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what we want this week

TOUGH GIRL CHIC

Turn up the attitude! From wild prints to sultry hues, give your wardrobe a downtown edge that's kick-butt femme fatale



1. **BAD-ASS BOOTIES** Thanks to striking studs and buckle details, these ankle boots really wow. Plus, the sturdy stacked heel adds height without skimping on comfort. **Forever 21** booties, \$43, at forever21.com 2. **ZIP IT UP** With their double-zip embellishment and leather-like coating, these burgundy skinnies are a fast favourite. **Paige Denim** jeans, \$289, paigeusa.com 3. **SHARP NECKLINE** With pyrite horn shapes and mixed metals, this handcrafted bib necklace has serious punk-with-spunk appeal. **Biko** necklace, \$198, ilovebiko.com 4. **WILD SIDE** Accent your look with a splash

of eye-catching leopard print. Rock this luxe pony-hair bag over the shoulder or stash the chain-link strap inside as a clutch. **Tiffany & Co.** clutch, \$1,400, at tiffany.com 5. **SO-COOL SPRITZ** Excite the senses with no ordinary floral: this is an oriental mix of neroli, mandarin, orange blossom, tuberose and sandalwood. **Dolce & Gabbana** Intense eau de parfum, \$110 (50 mL), at **Hudson's Bay** and **Sears** 6. **DARK SIDE** Putting a spin on a classic red manicure, this deep burgundy hue says, "Don't mess with me." **Chanel** Le Vernis in Accessoire, \$27, at **Chanel** beauty counters

—NATASHA BRUNO/PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADRIAN ARMSTRONG

Canadians with style

The results are in.... The Canadian Arts and Fashion Awards short list has been revealed: Christie Smythe and Andrea Lenczner are nominated for Womenswear Designer of the Year, Coco Rocha for Model of the Year and our very own Jeanne Beker is up for the outstanding achievement award. The presentation will happen at the CAFA gala in February. —Brooke Halnan



COCA ROCHA

Tabitha + Tom

Footwear designer and fashion luminary Tabitha Simmons has collaborated with philanthropic shoe company Toms. Toms + Tabitha Simmons shoes will be available from \$124 for women and \$42 for kids, and will support Toms' signature cause: buy a pair of these beauties and another is donated to a child in need. —B.H.



TOMS + TABITHA SIMMONS SHOES

radar

The style news that got us talking this week

Feel-good facial

Just in time for party season, all-natural Consonant Skincare is holding a pop-up spa from Nov. 19 to 24. The spot at the flagship store in Toronto will sell the Preserve and Renew Facial Treatment for just \$99 (normally \$125). The microdermabrasion and light therapy promise you radiant skin, but you can spread the feel-good factor by picking up a bar (or two) of lavender-and-lemongrass-scented Help Some-Body soap (\$12). In partnership with Causemetics, 100 per cent of sales goes to the Canadian Breast Cancer Support Fund, which provides financial assistance to women battling the disease. —B.H.



ASK JEANNE

Dear Jeanne, My father treasures his novelty ties and wears them regularly to work and parties. How can I coax him gently but firmly onto the chic side? —Grace

DEAR GRACE: As much as his "novelty" ties may irk you—and believe me, I know how ridiculous some of these attention-getting cravats can be—you've got to applaud your dad for not taking fashion too seriously and keeping his inner child alive. That being said, it's high time you inspired him to step it up in the style department. Older gentlemen can have fun with silly ties, but anything that whimsical done with regularity is sure to turn one into a caricature of oneself. The best way to point out chic tie possibilities is exposing your dad to them. Get a stash of men's magazines, and start tearing out pages that feature classy ties you think he'd look good in. If your dad lives in another city, make a fun scrapbook with pictures of ties and call it something like "Tied to You." That, along with a beautiful tie you've picked out for him, would undoubtedly tug at his heartstrings and allow you to drop the hint in a stylish, productive way.

