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DESK to DINNER

Last-minute invite? No problem. These chic extras make award-winning outfit upgrades

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1. **GENTLEMANLY CHARM** Give your feet a rest from sky-high platforms with a menswear-inspired smoking slipper. This elegant loafer shape is a great alternative to the basic ballet flat. Pair with cropped trousers and a billowy blouse, or with a flirty dress for feminine flair. **Sam Edelman** Alvin shoe, \$185, at Holt Renfrew 2. **POWER TRINKET** Add pizzazz with an eye-catching statement necklace. Layer it under the collar of a button-up blouse or accent the neckline of your favourite work dress. **Cuchara** Gasoline necklace, \$160, gotstyle.ca

3. **EYE CANDY** Get date-ready with the swipe of a brush. Play up your eyes by mixing, blending and building bright colours. **Avon** True Color Eyeshadow Quad in Vibrant Spice, \$10, avon.ca 4. **PERFECT POUT** Tried and true: nothing takes a look from work to play like a bold lip. **Bourjois** Paris Rouge Edition Lipstick in Fuchsia Graffiti, \$20, at Shoppers Drug Mart 5. **IT'S IN THE BAG** Stash it inside your tote throughout the day, then bring out this bright clutch to refresh your look when you need it. **Ela** bag, \$298, at gotstyle.ca

—NATASHA BRUNO/PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADRIAN ARMSTRONG



ASK JEANNE

Dear Jeanne:
I'd love to give my confident, beautiful friend a fashion-related gift for her birthday. She loves high style and wears designer with ease. Any recommendations?
—Elise

DEAR ELISE,
I realize some people are more imaginative gift givers, but it can certainly be daunting to give a fashion-related gift to a woman who seemingly has everything, or at least has such great taste herself that you're afraid you may not measure up. The safest and perhaps most creative bet is to give your friend something, as you said, "fashion-related" but not actually meant to be worn.
Since she adores fashion, she'd probably appreciate any gift that would edify her on the history of fashion. What about vintage fashion magazines? I can't tell you how much I treasure my old *Vogue* and *Harper's Bazaar* magazines from the 1960s. I think your friend would find that kind of reflection fascinating. You could give her the magazines in a wonderful little vintage suitcase, or even a hat box. Other vintage accessories she might appreciate are lovely gloves, a tiara, or even an evening bag. As mere objects, romantic accessories of this nature can look wonderful displayed on a dresser and needn't be worn.
If you're not keen on vintage, you might want to get your friend a gorgeous coffee-table book on the subject of style, or perhaps one that features the work of some legendary fashion photographer. Fashion illustrations are also highly collectible and rather irresistible to fashion enthusiasts. I think something of this nature, in a beautiful frame, would be especially meaningful to someone who adores fashion.
A collection of iconic fashion-themed movies, or movies that simply feature fabulous clothes, would also be a wonderful gift. Think Audrey Hepburn, Bette Davis or just about anything that Grace Kelly starred in. Or choose a documentary such as *The September Issue* or *The Eye Has to Travel*.
If you want to go the gift certificate route, I'd suggest thinking outside the box and purchasing one for a high-end dry cleaner. This would be a very practical gift, to be sure—but an extremely thoughtful one and no doubt useful. Of course, I'd put the certificate in a fab little clutch, just to pump up the fashion appeal.



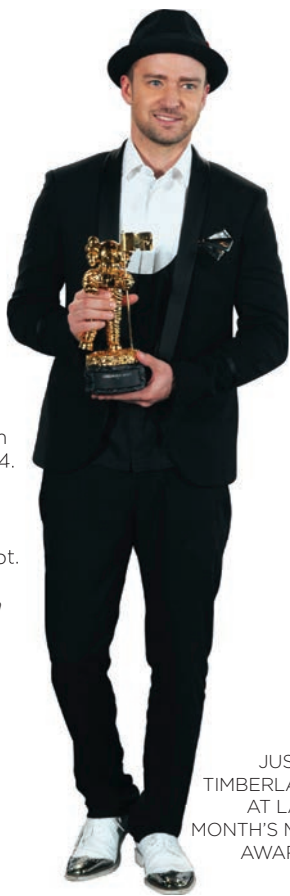
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radar

The fashion news that got us talking this week

Adding William Rast to Addition Elle

Addition Elle, a Canadian retailer specializing in plus-size fashions, has landed an exclusive deal to carry William Rast's denim line in sizes 14-24. Co-founded by singer Justin Timberlake, William Rast is known for its edgy designs. The denim line will launch Sept. 14, with jeans starting at \$90 and tops at \$45. —Allison Chin



JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE AT LAST MONTH'S MTV AWARDS



STORK & BABE

Thyme for Style

Say goodbye to dungarees and muumuus. Thyme Maternity's new line of fashion-forward staples is designed to work before, during, and after pregnancy. Stork & Babe consists of 18 pieces, including second-skin jeans and perfectly cut T-shirts, and uses super-soft fabrics such as silk and cashmere. Available Sept. 15 in stores and at thymematernity.com. —Alex Laws



POUR LA VICTOIRE, \$445

The Gray Gatsby

Upscale-boutique-meets-department-store Alton Gray opens its doors at Carrefour Laval shopping centre in Montreal this month. Geared toward the style-savvy consumer seeking a luxurious experience, Alton Gray will carry over 100 high-end brands (think Michael Kors and Rebecca Minkoff) as well as an apothecary, home accents and a gift section. Online shopping is set to start up within the year. —D.D.

Now Welcoming Men

Premier women's fashion e-commerce destination shopbop.com has launched a just-for-men brother site. EastDane offers the same stylish, well-made designer lines as Shopbop, but this site is all about the guys. With free shipping and 24-hour customer service thrown in, bookmark eastdane.com now. —Danielle Drummond



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the edit



SPOTTED

MIDNIGHT MANI

For the most modern manicure, go for sultry nighttime hues —INGRIE WILLIAMS



PLUM SEDUCTION
Vamp up your everyday look with ultra-luxe plum nails. Sally Hansen Complete Salon Manicure in Pat on the Black, \$9, at mass retailers



DARK SPELL
A rich olive, this lacquer inspires curiosity. Chanel Le Vernis in Mysterious, \$27, at Chanel beauty counters



RUSSIAN NAVY
A preppier alternative to punky black polish, indigo looks so right with casual khaki pants and burnt orange accessories. Essie in After School Boy Blazer, \$10, at salons and mass retailers



THE NEW BLACK
Take a sophisticated approach to neutral nails with this nouveau almost-noir. Lancôme Vernis in Love in Grey Lumière, \$16, at select Lancôme counters and lancome.ca



BORDEAUX VIXEN
Alluring, wine-coloured varnish is a fall spin on classic red. Joe Fresh Nail Polish in Cabaret, \$4, joefresh.com



Which autumn nails trends will you try? For our picks visit pinterest.com/thekit

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GIVE & TAKE

These iconic click pen lip glazes are sure to please. Their sweet scents and even sweeter flavours will win you over in one second. Maybe one for your friend, two for you? **Stila Colour Me Glossy Lip Glaze Set of 3, \$36**



CAUGHT RED-HANDED

You don't need to plan an elaborate caper to get your hands on gorgeous jewels. All you need is the limited edition Deborah Lippmann Jewel Heist collection. These opulent tones look so good, you'll feel a little guilty. **Deborah Lippmann Rolling in the Deep, \$20, and Va Va Voom, \$22**



ALL-IN-ONE

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TRUE OR FALSE

Turn heads with long, luscious, natural lashes. This improved and exclusive brush design elongates and enhances, while the enriched formula actually makes your lashes longer in just four weeks. **Clarins Be Long Mascara in Black and Brown, \$27 each**



POWERFUL PAPER

Subdue shine in a flash with Mai Couture Vitamin C + E Revitalize Blotting Papier. A few dabs with this revolutionary blotting paper will not only mattify, but also rejuvenate and hydrate your skin. Follow up with Mai Couture Uptown Blush Papier to add colour and a little shimmer. **Mai Couture Vitamin C + E Blotting Papier, \$15, and Uptown Blush Papier, \$20**



HEAVY METAL

Dramatic, metallic shadow is the look of the season. Play up your eyes with dynamic colour that goes on as smoothly as molten metal, for a sophisticated yet daring finish. Apply lightly for a soft shimmer or build for intensity. **Estée Lauder Pure Color Instant Intense EyeShadow Trio in Arctic Zinc and Steel Lilacs, \$40 each**



COMPLEXION PERFECTION

Bobbi Brown Luminous Moisturizing Treatment Foundation lifts, smooths and firms your skin. This moisturizing formula evens tone without shine, and it's light diffusing technology gives you a noticeable glow. **Bobbi Brown Luminous Moisturizing Treatment Foundation, \$60, in Sand, Natural and Warm Walnut**



EYE CANDY

One stroke of Bobbi Brown Smokey Eye Mascara will have you batting 1,000 all day long. The unique brush tapers from the base to the tip to evenly distribute mascara over all of your lashes, giving you dramatic volume. **Bobbi Brown Smokey Eye Mascara, \$33**



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ON THE COVER

BEWITCHING BEAUTY

Witches, punks, and goths inspire us this season with their power, confidence, and brooding allure

BY DEBORAH FULSANG
PHOTOGRAPHY: CARLYLE ROUTH

“The witch is the ultimate bad girl,” says Carly Cushnie of New York-based Cushnie et Ochs, whose fall 2013 collection was inspired by the infamous Salem witch trials of the late 1600s.

