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A dark canvas is brought to life with accents of shining gold



ASK JEANNE

Dear Jeanne, I wear makeup and heels every day, but I still look five years younger than my age (I'm 30). How can I look playful yet professional for my holiday work party?—Anne-Sophie

DEAR ANNE-SOPHIE:

What a great problem to have! It's always a blessing to look young for your age. But I can certainly understand wanting to amp up the sophistication quotient.

It all starts with the right haircut. Consult with a good hairdresser for suggestions on the type of easy-care style that would suit you best. Make sure you let them know it's sophistication you're after. If you don't feel the need for a new cut, try an updo—always a sophisticated alternative.

Your makeup can also help you look more grown up. Treat yourself to an eyebrow-shaping session before the party. Often the way our brows are trimmed and shaped can help us look a lot more polished. I wouldn't go heavy on the makeup even if you are off to a holiday party. Instead, try a pair of subtle false eyelashes to pump up the glam.

A trendy burgundy lip might also help give you an air of elegance. Nix any sparkly or crazy coloured nailpolish. It won't give you the professional look you're after.

With regard to your heels, go for something a little more classic than usual. Instead of a platform, try a sleek, pointed-toe stiletto. I'd also go for a sleek dress with classic lines, maybe in midnight blue.

An at-the-knee length can also help you look more professional. A vintage frock could give you that extra edge of playfulness you crave. Dark, sheer hose would be the elegant route to go in the leg department.

To make your outfit sing, have fun with your accessories. Dazzle your office pals with crystals or go for chunky gold. Just make sure your jewellery doesn't look too over-the-top,

junky or cheap—that would certainly make you look junior.

Complete your ensemble with a chic evening clutch. No matter how much you try to refine your style, at the end of the day, it may be your attitude and energy that translates as a bit younger. Try being a little more conscious of the way you stand. Looking older often starts with acting older. Of course, the costume always helps.

Send your questions to askjeanne@thekit.ca.

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Rachel Bilson



1. POT OF GOLD

This budge-proof eyeshadow can be applied as a wash across the lid or built up to highlight the inner corners or brow bone of the eye. **Chanel** Illusion d'Ombre in Apparence, \$37. Limited edition at Chanel counters, chanel.com

2. HEAVEN SCENT

This lighter version of Guerlain's Liu fragrance leaves a shimmering veil on your face, body or hair. **Guerlain** Liu Perfumed Shimmer Powder, Face and Body, \$100, at select Guerlain counters

3. STAR SPOTTING

Blake Lively is the face of this fragrance, which mixes florals with citrus bergamot for a glamorous scent. **Gucci** Première eau de parfum, \$108 (50 ml), The Bay, Holt Renfrew, Sephora, Shoppers Drug Mart, Murale, gucci.com

4. TIE ONE ON

Pair with any crew-neck sweater or button-up blouse. **Tristan** glass and crystal stone collar, \$30, at Tristan stores

5. ROCK STEADY

This necklace is from a designer capsule collection and boasts a matching bracelet and earrings. **Fallon** for eBay gold bar cluster necklace, \$98, fashionvault.ebay.com

6. TWINKLE TOES

These spectacular pumps call for a classic frock with minimal embellishment and absolutely zero accessories. **Vince Camuto** black and gold glitter and suede pumps, \$145, townshoes.com

—DEBORAH FULSANG/PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADRIAN ARMSTRONG



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THE NEW NUTCRACKER

Three great reasons to see The National Ballet of Canada's *The Nutcracker* in Toronto this year? Set in an opulent 1830s Russian Court, costume designer Santo Loquasto outfitted the Sugar Plum Fairy with 15 layers of hand-stitched candy-floss tulle and ballerina Greta Hodgkinson's svelt bod' will motivate you to make New Year's resolutions. For tickets and dates, visit nationalballet.ca —Nadine Anglin

MILLS BROTHERS MAKEOVER

Attention Halifax holiday shoppers, you may have noticed that Mills Brothers department store (5486 Spring Garden Road) is under new ownership. Here's the scoop on the shake-up: four local female friends with a love for fashion got together for cocktails one night and decided to buy the 109-year-old high-end women's retailer this summer. Look out for the new and improved space in Spring 2013. —N.A.