Take a look at some of your father's favourite shirts and suits, and tell him you want to go tie shopping with him to find the right ties to complement his wardrobe. And don't think you have to spend a bundle: some second-hand and vintage shops carry large assortments of cool and classy silk ties at reasonable prices. Labels like Ferragamo, Paul Smith and Hermès offer whimsy with some of their patterns and colour, but in a stylish way. (I once bought Prime Minister Harper a lovely blue Ferragamo tie for his birthday with subtle dragonflies on it!)

Some novelty ties are indeed a bit much, and best reserved for special occasions. If your dad's collection is really that precious to him, he might be content with just having a few framed for his office. You could do that for him as a surprise, with a little plaque that says: "In case of a taking-yourself-too-seriously emergency, break glass!"

It's often hard to lend our own sense of style and aesthetics to others. And in some cases, it can be a dangerous and rather rude thing to do. Most of us could use a little more personality and even eccentricity in our approach to dressing. If your dad is happy with images of the Road Runner or Santa Claus around his neck, you might just want to let him be. Then again, exposing anyone to the "chic side" can never hurt. Whether they want to walk on it is up to them.



ROB FORD TIES THINGS UP

Send questions to askjeanne@thekit.ca. Jeanne Beker is a contributing editor to the *Toronto Star* and host of *Fashion Television Channel*. Follow on Twitter @Jeanne_Beker

Beeing funny

Bee Shaffer (a.k.a daughter of fashion matriarch Anna Wintour) has just landed a sweet new gig. The 26-year-old has been hired by funnyman Seth Meyers as a segment producer on *Late Night* (which he will take over from Jimmy Fallon in 2014). She'll be moving from her adopted town of L.A. back to her home turf in N.Y.C. If she's as funny as her mom is fashionable, we'll happily tune in when the show premieres in February. —B.H.



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THE WET LOOK

The bare-skin and glossy-eyed runway style proves minimal doesn't mean boring —NATASHA BRUNO

FLAWLESS SKIN

This look works best with a creamy complexion. Light-reflecting pigments in this colour corrector even out skin tone before you begin. Gosh Cosmetics CC Cream Illuminating Foundation, \$24, at Shoppers Drug Mart and Pharmaprix.

UP THE WATTAGE

Go full runway with a layer of ultra-shiny gloss. M.A.C Gloss, \$25, at M.A.C Pro stores.

SHINE ON

For a subtle semi-sheen, slick a balm over your existing eyeshadow or onto bare lids. Maybelline New York Baby Lips SPF 20 Lip Moisturizing Balm in Peach Kiss, \$5, at mass retailers.

MOISTURE BARRIER

Treat sensitive skin around the eyes while camouflaging redness with a vitamin-E-laced primer. ArtDeco Cosmetics Eyeshadow Base, \$12, at Shoppers Drug Mart.

UNDERNEATH IT ALL

Shiny eyeshadow needs a seamless surface. Apply from lash line to brow to avoid creasing and prevent colour from travelling. Rimmel Exaggerate Undercover Shadow Primer, \$7, at mass retailers.



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—ASHLEY KOWALEWSKI

Güd by Burt's Bees Floral Cherrynova Nourishing Shampoo & Natural Softening Conditioner, \$8 each, available at drugstores, gudhappens.com



OUTFIT ENVY

Jessica Alba

Taking a fashion cue from the boys, this stylish mom of two is low-key and fabulous in classic-cool layers

—NATASHA BRUNO

TIP

When donning an oversized blazer, wear something fitted below to balance out the volume on top.

why we love it

BLAZE OF GLORY

A loose-fit boyfriend blazer paired with a simple button-up shirt adds a stylish dose of menswear flair to Alba's look, and the rolled-up sleeves tone down the seriousness of the ensemble.

GOLDEN TOUCH

Simple accessories are all that's needed to kick this casual-chic ensemble into high gear.

SEE RED

In a colour that adds interest, this rich leather messenger bag with gold-stud hardware is both dainty and daring.

LEG WORK

These dark-wash skinny jeans help elongate the line of the leg and look effortlessly chic when tucked into boots.

MADE FOR WALKING

Sleek ankle boots add a feminine touch, and the chunky heels make them ideal for around-the-clock wear.

