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



COVET: ERIN KLEINBERG
You might know her as one half of the style-seeking blog *thecoveteur.com*, but Canadian Erin Kleinberg is primarily a designer. She's heading back to her roots with a new collection for Fall 2014 said to be packed with easy, chic, understated staples. Watch this space for availability.



READ: KIMYE ON VOGUE
No, it's not an April Fool's prank—power couple Kim Kardashian and Kanye West are now *Vogue* cover stars. West, his reality-TV-star fiancée and their daughter, North, were photographed by Annie Leibovitz for a feature in the magazine's April issue. Not bad for a 10-month-old.



WATCH: LITTLE MERMAID
Love the richness of Sofia Coppola's movies? Look out for her *The Little Mermaid* remake. The release date isn't confirmed, but we do know it'll be less Disney, more Hans Christian Andersen, with *Edward Scissorhands* scriptwriter Caroline Thompson and actress Emma Watson on board.



BUY: DESIGNER DUDS
Mother of six Angelina Jolie and fashion designer Stella McCartney are launching a new collection, *Maleficent* by Stella McCartney Kids, at the end of April. The line includes eight styles inspired by Jolie's latest film. From \$75 to \$185, at *disneystore.com* and *stellamccartney.com*.

SUPERFRUIT SMOOTHIES

These turbo-charged beauty products harness the power of superfoods to strengthen your skin and hair and protect them against environmental damage

1. GO BANANAS Made with the purée of potassium-rich bananas, this detangling conditioner nourishes hair for shiny, soft locks. **The Body Shop Banana Conditioner**, \$8, *thebodyshop.com*

2. FRUIT COCKTAIL Enriched with vegetable and fruit extracts (pumpkin, lemon, orange and apple), this exfoliator gently dissolves dead skin cells for a renewed glow. **Jurlique Fruit Enzyme Exfoliator**, \$55, at Holt Renfrew and *jurlique.ca*

3. BERRY STRO NG Loaded with goodness from 50 pounds of raw-pressed organic berries, this potent serum is high in vitamin E and omega-3 and omega-6 fatty acids. It heals inflammation while soothing and moisturizing. **Graydon Clinical Luxury By Nature The Serum**, \$46, *clinicallyluxurybynature.com*

4. GLOWING GRAPEFRUIT Vitamin-C-rich grapefruit, white tea and African-star-grass extract boost skin's radiance by treating discoloration, including pesky age spots. **Yes To Grapefruit Dark Spot Correcting Serum**, \$21, at Shoppers Drug Mart

5. POMEGRANATE POLISH Sweep away dull, dead skin with sugar crystals while cranberry and pomegranate oils moisturize and nourish. **Burt's Bees Cranberry & Pomegranate Sugar Scrub**, \$15, at Shoppers Drug Mart

6. ACAI-POWERED STAIN Infused with acai fruit extract and vitamins A, C and E, this clickable pen adds a flirty pop of colour to lips and cheeks and lasts from a.m. to p.m. **Stila Acai Crush Lip & Cheek Stain**, \$32, at Shoppers Drug Mart and *Murale*

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ask jeanne

I'm honeymooning in Paris and Barcelona for two weeks and want to travel with only a carry-on. What should I pack, and what should I buy there? —Laura

DEAR LAURA: Lucky you! I can't imagine a more romantic city for a honeymoon than Paris, and Barcelona is always so joyful. But I must say, you're very gutsy to go away for two whole weeks with nothing more than carry-on luggage. Still, if that's your style, good for you!

First, you'll want your wardrobe to go from casual to dressy, since I'm sure your outings will be varied. Take two dresses, one in chic black with simple lines you won't tire of, that won't wrinkle (matte jersey is great) and can be accessorized. Choose a colourful, easy-to-wear dress for daytime, perhaps in cotton with a full, flirty

skirt. You may want another skirt, jeans and jeggings.

Take four tops minimum, plus a lightweight cardigan, and a waterproof nylon jacket. A pashmina is a very practical piece, if you can fit it in your luggage or wear it on the airplane.

Pack ballet flats or moccasin-style loafers, sandals and heeled pumps (if you're planning elegant dinners). I usually travel in a pair of comfy Frye boots. As long as I have stylish and solid boots, I feel like I'm ready for anything.

You'll need one cool jacket that you can dress up or down. I'd choose lightweight leather, in either a blazer or biker style, that'll serve you on

chilly nights. Carry a big tote and pack a purse or clutch for nighttime. And bring a bathing suit; you never know when the opportunity to take a dip might arise.

Buy a straw fedora when you arrive; it'll serve you well in the sun and give you cool attitude on your travels. Take advantage of leather goods in Spain, and maybe shop for a jacket if you don't bring one along. You could pick up cute cowboy-style boots there too. Paris is good for unusual, keepsake accessories, which you'll need to change your looks and make life on the road

more sartorially interesting with a small, utilitarian wardrobe.