SHINE BRIGHT LIKE A DIAMOND

If you're hoping to see Tiffany & Co.'s iconic little blue box under the tree this year, you may be in luck: Weddingwire.com says 30% of couples get engaged during the holiday season. The famous jeweller celebrated its 175th anniversary this year by setting the Tiffany diamond in a royal-worthy necklace and (lucky for you) heart-stopping engagement rings. We do! Prices available upon request. 800-265-1251, tiffany.com —N.A.

EMPRESS OF FASHION

If they ever turn the new book *Empress of Fashion: A Life of Diana Vreeland* into a TV movie we'd so watch! Born the jolie laide daughter of a New York socialite, Vreeland was scouted to work as fashion editor at *Harper's Bazaar* only to be passed over for the main gig previously held by fashion scion Carmel Snow. Spurned, she decided to work for the competition: *Vogue*. We follow Vreeland's path to a career that founded a fashion institution. A must-read for any style hound. At Indigo, \$39, indigo.ca —N.A.



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Elie Saab
Fall 2012

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JUST ADD SEQUINS

Instant party-starter? The strategically placed sequin. From just a splash on a casual shirt to a healthy dose on a New Year's Eve dress, sequins are appropriate for almost any occasion —VANESSA TAYLOR



THE SOFT BLAZER

The unstructured silhouette makes this layering piece both glam and comfortable. The stripes draw your eye up and down—lengthening your torso and camouflaging lumps or bumps. French Connection viscose sequin blazer, \$198, canada.frenchconnection.com



THE MEGA MINI SPARKLER

While we can't deny our love of an elastic waist during the holiday, this swingy mini is a much more stylish option than leggings. The busy mix of sequin and small paillette is a great way to distract from the midsection. Joe Fresh polyester sequin skirt, \$39, joefresh.com



THE SHORT SLEEVE TUNIC

This silhouette boasts several figure-flattering features. The high neckline and short sleeve combo offers coverage and balances out a shorter hemline. Ark & Co. at Mendocino polyester sequin dress, \$158, mendocino.ca



THE BOYFRIEND UPGRADE

The mix of a typically casual shirt and sequin sleeves equals punched-up comfort. Wear it with slim denim or tucked into a fitted pencil skirt. J.Crew cotton shirt, \$344, jcrew.com

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BRIGHT EYES

At Spring 2013 fashion week in Toronto, even the radiant, bright, young models were trying to swipe Maybelline New York's new under-eye item from the makeup pros backstage, said Grace Lee, lead artist at the event. "It's a concealer but it really brightens," she says. "You get a great glow."

—DEBORAH FULSANG

Maybelline New York Age Rewind Dark Circle Eraser, \$12, at drugstores and mass retailers, maybelline.ca

THE AGE CHALLENGE

TAKE A WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Leopard is timeless, especially when the garment has a classic silhouette

By Malene Birger
polyester-wool skirt,
\$350, eluxe.ca



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Rihanna

Head-to-toe leopard is hard to pull off. By breaking up the print with colour, the outfit has a playful look. The black belt (or waistband) is also a great way to define your middle.



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Stacy London

The pencil skirt is given a casual twist when paired with a blousy T-shirt and layered accessories. Showcase your shape by tucking in your top.



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Barbara Walters

The just-below-the-knee hem makes this silhouette age-appropriate, but the bold print and hit of colour on her cardigan keeps the look modern. We love the simple flats for running errands.

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Warm and cozy and right on trend, this riding boot, ECCO Hobart will be a classic staple for her this season.

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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THE FIX

6 SKIN FIXERS

Antioxidants safeguard your skin from pollution, carcinogens, UV rays and other environmental aggressors **BY** JILL DUNN

No matter your age or skin type, oxidative stress from the sun and environmental pollutants silently attack skin cells, setting off a chain reaction of skin stress known as free-radical damage. This can cause skin cells to age prematurely, resulting in wrinkles, dullness and brown spots (hyperpigmentation). Enter antioxidants such as vitamins B, C, E, grapeseed oil and green tea. They're the reinforcements. When applied topically, they work to neutralize destructive rogue cells, thus protecting skin from premature aging.