The dark side seems the inspiration for many creative types. Pop culture is infatuated, with the big screen under its spell, from the bloodsucking Kristen Stewart as Bella Swan in *The Twilight Saga* to Angelina Jolie in the title role of the 2014 film *Maleficent*. And the art crowd is not immune to its powers either—The Metropolitan Museum of Modern Art’s *Punk: Chaos to Couture* closed last month, drawing 100,000 more visitors than last year’s *Schiaparelli and Prada: Impossible Conversations* exhibition.

Occult references showed up on runways beyond Cushnie et Ochs and Gareth Pugh in New York: from Ann Demeulemeester and Saint Laurent in Paris to Jean-Pierre Braganza in Toronto. And when it comes to beauty, top makeup artists Tom Pecheux, Val Garland, and Pat McGrath found brilliant ways to render models as beautiful punks, goths and downtown princesses.

So what’s the appeal of this new brand of dark beauty? We asked Dick Page, artistic director of Shiseido, who was drawn to makeup artistry by the punk era of the 1970s. “Everyone wants to look a bit tough and cool. You can slouch in this and you don’t mind ending up in a dive bar.”

The trend extends to scent: Katy Perry draws on the dark side with her new fragrance, *Killer Queen*. “I hope it’s cooler, edgier, and a bit more sophisticated,” says Perry, who with a divorce and eight Grammy nominations under her belt is shedding the saccharine image she outgrew. When asked who her favourite killer queen is, she doesn’t hesitate. “Cleopatra, because she was such a bitch. She was sleeping with Caesar while wanting to overthrow him. I love that!”

So whether you channel the look through black-lined eyes, blood-red lips or a spritz of moody fragrance, have fun with it. For, as Page says, “Perfect is boring. Something borderline subversive has its own kind of appeal.”

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SOOTY, SOOKIE EYES

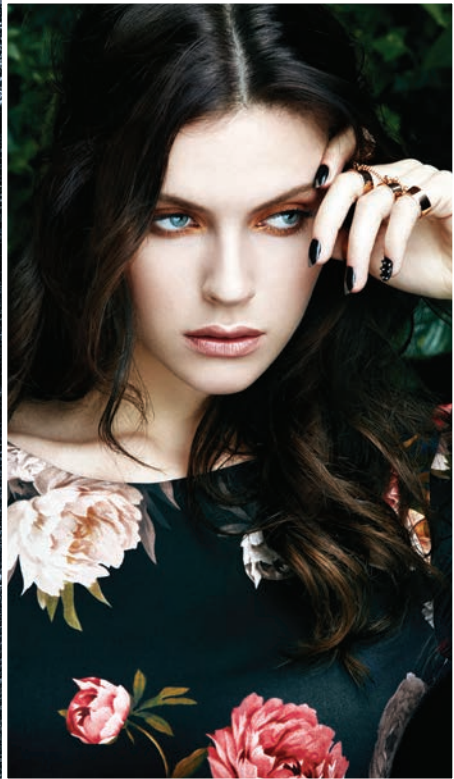
Smoky eyes as seen at Donna Karan’s and Roberto Cavalli’s runway shows topped the trend hit list this fall. To add depth and drama, accent with metallic colour; try a burnished olive green, shimmery plum, or glimmering violet.

TIP: Balance dark eyes with assertively nude lips.

GET THIS LOOK

1. Apply a silver cream eyeshadow to eyelids and bottom lash line.
2. Apply a dark shimmer eyeshadow over the silver shadow and along bottom lash line. Blend up and out.
3. Apply a contrasting eyeshadow to the centre of the eyelids for added dimension and to make eyes pop. If you have green eyes, use bronze; for blue eyes, use gold; for brown eyes, use blue.

