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The people, places and things in the world of style that got us talking



WATCH: YVES SAINT LAURENT BIOPIC

The latest must-see fashion film is about the late French designer Yves Saint Laurent. Look for Montreal native Charlotte Le Bon as model and muse Victoire Doutreleau. *Yves Saint Laurent* hits the U.S. in June. Canadian dates are yet to be announced.



SMELL: EAU DE PHARRELL

It's a match in fragrance heaven: Cool luxe brand Comme des Garçons and singer-producer Pharrell Williams are teaming up on a scent. The Grammy winner's first fragrance will be a unisex scent named after his latest album, *Girl*, and will be in stores in September.



SHOP: ARTY THREADS

American Apparel has collaborated with artist Nathalie Du Pasquier of Milan. The new line, for men and women, features new prints with bold colours and graphics, inspired by her work in the 1980s. The pieces are priced from \$28 to \$155 and available at americanapparel.ca.



GET: LORDE'S LOOK

It's easier than ever to emulate the 17-year-old singer, Lorde: She's creating a limited-edition line with M.A.C Cosmetics, in stores this summer. It's inspired by the New Zealander's makeup looks, like the deep red lip colour she wears on her current tour. At select stores and maccosmetics.com.

PUDDLE JUMPERS

Take on spring showers in style. These vibrantly coloured, waterproof boots will actually make you happy it rained!

1. COZY & COVETABLE These handcrafted natural-rubber galoshes look more like trendy walking boots than wellies, but they mean business. (They can withstand temperatures down to -40 C.) Lined with plush fleece, they're as snug as they are stylish. **Ilse Jacobsen** lace-up rain boot, \$180, at Holt Renfrew **2. HAPPY FEET** Not only will these bright lace-ups brighten a gloomy day, their vibrant lining will lift your mood, too. Plus, the tongue is moulded to the boot so no water will seep through the laces. **Joules** boot, \$75, at raindropsto.com **3. KNEE-HIGH LACE-UPS** The perfect neutral with a splash of pink, there's nothing gloomy about these boots. They're tapered at the ankle and can be adjusted to fit your calf at the top, ensuring

no rogue rain reaches your feet. **Aigle Miss Juliette L** rubber boot, \$185, at raindropsto.com **4. IN THE NAVY** Cushy and lightweight, these classic navy numbers have herringbone outsoles that provide good grip. The slightly raised heel is ideal for those who find flats uncomfortable. **Sorel** Conquest Carly Glow boot, \$160, at sorel.com **5. RAIN BOOTIES** There'll be no rush to remove these refined waterproof ankle boots when you get to the office—your co-workers won't even know they're rainwear. In cool khaki with a sleek brown trim, they work especially well with skinny jeans. **Aigle Miss Juliette Bottillon** rubber boot, \$155, at raindropsto.com

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GEORGIA MAY JAGGER AT PARIS FASHION WEEK



ask jeanne

I have four weddings on my calendar this year, with the first this spring. How can I switch up my look each time so that I don't have to buy four new dresses? —Sarah

DEAR SARAH: I'm happy you're not succumbing to that old-fashioned pressure of feeling you've got to buy a new dress for every occasion. These days, less really is more, and if you start with a good-quality basic piece and use a little imagination, you can mix things up in untold ways. You will end up with not only a wonderful variety of looks, but also with great satisfaction for having both saved money and exercised your creativity.

Choose a simple dress in a solid, neutral shade in the most flattering cut for your figure. For spring, sandy beige, pale pink or

dove grey might be nice. Make sure it's made of a fabric that will wear well and won't wrinkle, and look for classic yet modern lines. Since you're dressing for summer, choose something sleeveless. That way, you can change your look with an elegant bolero, floral or crocheted shawl or pashmina in a complementary colour.

Accessories are key. If you don't mind showing off your waist, a slim or wide belt will help change the look of your dress dramatically.

Look for a dress with a flattering scoop neckline or boat neck. They're versatile styles, and you can wear a choker or

fabulous pendant necklace with either. Find a spectacular, large vintage brooch—a great focal point for one of the weddings. Bracelets are fun, from a set of bangles to a large, dynamic cuff. Go for silver pieces one time, gold the next and switch to pearl jewellery, for another and crystal for the last.

Whether it's an elegant pump or strappy sandal, shoes have the power to transform your outfit. Even hose—or lack thereof—can alter your look. Play with evening bags: Be it a clutch, vintage beaded bag or modern patent purse, variety is always the spice.