Neutrogena Naturals Multi-Vitamin Nourishing Night Cream, \$20, at drugstores and mass-market retailers

BEST FOR: *Dull skin* Most dermatologists agree that combining several antioxidants together results in the most effective, shield-like protection for the skin. Vitamins B, C and E in this nighttime moisturizer work together to repair skin damage, so you wake up with glowing, healthy and radiant skin. It's also free of potential irritants like parabens, dyes and sulfates, so people with sensitive skin can tolerate it.



Caudalie Vinosource S.O.S. Thirst Quenching Serum, \$48, muraire.ca and sephora.com

BEST FOR: *Dehydrated skin* Cell-preserving grape polyphenols have long been lauded for their anti-aging benefits when uncorked in wine (polyphenols quell free radicals). This serum is not only loaded with skin-boosting polyphenols to protect, but its velvet-like texture gets right to work on erasing any dry or dehydrated patches. You'll notice super soft and supple skin straight away.



Dermalogica Antioxidant Hydramist Toner, \$49, dermalogica.ca

BEST FOR: *Dry skin* You've probably not heard of magnesium ascorbyl phosphate before, but this stable form of vitamin C stimulates collagen formation and prevents premature aging. And while toners can dry mature skin, this one doesn't, as it's brimming with peptides to give a tightening effect and hyaluronic acid to plump fine lines.



SkinCeuticals Phloretin CF Serum, \$160, skinceuticals.ca

BEST FOR: *Preventing age spots* Vitamin C is by far one of the most effective antioxidants, but at high concentrations, it can be unstable. This formula adds phloretin, a proven anti-inflammatory that's only found in apples, to boost skin's defenses and help stabilize vitamin C. Existing brown spots will slowly fade and skin will be more resilient to future damage.



Holistic Vanity Soothing Pomegranate Seed Lotion, \$57, holisticvanity.ca, pureandsimple.ca

BEST FOR: *Rosacea and ultra-sensitive skin types* Even some water can irritate sensitive skin. This antioxidant-infused moisturizer doesn't contain water, but instead, a base of ultra-calming aloe vera extract to soothe skin. Combined with pomegranate punic acid, known for its anti-inflammatory properties, this lotion is like a cocoon for sensitive skin.



Avalon Organics Vitamin C Renewal Rejuvenating Oil-Free Moisturizer, \$20, avalonorganics.com

BEST FOR: *Oily skin* This lightweight formula contains vitamin C, lemon bioflavonoids and white tea to combat oxidative stress caused by daily sun exposure. It's formulated with organic ingredients in a super-lightweight cream that won't clog pores, so it's a winner for breakout-prone skin. At select drugstores.



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THE FIX

5 SHEER FOUNDATIONS TO TRY AND BUY

BY ERIN RICHARDSON

Before today's hottest cover-ups like BB creams (beauty balm) and new revolutionary CC creams (colour correction), tinted moisturizers were the be-all, end-all for sheer foundation—and we still love them. Packed with SPF's, vitamins and other enriching extras, here are five best editor-approved tinted picks that will give you a fresh, natural look for everyday wear.

1. SMASHBOX SHEER FOCUS TINTED MOISTURIZER SPF 15

This lightweight, vitamin C- and E-packed moisturizer provides a wash of colour and makes skin baby-smooth. \$35, sephora.ca, smashboxcanada.com



2. HOURGLASS ILLUSION TINTED MOISTURIZER OIL FREE SPF 15

Worried about wrinkles and discoloration? This light-as-air foundation floats over your skin to even out tone. Even better, it contains Instalift and visibly tightens the skin within an hour of application. \$64, sephora.ca, hourglasscosmetics.com



3. NARS PURE RADIANT TINTED MOISTURIZER SPF 30

From the colour geniuses at Nars comes this oil-free sheer formula infused with natural ingredients. Helps reduce the appearance of discoloration and dark spots caused by hyper pigmentation for a clearer and brighter complexion in just four weeks. Wow! \$49, sephora.ca, narscosmetics.ca



4. STILA SHEER COLOR TINTED MOISTURIZER SPF 20

More a moisturizer than a tint, this water-resistant balm gives you just-enough coverage. It's available in a wide variety of colours and lasts a wonderfully long time. \$44, sephora.ca, Shoppers Drug Mart, Muraire