Great LENGTHS

Face down the cold weather in style: our guide gives you the long and short of the season's best coats

BY VANESSA TAYLOR

Short & Sweet

Cropped jackets punch up an all-black wardrobe and let you dip your toe gently into the world of colourful coats. Be brave!



SHOPPING GUIDE

Moto jackets and cropped sporty bombers should fit snugly and hit your waist or higher.

FROM LEFT: VALENTINO JACKET, \$1,195, AT HOLT RENFREW. RUZSAK JACKET, \$645, RUZSAKSTORE.COM. DOMA JACKET, \$675, AT HOLT RENFREW.



TIP
Break up a bold jacket by letting a neutral sweater or printed blouse peek through.

The Middle Ground

The most versatile style goes easily from the office to a *cinq-à-sept* spot. Hot hues energize classics like the double-breasted or peacoat.



SHOPPING GUIDE

Proportion is key. If you're curvier: look for a belted style to cinch in the waist. If you're petite: your coat should hit the upper thigh to avoid overwhelming your figure.

FROM LEFT: NICHOLAS FELTED WOOL COAT, \$720, ELUXE.CA. SENTALER WRAP COAT, \$650, SENTALER.COM. SMYTHE MOHAIR SWING COAT, \$695, SMYTHELESTVES.COM



TIP
Don't be afraid to wear a bright coat with two shades—especially if they're from the same colour family.

The Long Story

We love long coats: they keep you warm all winter and they look striking, especially in a stunning colour. Practical and pretty—perfect!



SHOPPING GUIDE

Ease into this trend with a long, lean silhouette in a solid shade. If you're feeling colour-confident, pick a classic print (we adore polka dots).

FROM LEFT: BOTTEGA VENETA WOOL AND CASHMERE COAT, \$3,150, NET-A-PORTER.COM. MICHAEL KORS WOOL-BLEND COAT, \$1,995, NET-A-PORTER.COM. MIU MIU POLKA-DOT JACQUARD COAT, \$2,585, NET-A-PORTER.COM



TIP
Longer coats can appear formal. Roll up your sleeves and leave the coat unbuttoned for a casual look.



FROM LEFT: Calderone in a Giambattista Valli dress; Rebecca Minkoff jacket; Alejandro Ingelmo booties.

CLOSET OF THE WEEK

Athena Calderone

CREATOR, EYE-SWOON.COM & INTERIOR DESIGNER, NEW YORK

BY THE COVETEUR



Athena Calderone is a girl you can't help but crush on: it's her heavy, jet-black bangs, bright red lips (M.A.C Ruby Woo) and eye for anything beautiful. The creative creature waves her magical wand at anything and it's an instant success. "I suppose for years I felt embarrassed by all my creative ramblings and often felt fragmented. Through EyeSwoon all those bits of myself found a home and a voice... the design addict, the fashion lover, the food-obsessed, the mom, the wife."

web See more of Calderone's style on theCoveteur.com



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This is an elegant way to wear a wedge. The sophisticated shape of the pointed-toe boot is further enhanced with the combination of grainy blue metallic leather in the body and brushed calf leather at the toe. The branded exposed zipper adds style while making it easy to pull the boot on and off.



Marc by Marc Jacobs
Metallic Pointy-Toe
Wedge Ankle Boot
with Zipper, \$508

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This multi-season scarf is our travel essential: it's lightweight with a wonderful drape, perfect for cooler evenings. Based in Sechelt, B.C., Jennifer Seymour hand-dyes each scarf in shibori tradition. "The first time I unwrapped that bound and dyed fabric, I was in love," she says.