Try switching up your makeup, manicure and hair. Little headbands, silk flowers or sparkling clips will change the fashion story you choose to tell at each wedding. I've often said that it's not the clothes we wear that give us great personal style, but the way we choose to wear them. Explore different facets of your own style prism by experimenting with different combinations.

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IN THE FOLD

Elegant and elongating—who doesn't want that from her wardrobe? With the power to float over trouble spots and make you look taller, micro pleats are the new outfit superstars —INGRIE WILLIAMS



BLURRED LINES
Pair this boxy blouse with white jeans and pointy-toe flats for a great weekend look. French Connection Marquee Parade top, \$88, at frenchconnection.com



FRESHLY FOLDED
Ideal under a blazer, this is the polished way to take pleats to work. Jones New York shirt, \$89, at thebay.com



MAXED OUT
Snap up this floor-sweeping beauty and RSVP pretty to your upcoming spring flings. Ted Baker London Bai dress, \$448, at tedbaker-london.com



ZAC POSEN



TUCK SHOP
Pleats and spots double your fun, while the flat band along the hemline downplays hips. Ann Taylor Scattered Dots Border skirt, \$98, at anntaylor.com

PROENZA SCHOULER



one-minute miracle

Mane Multi-tasker

If you're looking for the crispy, crunchy wet-look gel of the 1980s, stop reading now: The original hair multi-tasker got a makeover. Call it hair gel 2.0. Infused with this brand's namesake ingredient, this super-light gel is soft and not at all sticky or greasy. Use it to add oomph to your updo and to slick back frizzies, or smooth it into damp hair when blow-drying for full body and texture.

—ALEX LAWS

MoroccanOil Styling Gel, \$20, at salons and moroccanoil.com



outfit envy

Elle Fanning

Spotted in the front row at Paris fashion week, the rising star and new face of Miu Miu's latest campaign stuns in a springy bouquet of pretty pastels

—NATASHA BRUNO

TIDY & TRENDY

A pale blue barrette matches her chic coat and pops against Fanning's blond locks. It adds a little control to her tousled hair, too.

HOT HOUNDSTOOTH

This yellow-and-lilac houndstooth-patterned dress channels a playful 1960s vibe, and the sharp pleated skirt is ultra ladylike.

WHITE OUT

Simple and streamlined, a white structured top-handle handbag gives balance to the candy-coloured ensemble.

COOL BLUE

The powder blue hue, oversized buttons and detail on the cuffs update a classic overcoat to make it fresh and feminine.

FLORAL MOTIF

Floral-print pumps add a splash of contrasting pattern for a look that's youthful yet classic. The clothing and shoes share similar tones, so they don't clash.

TIP

When mixing patterns and prints, keep one smaller in scale than the other so they don't compete.

6 FALL TRENDS to rock right now

Around the world, fall/winter 2014 fashion weeks have just wrapped. Here, our best in show —DEBORAH FULSANG & VANESSA TAYLOR

1 THE TWIST

Slicked-back hair is a strong and striking look. Our favourite versions were sculptural and polished, as was the case with the ladylike knot at the nape of the neck on the Prada runway.



2 INNER GLOW

We're rather obsessed with perfect, lit-from-within, slightly rosy, slightly bronzed skin on the runway at Jason Wu and Dolce & Gabbana.



3 NOT JUST RED LIPS

Viciously red hair at Prabal Gurung and graphic and gorgeous scarlet-painted eyes at Altuzarra have us rethinking the wearability of red.

4 SEXY SLEEVELESS

Consider our frigid winter weather, and you'll agree the vest is a welcome addition to our outerwear armour for next season. Seen in cropped tweed at MaxMara and lush fabrics in midi lengths at Dior, the sleeveless coat is our latest love.



6 HEAD CASE

When it comes to fall accessories, we're most looking forward to headwear and the statement hat specifically. Favourites include the fluffy, feather-embellished baseball cap at Lanvin and the chic wide brim at Tod's.



5 KNIT WIT

Part 1990s grunge, part homespun masterpiece, knitwear was taken beyond the classic knobby sweater this season to include fantastic scarves at Michael Kors and knit trousers at Marc Jacobs.

STREET-STYLE GREATEST HITS

From bright blue shoes to sexy silver sandals, black coats and vibrant dresses, there's as much inspiration on the street as on any runway. For the looks and ladies that rocked our world during Toronto fashion week, visit thekit.ca and follow us on Twitter and Instagram.