ALEXANDER WANG BLAZER, \$2,040, AT HOLT RENFREW. PAVONI GOWN, PRICE ON REQUEST, AT HOLT RENFREW AND PAVONICOLLECTION.COM. ABOVE: EVE GRAVEL DRESS, \$230, AT HOLT RENFREW AND EVEGRAVEL.COM



ON THE COVER BELLA BLACK MANI

In the world of modern manicures, black lacquer is a neutral, but, with metallic moons and studded pinkies, there’s nothing basic about it.

GET THIS NAIL LOOK

1. Apply base coat and then two coats of black polish. (We used Sally Hansen Black Heart, \$3, at Shoppers Drug Mart.) Let dry completely.
2. With a small detail brush, paint metallic triangles on the tips of all nails except the pinky. (We used Sally Hansen Complete Salon Manicure in Shoot the Moon, \$8, at Shoppers Drug Mart.)
3. Apply craft-store studs to each pinky fingernail using nail glue.

EVE GRAVEL FLOWER DRESS, \$198, EVEGRAVEL.COM; EDDIE BORGO FIVE-FINGER RING, \$300, AT HOLT RENFREW



LISBETH LINER

This season's bold eyeliner has its roots as much in art deco as in punk. To make the look both accessible and modern, pair it with dewy, natural lips and a creamy, luminous complexion.

GET THIS NAIL LOOK

1. Create a guide for the liner shape you want with a dark eyeshadow and a liner brush. (Mistakes are easier to remove and correct when using shadow.)
2. Retrace the shape and fill in with eyeliner. For maximum wear, use a crease-resistant, long-lasting gel.
3. Draw the liner on the inner corner of your eye into a rectangle instead of a point for a look that's more feisty than feminine.

GAP SWEATER, \$70, GAPCANADA.CA. JEWELLERY BY KAREN NECKLACE, \$350, JEWELLERYBYKAREN.COM. MIDI RING, STYLIST'S OWN

BERRY-TALE BEAUTY

Fall runway shows from Zac Posen and Rachel Zoe made wine-stained lips *de rigueur*. With shades from raspberry to blackberry, there's one to suit every complexion and style. The darker inner lip lends goth glamour to pretty, traditional garnet lips.

TIP: Focus on the mouth by keeping eye makeup neutral. No liner, no mascara (well, brown if you must).

GET THIS LIP LOOK

1. Use your finger to dab a berry lipstick onto your mouth, starting in the centre and feathering outward to the lip line.
2. Apply a deeper, wine-coloured lipstick to the centre of your lips for a lollipop effect.
3. If your lips are thin, skip Step 2 and apply a darker lip gloss to the centre of mouth.

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BLOODY GOOD MANI

Raspberry, mulberry, blackberry; the deep red manicure returns. Fall's version updates the look with texture. Matte or sand-like finishes, sequins, or beads, bring street cred to your style statement.

TIP: Capture the zeitgeist by matching your mani to your mouth.


GET THIS NAIL LOOK

1. Apply base coat, then three coats of a dark red polish. Let dry thoroughly.
2. Paint black French tips and let dry.
3. Brush the tips of your nails with clear gel polish from an at-home gel polish kit. Dip each finger into a dish of craft-store micro-seed beads. Once the beads are well positioned, cure with the kit's UV light. (If you don't have a gel kit, use nail glue instead.)

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EMMA WATSON AT TIFF 2012

CELEB SPOTTING IN STYLE

Toronto dusts off its red carpets for the city's international film festival from September 5 to 15. Here's where to spot the stars and what to wear while you do it! **BY** INGRIE WILLIAMS



THE EVENT:
WINDOW-SHOPPING
IN YORKVILLE

THE CELEB MAGNET:
Tucked along a cobblestone lane, Augustina is an airy boutique and star magnet for the likes of Jessica Biel, Milla Jovovitch and Rachel Weisz. 138 Cumberland, augustinaboutiques.com

THE LOOK:

Slightly slouchy and perfectly faded, an effortlessly cool and casual look starts with great jeans. **Loft** boyfriend jeans, \$80, loft.com



A moto jacket is a must, plus this eye-catching metallic version flashes major Canadian-made pride. **Rudsak Reese** jacket, \$645, rudsak.com

Shopping cardio and star spotting demand the appropriate footwear. Dressed up with studs, these stylish sneakers will keep you on the move. **Converse** Chuck Taylor All Star Studs high top sneakers, \$90, converse.com



THE EVENT:
THE MOVIE GALA

THE CELEB MAGNET:
Complete with a cozy lounge and expansive terrace overlooking the theatre district, TIFF Bell Lightbox is the festival epicentre, where big films debut and big names step out. This year, A-list dreams of spotting Meryl Streep or Clive Owen could come true. 350 King St. W., tiff.net

