budget-friendly brand, red lipstick will keep you gorgeous all day long.

TRY: Guerlain Rouge G in Gisela, \$51, at select Guerlain counters



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TESTING, TESTING

BY CERI MARSH



LASHING OUT IS EASIER THAN EVER

There are several arenas that I've always believed should be left to experts. I don't care what kind of class you took, I don't want your homemade sushi. Home repairs can be addressed with some common sense and a thorough Google search, but why spend the time when there's someone who already knows what to do? I have the same feelings about false eyelashes. Glue going this close to my actual eye? I have only worn fakes that have been carefully placed on by makeup artists. Of course, every brand assures you that they're simple to use but are they really? With so much focus on the eyes this season and so many great lash kits on the market, I decided to take the leap.

I picked up a Joe Fresh Lash Kit (\$8), which included two sets of full lashes broken up into three small pieces, glue and small wooden applicators. The instructions on the back of the package were pretty clear, but I wanted a little more hand-holding. Was I putting all the lashes on? Mascara or lashes first? Joe Fresh Beauty Consultant Simone Otis reassured me. "Either a full set or the small sets can create a dramatic look." She recommended giving my own lashes a quick bend with an eyelash curler before starting, and finishing the whole process with a sweep of mascara to blend everything together.

Still nervous, I watched an excellent video tutorial on TheKit.ca by *The Kit's* contributing editor, Janine Falcon, and liked her advice about placing glue on the back of your hand rather than trying to squirt it directly on the falsies. This trick also makes the glue tackier and easier to work with.

I was heading out to a friend's birthday party and knew it was going to be a swanky affair. Out came the lashes. I squeezed a bit of the glue onto the back of my hand and used the applicator to paint the tiniest bit of adhesive on one of the small sets and waited for a few seconds for it to get tacky. I pushed the lash just over my own lashes at the outer corner. It took a little nudging to get it in a natural position. I placed another small set beside the first and then repeated on the other eye. I could have kept going until my whole natural lashline was covered, but I liked the effect of an accent at the outer edges. Liquid liner covered up the minute gap between the two sets.

The effect was dramatic but not theatrical. We were halfway through our first course before my dinner companion asked if I was wearing a new mascara. In the past, I've found false lashes something I'm reminded of with every blink. With these, I forgot all about them.

TIP: Give yourself enough time. Fake lashes added about 15 minutes to my makeup routine. Try out different lengths for natural or eye-popping effects.

Ceri Marsh is a best-selling author and co-creator of the food and family website SweetPotatoChronicles.com

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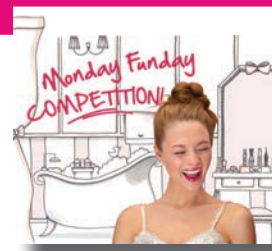
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BY DORIS MONTANERA



THE SKIN-SAVING ELITE



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—DEBORAH FULSANG

When the parties and prep of pre-holiday craziness leave your skin looking as tired as you feel, embrace your inner princess, press pause and take a beauty break. Your treatment of choice? Take a cue from the stars who live for luxe-level TLC.

CUSTOM CURES

In the world of luxury spa treatments, personalization is the latest buzzword. The Ritz-Carlton Spas take customization to the extreme. Its Grande Lakes Orlando, Florida, location opened a new interactive Scrub Bar earlier this year where you can choose the exact products to be used on your skin—everything from scrub base, to scent and type of oil.

In Toronto, The Ritz-Carlton Spa lets you customize products for a facial based on your skin's particular personality: It's the only spa in North America and second in the world, to offer Clarins My Blend Regenerating Facial Therapy (\$270). This is no one-size-fits-all facial, honing in on the needs of your skin at the moment. After a digital-skin analysis, there are up to eight custom boosters—from anti-aging to redness to oil-control—that can be blended into a Clarins base.

FRESH AIR

The Oxygen Facial has gained beauty notoriety in the last few years thanks to Madonna, Naomi Campbell and Justin Timberlake. It has been used since the 1930s and back then, doctors used oxygen inhalation chambers to force oxygen into the skin of deep-sea divers. During this year's Toronto International Film Festival, film buffs and party-goers checked in to the Glow Medi Spa for its TIFF Oxy Trio Treatment (\$175). The facial's ability to rejuvenate skin with no downtime has made it popular at Donato Spa in Toronto, too, where organic products are used. In exfoliating, detoxifying and increasing blood circulation, this specialized treatment promises to leave skin looking smooth and radiant for weeks. Yes, that would leave you glowing right through a party-all-night New Year's Eve.

TIP: Go for the Royal Treatment. Kate Middleton used Karin Herzog's Oxygen Face cream (\$46, karinherzogcanada.com) leading up to her wedding. It cleanses, tones and helps balance oily skin. It claims to leave skin glowing, too—although we give Will some of the credit.