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WALK THE LINE

It's the most versatile pattern of all, with serious style clout. We could live in stripes for work, rest and play **BY** INGRIE WILLIAMS



KRIS JENNER, 58

CLASSIC

A tailored A-line dress makes bold stripes ladylike, while the cropped jacket keeps the look contemporary. A gold timepiece and gobstopper-sized cocktail ring are on trend—with the final knockout coming via ruby-red heels.

1. ROCK STEADY Katie Rowland Dark Forest ring, \$515, at shopbop.com

2. MOTO BELLA Rudsak Priscilla jacket, \$575, at rudsak.com

3. SCARLET WOMAN Charlotte Olympia shoes, \$735, at davidsfootwear.com

4. VERTICAL INTEGRATION Pink Tartan dress, \$395, at pinktartan.com

5. TIME, SQUARED Longines Dolce Vita watch, \$16,800, longines.com for authorized dealers



CREATIVE

Looking for a style shakeup? Make stripes the new black, and slip on a pair of striped pants. Adding a printed top pushes the envelope further. Top it off with unforgettable accessories: A leather cuff, lust-worthy belt and heels with heft fit the bill.

6. WILD STREAKS Smythe cropped boy pant, \$395, at holtrenfrew.com

7. BOUQUET BEAUTY Topshop embroidered top, \$74, at thebay.com, topshop.com

8. IN THE LOOP Hermès ring belt, price on request, at hermes.com

9. LOCKED 'N' LOADED Michael Kors padlock bracelet, \$125, at michaelkors.com

10. STACK JOB Aldo shoes, \$80, at aldoshoes.com



NICOLE RICHIE, 32

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CASUAL

Call on a striped jacket to upgrade a simple outfit. Consider a light-coloured top with a pretty texture for a look that's finished, not fussy. And have fun with jewellery and shoes. Pops of bright hues put a fun twist on go-with-everything basics.

11. FINE LINES Jones New York striped jacket, \$59, at thebay.com

12. INDIGO-GO Hudson Nico mid-rise super-skinny jeans, \$275, at hudsonjeans.com

13. CUFF LOVE David Yurman bracelet, \$1,840, at holtrenfrew.com

14. LIVELY LACE Ann Taylor lace overlay shell, \$79, at anntaylor.com

15. JUST BEAD IT Miu Miu pumps, \$990, at holtrenfrew.com



KATIE HOLMES, 35



interview

Miranda Kerr

The first Australian to walk the runway for Victoria's Secret is now busy fronting campaigns for everything from fragrance to running shoes. The 30-year-old model, mother of one, and Clear Scalp & Hair spokesperson, took time out to share her style inspiration (her grandmother!)

MY GRANDMOTHER INFLUENCED ME A LOT. Ever since I was a young girl she has been very influential in my life, in so many ways but especially with her style. She had a friend who was a tailor, so her clothing was always impeccable and fitted to her body. She taught me it's not about having a lot of money, it's the fit of the clothes and the way that you wear them.

SO OFTEN WE THINK WE NEED TO NOURISH THE ENDS OF OUR HAIR but Clear Scalp & Hair is all about nourishing the scalp. With my job I'm busy, and I have to have a lot of products in my hair, plus curling wands and hair dryers. This product line treats the scalp and makes my hair feel resilient.

WHAT I WEAR REALLY DEPENDS ON WHERE I AM GOING. If I'm going to the park with my son [Flynn, three years old] I want to be comfortable and relaxed. If I'm going to a red-carpet event, I like old-school glam. I'm a very tactile person. I enjoy different fabrics and I like to feel comfortable.

WOMEN REALLY NEED TO LEARN TO DRESS FOR THEIR BODY SHAPE, NOT FOR A CURRENT TREND. It's important not to be afraid to experiment and have fun. For me, accessories are a good way to do that. Highlight and accentuate the parts of your body that you like.

WHEREVER I GO, I HAVE A COUPLE OF GREAT PAIRS OF JEANS WITH ME from Reign denim and a pair of black Citizens of Humanity jeans that are a new favourite. I love a hat! I like wearing ankle boots, but it depends on the season. I have a pair of Manolo Blahnik shoes in a tortoiseshell colour that goes with everything, and a black blazer from Stella McCartney.

I'M DEFINITELY MORE PRACTICAL NOW. Especially with my son, it's important to feel comfortable and not worry about things getting wrinkled. My style

has evolved but I still tend to pick classic, well-tailored pieces.