THE LOOK:

Go for glam in a sparkling little black dress tinged with emerald-green beads. **Aidan Mattox** dress, \$440, at **Holt Renfrew**



Elevate your style status with a lacy, racy pair of heels. **Jimmy Choo** Fayme high heels, \$1,095, at **Davids**, davidsfootwear.com



Be photo op ready! Stash essentials (phone, mints, lipstick) in a killer clutch. **Halston Heritage** clutch, \$330, at **Hudson's Bay**, thebay.com



THE EVENT:
POST-PREMIERE
COCKTAILS

THE CELEB MAGNET:
Previously graced by Kate Hudson, Jennifer Lawrence, Bradley Cooper and Jake Gyllenhaal, **Soho House**, a branch of the exclusive international members' club, is slated to be rife with celeb sightings once again. 192 Adelaide St. W., sohohousetoronto.com

THE LOOK:

Covetable from across a crowded room, this bejewelled sweatshirt is equal parts luxe and laid-back. **French Connection** Jacquie Dazzle sweatshirt, \$88, canada.frenchconnection.com



When in doubt, aim for accessories that spark conversation. **Niki & Lola Baby** Bullet ring, \$60, nikiandlola.com

Glossy leather gives a flirty miniskirt an edgy vibe. **Banana Republic** Mini, \$240, bananarepublic.ca



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SPOTLIGHT ON SKIN

Taking in a “midnight madness” film or three? A glowing complexion is easy to fake the next morning with these quick fixes **by** EMMA YARDLEY

TIFF SPECIAL BEAUTY



ROCK RADIANT SKIN JUST LIKE KIERA KNIGHTLY DID ON THE RED CARPET AT TIFF LAST YEAR

Let’s be honest. When attending the Toronto International Film Festival, watching the films is only half the allure. The real fun begins after the curtains close and the audience weaves its way into star-studded premiere parties. But staying up too late on a “school night” can take its toll on your skin, leaving your face feeling anything but fresh. Here, genius take-home tips, procedures and products for waking up tired skin.

1. EXFOLIATE

Dana Vjestica, an esthetician at the Stillwater Spa in Yorkville where the festival’s after parties go down, recommends using a fine exfoliator, which removes dead skin cells and provides a fresh glow. This ultra-gentle scrub from **Karin Herzog** (\$46, karinherzogcanada.com) is formulated with ground marble—how very Hollywood!

2. MASSAGE

Work your pointer and middle fingers in small circles around eyes and nose, and along the forehead and jawline. “This wakes up the skin by increasing circulation and is something that we can easily do ourselves at home,” says Vjestica.

3. ADD COLLAGEN

“Collagen acts like a cushion and also improves the skin’s elasticity,” says Vjestica. **Babor** Derma Cellular Hyaluronic Collagen Booster (\$140, Stillwater Spa Boutique, babor.com) lifts the skin from the inside out.

4. COVER IT UP

An SPF-laden CC cream and a bold lipstick wouldn’t hurt either. Sometimes distraction is the best tactic. **CoverFX** CC Cream Time Released Tinted Treatment, \$45, sephora.com. **CoverGirl** LipPerfection, \$11, at mass retailers and at covergirl.ca



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DIP INTO THE HONEY POT

Freshen up your fragrance wardrobe during these last days of summer with a playful new spritz from Marc Jacobs. Honey is the inspiration and name of this scent, but in fact, the scent is a mix of fruit and florals. Top and mid-notes of pear, mandarin, and peach with orange blossom and honeysuckle are rounded out with a base of honey and vanilla that smells good enough to eat.

—DEBORAH FULSANG

Marc Jacobs Honey Eau de Parfum, \$80 (50 mL), at Hudson’s Bay



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CLOSET OF THE WEEK

Ari Shapiro

DESIGNER, ARI DEIN, NEW YORK

BY THE COVETEUR

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Ari Shapiro, designer of Ari Dein lingerie and sleepwear; a pyjama top on display at St. Petersburg's W Hotel; a selection of her designs; at Aurora Fashion Week in Russia.



Ari Shapiro's heritage drew her to lingerie design: the Russian who designed the flat tutu was her inspiration. "Karinska would source fine pieces of lace and hide them in the layers of a tulle so only the ballerina would know they were there." Shapiro was also influenced by the W Hotel in St. Petersburg, Russia. "To experience the most interesting and opulent architectural elements of St. Petersburg, you have to go inside (just like a Fabergé egg!)." Same could be said for her work. "Expect to discover lots of hidden details throughout the spring collection."