HI-TECH

Instead of needles and injections, the latest spa trends include gizmos and gadgets to optimize the active ingredients in skin products. The Spa at Fox Harb'r is a semi-private resort in Nova Scotia with a VIP guest list. They're mum on their VIP names, but Bill Clinton and Tiger Woods are rumoured to have popped in for treatments. Its signature two-hour facial (\$275) was designed specifically for the spa. Along with featuring the luxe Swiss anti-aging stem-cell line Cellocosmet, it uses a Wellbox—an egg-like-looking device with a series of attachments that suction and roll to enhance skin circulation and make it more receptive to the product, reducing fine lines around your forehead and eyes and tightening your jawline.

Concepts Salon & Spa in Toronto also offers a 90-minute BioSkin Sonolight Facial with Added Collagen (\$300) for those seeking luxurious pampering. It uses dermabrasion to resurface and brighten your skin, followed by an infrared laser to calm and heal it and a massaging Vacusound machine that not only helps

product penetration but stimulates skin's own collagen production, firming and tightening. "It's one of the most popular treatments. When people try it, they tend to come back for more," says spa manager Suzanne Soares.

TIP: Demi Moore, Courtney Cox and Sarah Jessica Parker reportedly swear by the Clarisonic Skin Care Cleansing Brush, says Toronto cosmetic surgeon Dr. Trevor Born. The intense but gentle sonic-pulse technology removes makeup, dirt and oil and improves pore size, he says. It's gentle enough for sensitive skin, rosacea and is recommended for acne-prone skin.

STRIKING OIL

"People are lightening up on all the injectibles, because they're beginning to look like a platypus," says celebrity makeup artist Scott Barnes, the man best known for engineering the J.Lo glow. "Instead, they're doing laser tightening and oils. The 20-year-olds in Hollywood are into preventative medicine," he says. "They're using argan oil on skin, mixing it with body cream and moisturizers. It doesn't clog pores and it plumps. Skin drinks it in."

The oil of choice for Miranda Kerr, Victoria's Secret model (and wife of actor Orlando Bloom) is coconut. She ingests four teaspoons daily, she writes on her website Kora Organics, saying the fat is great for skin and hair.

Jennifer Lopez and Kim Kardashian are fans of argan oil, massaging it into their skin to keep it soft and supple. Barnes likes to mix it into their foundation when he's on the job to glam these A-listers for red-carpet appearances.

TIP: After a luxe-for-less solution? MoroccanOil has just launched a body line in Canada and its Intense Hydrating Treatment (\$27), includes argan oil to nourish skin and restore elasticity head-to-toe. Especially for those baring skin in sexy little holiday-time party dresses. The products' honey-lavender scent smells deliciously luxurious, too.

SEA-WORTHY

The latest Elizabeth Arden's Red Door Spas, where actress Katherine Heigl and the Real Housewives of NYC come to rejuvenate, has just launched new marine-inspired spa treatments. They tap the therapeutic properties of the minerals such as calcium, magnesium, iron, copper and zinc, which have been used since Cleopatra's time, in its detoxifying body wraps (\$135USD), contouring cellulite treatments (\$160USD) and a sea-water-pearl hydrating facial (\$160USD) that includes caviar and seawater pearl minerals massaged into your skin to re-mineralize and hydrate.

And in Vancouver, The Golden Caviar Facial at Chi (\$185), the spa at The Shangri-La Hotel, is the newest and most luxurious skincare service on offer. Caviar extract from algae purportedly helps skin bind moisture and prevent premature skin aging due to environmental factors, leaving complexions more balanced, even and radiant.

TIP: You, too, can tap the power of the sea—at home. SkinCeuticals Eye Balm works to reduce under-eye puffiness with Gorgonian extract, an ingredient derived from soft sea coral—a natural anti-inflammatory (\$85, skinceuticals.com). There's also Ahava Caressing Body Sorbet, a super-hydrating body moisturizer with a lush cedar-and-mandarin scent that combines Dunaliella algae, aloe vera, chamomile extracts and antioxidant vitamins to leave skin soft, soothed and glowing. (\$26, ahavaus.com)

So even if you can't justify the time or expense of a pre-Christmas spa getaway, embrace a little luxury at home. There's no time like the present to press pause and pamper yourself.

GIVE THE GIFT OF STYLE

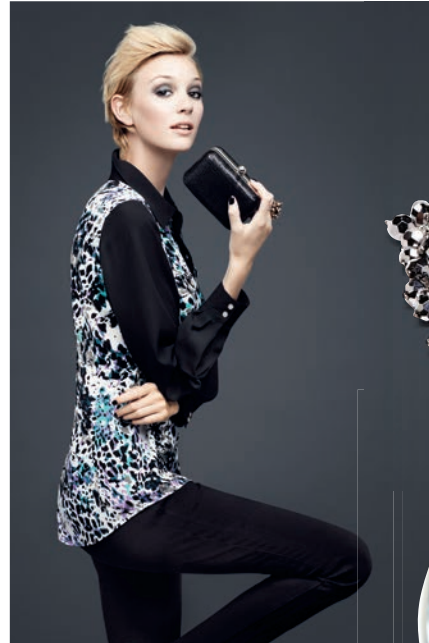
Find something great this holiday season **for all the stylish women in your life.**
Amp up their wardrobes with effortless, easy and affordable pieces that can be mixed and matched.