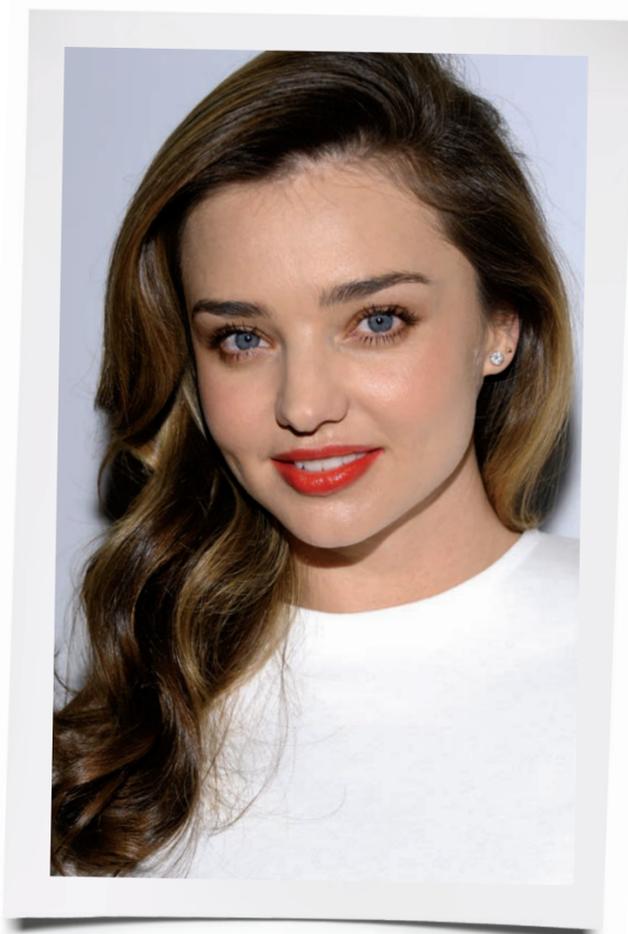
SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO WEAR. It's crazy! If I get something new, I have a rule to give something else away. My friends appreciate it, or I'll give it away to charity.

I HAVE SO MUCH GOING ON: I THINK I HAVE MY SCHEDULE FOR THE NEXT TWO TO THREE YEARS. I make sure I dedicate enough time for my son, for my clients, my business.

I'VE WRITTEN TWO BOOKS: *Treasure Yourself* and *Empower Yourself*. I want women to be the best version of themselves, and appreciate themselves. Everyone is unique and has something to offer. It's just about finding that within yourself, expanding it and raising each other up rather than bringing each other down.

I STARTED WRITING because I would do store signings and meet young girls who would tell me they've read articles about me that really helped them, that they've been following my tips and advice. They were thanking me for making them feel good about themselves. I thought, wow, that's cool. So while I was travelling, I started writing down some notes and affirmations that helped me, so that they could help other young women, too.

—As told to Alex Laws. This interview has been edited and condensed for length.



"I'm definitely more practical now. Especially with my son, it's important to feel comfortable..."



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Let it rain. Don't let the rainy days of spring get you down. As the saying goes, April showers bring May flowers! Not to mention it's finally time to ditch your winter boots for rubber. These boots from Valentino and Marc by Marc Jacobs are the perfect marriage of fashion and function. Designed with elements from the best of each brand, they will keep your feet dry when the sky opens up. We say, let it rain!



Valentino Rockstud rain boot, \$395



Marc by Marc Jacobs rubber rain boot with buckles, \$328

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Although we love our little black clutch, we're ready to swap in colour for summer. The Pumpkin Anfa bag will fit an iPad; plus, it's made of leather, has silk embroidery and a satin-silk-lined interior. It's from maker Saba Gul's Popinjay collective, which brings women artisans in Pakistan together to make high-quality, handcrafted handbags.

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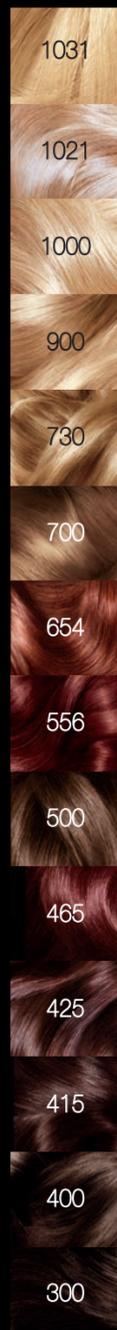
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