5. LAURA MERCIER TINTED MOISTURIZER CRÈME COMPACT

In 12 (count 'em!) lovely shades, Laura Mercier presents its classic tinted moisturizer in a handy compact for easy portability and application. Providing buildable light-to-medium coverage just like its wildly popular tinted moisturizer, this formula visibly brightens your skin for a dewy, natural look. \$55, at Holt Renfrew, sephora.ca



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Golden Shimmer Mist

Do you want that golden shine this holiday season? Try the **Bourjois Paris Golden Shimmer Mist for Hair & Body**, \$18. A light spritz of spray on your body will leave your skin glimmering all night long - no need to rub in! Spray it onto your hair for an angelic look that's sure to add an extra sparkle to any holiday outfit.



Volume Clubbing Black Jack

Give your lashes a touch of bling! The **Volume Clubbing Black Jack mascara**, \$20, is the perfect choice for this holiday season. Its brush is maxed out with supple bristles for full and even coverage on the lashes - for x10 the volume! Made with light-reflecting particles of gold, it will give your eyes that blinging sparkle.

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Since you share everything, including fantastic style, we've rounded up a few gorgeous goodies for any budget that will delight your bestie

1. M.A.C Nail Lacquer in For Fun, \$19, maccosmetics.com 2. Nars limited edition Nail Polish in New York Dolls, \$21, narscosmetics.ca 3. Home Sense style coffee table book, \$20, homesense.ca 4. Hermès enamel bracelets, \$565 to \$800, hermes.com 5. Korres fig body butter, \$33, shoppersdrugmart.ca 6. Emu Australia sheepskin earmuff, \$89, emuaustralia.com 7. Céline Spazzolato leather bag, \$3,900, at Holt Renfrew, holtrenfrew.com 8. Cocoa Jewelry alloy and crystal necklace, \$48, cocoajewelry.com 9. Jewelry by Chanel by Patrick Mauries, \$100, penguin.ca 10. Giorgio Armani Acqua di Gioia parfum, \$99 (75 ml), giorgioarmanibeauty-usa.com



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1. French Connection ponyhair bag, \$128, canada.frenchconnection.com 2. Tom Ford Private Blend Oud Wood eau de parfum, \$225 (50 ml), harryrosen.com 3. Notebook, \$8, indigo.ca 4. Guerlain Liu Eye and Lip Calligraphy palette, \$80, at select Guerlain counters 5. Hermès L'Ambre des Merveilles eau de parfum, \$165 (100 ml), hermes.com 6. Crabtree & Evelyn candle, \$33, crabtree-evelyn.ca 7. Estée Lauder nail lacquer in Le Smoking, \$25, holtrenfrew.com 8. Christian Dior Diorific Vernis in (901) Diva, \$26, at Dior counters, thebay.com, sephora.com 9. Suede journal, \$30, indigo.ca 10. Leather gloves, \$145, Michael Kors boutiques 11. Michael Michael Kors leather iPhone case, \$65, at Michael Kors boutiques 12. Hermès H192 ladies Arceau leather watch, \$15,400, hermes.com 13. Christian Dior Addict ultra-gloss in Pearl Ceremony Red, \$31, The Bay, sephora.com 14. Anna Sui Body Spray, \$45, at Sears and Sophie's Beauty Court, annasui.com 15. Christian Dior Rouge Dior Diorific lipstick in O38 Diva, \$38, at Dior counters, sephora.com



CLOSET OF THE WEEK

Hilary Rhoda

Model, New York

BY THE COVETEUR



"No one can really prepare you to be comfortable in front of a camera until you just get out there and do it," model Hilary Rhoda told The Coveteur. And after posing for many photographers (including photographer Bruce Weber), Rhoda was clearly a natural for our own.

The Victoria's Secret model and fresh face of Estée Lauder had her glam squad (Fere Shirvani for makeup and Sasha Alekseyeva for hair) pop by beforehand. After playing with her adorable pooches Winnie and Chloe, we were eager to chat about (what else?) her beauty regimen. Rhoda's secret? Estée Lauder Advanced Night Repair (\$64, thebay.com). While we fell hard for her bejewelled Fendi baguette, it was her Nike kicks collection that really won our hearts. You can be sure to spot the SoulCycle addict; she's the one in the colorful soles.