FOR THE COZY GIRL

Who doesn't love a little pampering? Show the snuggler how easy it is to be her beautiful self. Make her smile with cozy parcels that keep her comfortable yet stylish.

Knit sweaters, from \$36. Leather gloves, \$30. V-neck PJ set, \$20. Lurex scarf, \$22. Cowl neck sweater, \$46. All reitmans.com



FOR THE SOPHISTICATE

This one's perfect taste knows no limits—and you know everything on her must-have list has to be chic. Say it with bright baubles, bold fabrics and elegant embellishment.

Statement blouse, \$36. Beaded necklace, \$18. Jewel tone compact mirrors, \$8 each. Feather elastic belt, \$20. Sequin top, \$36. All reitmans.com



FOR THE HIPSTER

Fun is the key to delighting the trendsetter in your life—with gifts that are a hit! Stellar street style is easy to pull together, with top-trending looks she'll love.

Three-quarter sleeve printed blouse, \$36. Down-filled jacket, \$100. Knit gloves, \$12. Bouclé cap, \$16. Bubble bath tree ornaments, \$5 each. All reitmans.com



FOR THE FASHIONISTA

Sometimes she's sporty casual, other times she's glammed up, so her wish list is bound to be long. Help stock her closet with smart separates and finishing touches.

Satin top, \$28. Striped tunic sweater, \$46. Eyeshadow palette, \$12. Sequin clutch, \$34. Bootie slippers, \$18. All reitmans.com

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Cover Girl Eye Enhancers 4-Kit Eye Shadow in Mirror, Mirror, \$7, covergirl.ca



Joe Fresh crystal necklace, \$14, joefresh.com



Chanel Le Vernis in Frenzy, \$27, at Chanel counters, chanel.com



Alexander McQueen Fall 2012



Marchesa Parfum d'Extase eau de parfum, \$102 (50ml), sephora.ca



Cocoa Jewelry hematite crystal bracelet, \$38, sears.ca



Joe Fresh faux-fur scarf, \$29, joefresh.com



Christian Siriano Fall 2012



Nars Soft Touch Eye Shadow Pencil in Silver Factory, \$28, narscosmetics.ca

INSPIRED

FROM RUSSIA WITH LOVE

The release of *Anna Karenina*, a film adaptation of Tolstoy's novel, starring Keira Knightley, Nov. 30 is causing such a stir, it's inspired us to look to the movie's opulent, 19th-century Russian high-society setting for a few style cues. From gilded jewels and lavish furs to luxurious fragrances, here are our favourite picks for a modern-day Anna.

—VANESSA TAYLOR

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CLOSET OF THE WEEK

Kaley Cuoco

Actor, *The Big Bang Theory*; Los Angeles

BY THE COVETEUR

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Cuoco poses for The Coveteur camera, her super organized shoe closet (see those Chanel capped-toe shoes? Amazing!) and her collection of practical and party-perfect accessories: we love the pink and gold metal Yves Saint Laurents.



We've spent many weekends marathoning Kaley Cuoco's show, *The Big Bang Theory*, but we were totally taken aback when The Coveteur-alum Jen Atkin tweeted us a snap of her extensive shoe closet. Making it our mission to profile Cuoco, we hit up her Los Angeles home as our last stop in town before our flight. We made a mad dash to see her massive shoe museum—or as Cuoco says, her “girls-only haven”—and then toured the rest of her custom-built walk-in. Involved in every step of the design, Cuoco had a full beauty salon installed, complete with a mini-fridge stocked with Diet Coke and bubbly. And when it comes to collecting, she's got the largest blinged out Miu Miu collection we've ever seen. “I have a thing for sparkles,” Cuoco confessed.

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Creative director Caroline Bishop wins outfit of the day in these BCBG Max Azria pants.



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OOPS: In the November 15 print *The Kit*, products were incorrectly credited in “5 Ways to Shine.” The Brose dress is \$550, available at marikabrose.com. The French Connection sequin dress is \$328, at canada.frenchconnection.com. *The Kit* regrets the errors.

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Premium leather and handmade details makes the ECCO Altamura the only accessory she will need this holiday season.



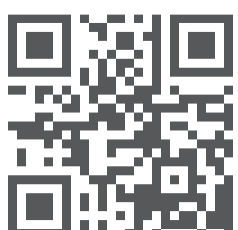
The ECCO Canberra shows sophisticated edge, perfect for all of the holiday festivities.



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