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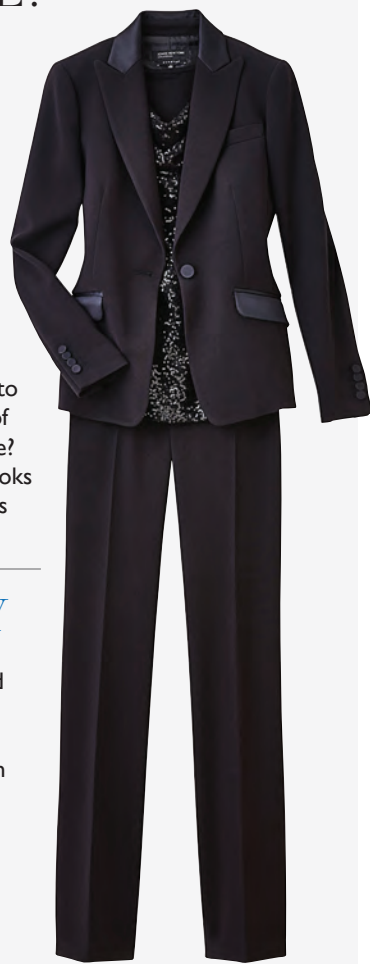
STYLE PHILOSOPHY

PARTY ALL THE TIME!

BY CARRIE KIRKMAN

It's party season! And although that conjures up revelling and festivities, it can also ignite panic in those of us who immediately think, "I need something new to wear!" But before you rush out and impulsively purchase a whole rack of sequined dresses, slow down and take a moment to think about the holiday events you really need to dress for.

Whether it's a cocktail party or an intimate gathering, the holidays present a welcome opportunity to inject some glamour and *oomph* into your wardrobe. Why not stretch the boundaries of what you might otherwise wear and indulge a little? To inspire you, I've picked three of my favourite looks that work perfectly for all kinds of social occasions this holiday season.



Jones New York Collection
One-Button Tuxedo Jacket with Satin
Detail, \$179. Sleeveless Drape-Neck
Top, \$79. Pant, \$99.

THE COCKTAIL PARTY

Yes, cocktail parties are synonymous with cocktail dresses. But, if you don't naturally gravitate toward flirty dresses or skirts, there are other ways to stand out from the crowd. A tux is a timeless and classic alternative to party dressing. This look from Jones New York commands attention, while being feminine at the same time. It pays homage to the iconic Le Smoking tuxedo suit made famous by Yves Saint Laurent.

This iconic look is part of fashion history, but also a major trend this season—chic tailored suiting made a strong statement on the Fall/Winter 2013 runways. But, I promise you, a classic tux like this sleek number from Jones New York will also stand the test of time.



THE OFFICE PARTY

Calendars often fill quickly with office events. But it's also one of the busiest times of year at work. You'll probably find yourself dashing to many dinners and cocktail parties straight from the office and, to that end, you'll need looks that can transition seamlessly from day to evening.

A pencil skirt and cardigan are effortless choices for daywear, but you can liven things up with sequin details and silky textures for night. The cobalt blue blouse in this Anne Klein look is elegant and fashion-forward, making it perfect for an evening out celebrating with colleagues. Slip into some heels and swap your oversized day bag for a delicate clutch and you're party-ready.

Anne Klein Rose Print Tie-Neck Blouse, \$89. Sequin Cardigan, \$129. Leather Combo Straight Skirt, \$109.

PARTYING WITH FRIENDS

With close friends, it's more likely that you'll gather at a favourite bar or restaurant. You may choose to dress more casually when socializing with your inner circle, but you still want to inject some high style into a girl's night out. This is just the occasion to go for denim and offset that with a more "dressed up" look on top.

This look from Anne Klein will easily take you from dinner to après dinner cocktails. A feminine blouse topped with a sequined jacket makes the look fun and flirty. Anchored with metallic slim-fitting jeans, this look exudes casual confidence. This is an outfit you can be totally at ease in and yet it still strikes a strong style chord.

Let's face it: The holidays are a busy time of year. We're all running around with long to-do lists and hard deadlines, all while feeling pressure to look great. A little wardrobe planning now will save you a lot of style stress as event season approaches. Because, really, it should be about having fun, enjoying friends and celebrating the joys of the season!

With more than 25 years of experience in brand building for top fashion labels, Carrie Kirkman is a leader in the Canadian fashion industry. Follow her on Twitter: @CarrieKirkman



Anne Klein Sequin Blazer, \$189. Sleeveless
Blouse, \$79. Leo Straight Jeans, \$99.

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