See more of Shapiro's style on [TheCoveteur.com](#)



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ladylike LBD

Looking perfectly polished, actress Ziyi Zhang nails premiere dressing with film-star flair —NATASHA BRUNO

why we love it

CINCHED IN ◦ The pearl-accented belt adds elegance and old-school charm to this LBD and defines the waist.

A-LIST A-LINE ◦ A flared skirt looks super feminine and flatters many body types. It helps mask larger hips and thighs on pear shapes, and creates added curves on straighter figures.

ART ATTACK ◦ This mini chain-strapped box clutch is the perfect size to carry the essentials and pulls together Zhang's outfit with an art-deco hit.

POWER PUMP ◦ Black pumps finish off Zhang's sleek look and are a foolproof way to look effortlessly put together. We love this pair for its eye-catching gold piping.

TIP
Play with different textures and modern shapes to prevent an LBD from looking boring.



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Senior editor Alex took up the challenge to wear vintage to the office—and nailed it!



HANGING OUT
The office was filled with cozy kicks after our fall fashion shoot.



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Meeting The Body Shop's tinned holiday gift set (in stores November).



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Christine Loureiro checks out the goods. See more at thekit.ca/zara-home



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We took time off cupcakes when this fruit basket from Bio Beauté arrived.



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STYLE PHILOSOPHY

THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF A FRESH AND SOPHISTICATED WORK WARDROBE

BY CARRIE KIRKMAN

Whether you're just starting your career or looking for a closet refresh, your professional wardrobe needs to set the right tone. Fall is the best time to assess your inventory, replenish your basics and find fresh ways of incorporating the latest trends.

The key to building a successful work wardrobe is to invest in a solid foundation.

A three-piece suit like our Jones New York Washable Wool featured here offers both longevity and flexibility (especially considering it is Wash, Dry, Wear). You can wear it as a suit for a classic and chic professional look or break it up to create unexpected pairings—and add some oomph!

At Jones New York, we can help identify these key building blocks and show you how to style a multitude of fashion-forward looks that will inject new energy into your style.



BUILDING BLOCK: BLAZER

Basic suiting can stretch far beyond the traditional suit ensemble. For instance, our Washable Wool blazer (shown here) can be worn with slimming dark indigo jeans and a long-sleeved tee.

This striped tee is something we might more readily associate with a casual coastal look. But paired with the blazer, it creates a juxtaposition of tailoring and relaxed fit that strikes a chic chord. This outfit could be worn to work for casual Friday, but looks just as smart and polished on the weekend.

Collection Washable Wool Blazer, \$139.99. Sport Scoop Neck Tee, \$35. Jones New York Jeans, \$59.99.



Collection Easy Care Shirt, \$59.99. Collection Leopard Cardigan, \$89. Collection Washable Wool Skirt, \$69.99.

BUILDING BLOCKS: SUITING SKIRT & BUTTON-DOWN SHIRT

A suiting skirt and white button-down can always be relied upon to help you create many different looks (Hollywood style icons like Victoria Beckham and Angelina Jolie love this pairing).

Our Easy Care shirts are iron-free, machine washable and available in a range of colours, making them effortless and versatile. The pencil skirt is also a key shape for this season (Marc Jacobs and Givenchy both showed pencil skirts on the runways), so now is the perfect time to invest in this silhouette. Remember that the only rule on skirt length is choosing the most flattering proportion to your leg.

Here, we've layered an animal print cardigan over top. This could also be an embellished or bright-coloured cardigan—really, any bold pattern or palette that draws you in! The softer cardigan pairs beautifully with the crisp, white shirt. It's a very chic and contemporary look.

BUILDING BLOCK: BASIC BLACK PANT

A slim black pant is another essential. The right cut will slim and elongate your silhouette and work with many kinds of tops, from fitted to structured to voluminous.

Our slim black pant with a more relaxed blouse is shown here. The small-chain print adds depth to the pairing (Bonus: This blouse style comes in a number of different patterns for fall!) Whether you prefer a classic polka-dot or a black-and-white abstract print, you'll find playful graphics all over the fashion map this fall.

There are so many great trends this season—from textured and patterned wools and silks to colour-blocking. Once you establish your tried-and-true basics, it's easy to build on them. So explore, improvise—and above all—develop your style confidence.

Collection Status Print Blouse, \$89. Collection Washable Wool Pant, \$89.99.



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