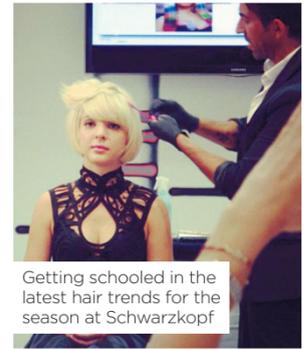
CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: A classy-yet-trendy Elizabeth & James blazer and Rag & Bone wedge sandals, Rhoda's adorable dogs Winnie and Chloe, a stunning pair of multi-coloured Rebecca Minkoff heels and Rhoda's natural yet pulled-together beauty look.

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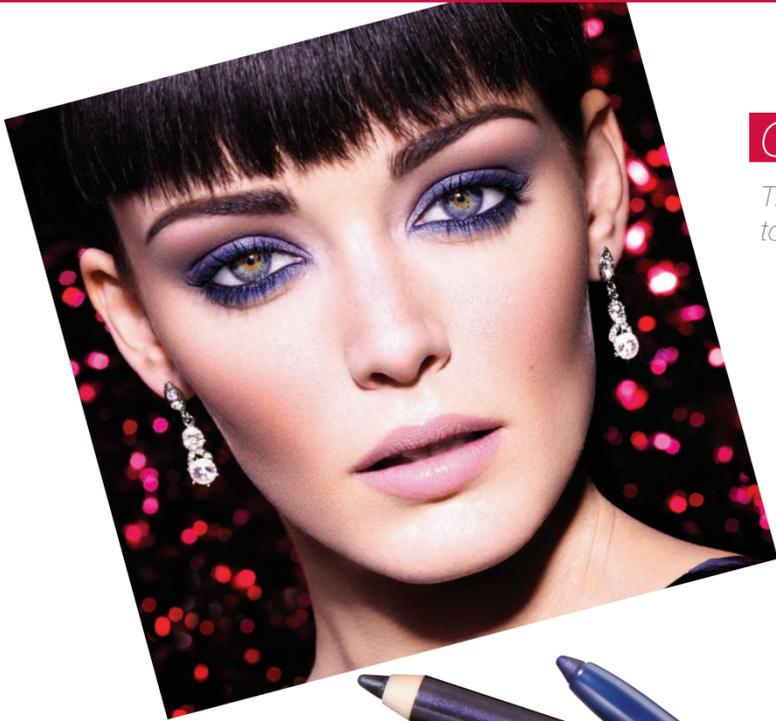
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GET THE LOOK: THE INDIGO EYE

The magic, wonder and drama of the season come together with this twist on the classic smoky eye.

Bourjois Little Round Pot Blush Rose D'or, \$19

Lise Watier Portfolio Correctors \$31



Lise Watier Nail Polish in Amethyst, \$12.50



Clockwise from top:
stila jewel Eye Shadow in Blue Sapphire, \$26
Lise Watier Duo Shadow & Glitter, \$25
stila Eye Shadow in Azure, \$23

Bourjois Khôl & Contour Pencil in Bleu Graphique, \$17
Lise Watier Eye Shine, \$18
stila Smudge Crayon in Midnight Blue, \$29



Dior Diorshow Mascara, \$31

RapidLash Eyelash & Eyebrow Enhancing Serum, \$59.99

GET THE LOOK: THE BURGUNDY LIP

This holiday's most coveted lip look is rich, red and mistletoe approved.

stila written in the stars Eye Shadow Palette, \$26



Bourjois Liner Clubbing in Ultra Black, \$20

stila Long Wear Lip Color in Daring, \$26
Lise Watier Lip Gloss, \$21

smashbox Full Exposure Mascara, \$22



smashbox Photo Finish Foundation Primer, 30mL, \$44



Elizabeth Arden Colour Intrigue Cheekcolor in Berry Blush, \$35



Lise Watier Nail Polish in Grenadine, \$12.50



pürminerals 4-in-1 Pressed Mineral Makeup Compact, \$32

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