But first and foremost, shop for some fab lingerie in Paris: It is your honeymoon, after all!

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PRECIOUS PETALS

The freshest crop of floral-print clothing punctuates pristine whites with tropical colours. Plant a few choice separates in your wardrobe —INGRIE WILLIAMS



BUDDING DESIGN
Update your go-to blazer with a playful print for a look that's equally polished. Mink Pink Floral Crush Blazer, \$129, at minkpink.com



TROPICAL TROUSERS
Walk on the wild side in white jeans with large, colourful graphics. Gap jeans, \$80, at gapcanada.ca



BOUNTIFUL BLOOMS
Reinvent this staple with bright flowers: Button it all the way up and it stays sharp. Jones New York shirt, \$89, at thebay.com



GARDEN PARTY
A vibrant print, pointy-toe flats and a sheer knit tee put an off-duty spin on the pencil skirt. Jessica skirt, \$40, at sears.ca



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outfit envy

Jamie Chung

Looking super chic, with a side of edge, the actor proves head-to-toe neutrals are far from boring at a New York movie screening

—NATASHA BRUNO



MODEST MIDRIFF

Just a flash of midriff with a simple crop top adds a subtle sultriness.

MOTO JUSTE

This cream biker jacket toughens up a ladylike look. Its charming floral panels and studs add glamour to crisp white separates.

MUST-HAVE METAL

With its oversized shape and high shine, this metallic structured clutch complements the outfit's mix of femininity and rock 'n' roll.

LONG LINES

Creating a flattering silhouette, a high-waisted, mid-calf skirt keeps Chung's tummy-baring outfit elegant.

TIP

If a crop top feels too much but you want to test drive the trend, add a jacket to shrink the window of exposed skin.

VINTAGE END

Suede T-strap pumps finish the ensemble with a retro twist.

THE WEDDING (beauty) PLANNER

Say yes to less stressful bridal prep with insider secrets to getting gorgeous skin, hair and nails on your big day

BY DEBORAH FULSANG

THE "I DO" HAIRDO

Fresh-from-the-runway looks you'll fall for—and how to explain them to your stylist

1. Retro Starlet

FOR THE BRIDE WHO loves her vintage diamond. **ASK FOR** soft, brushed-out curls. Request that your stylist curl hair in vertical sections and loosely pin the ends into a small, horizontal braid at the nape of your neck. Finish with shine spray.

2. Glamazon

FOR THE BRIDE WHO is high-maintenance and proud. **ASK FOR** staying power and volume, and the best fine-mist, strong-hold hairspray to stash in your bag. For a less retro vibe, request less height at the crown.

3. Modern Rule Breaker

FOR THE BRIDE WHO loves contrast. **ASK FOR** a ponytail with wave, texture and just a few wispy bits pulled out to show that this is a hairstyle, not the aftermath of an updo you hated and ripped out en route to the altar.

4. Princess Bride

FOR THE BRIDE WHO is a hopeless romantic. **ASK FOR** softness around the face. Request that your stylist curl your tresses to create easy waves before the braided twist is secured. Randomly placed flowers complete the look.

5. Chic Minimalist

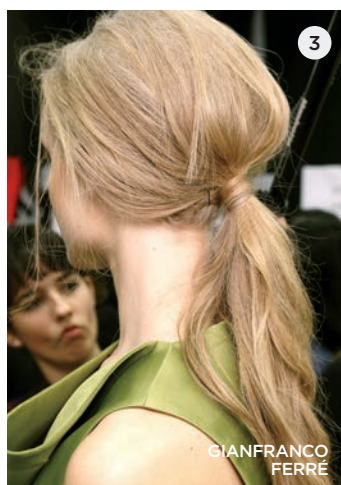
FOR THE BRIDE WHO is a purist. **ASK FOR** a pre-wedding treatment schedule, with colour touch-ups, so hair looks its healthiest. Request your stylist's advice on whether to wear the twist with a centre or side part or pull it all back.



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NUPTIAL NAILS

With these fresh spring shades, your mani will show your style as much as your gown does

1. LILAC BLOOMS

Paint a coat of lilac under elegant café-au-lait. **TRY** Essie Lilacism under Essie Sand Tropez, \$10 each, essie.com

2. WEDDING SILVER

Go high-style with a silver stripe over opalescent polish. **TRY** CoverGirl Outlast Stay Brilliant Nail Gloss in Show Stopper, \$8, covergirl.ca; and OPI Nail Lacquer in Happy Anniversary, \$11, opi.com

3. PRETTY PINK

Apply white under a layer of super-soft coral or pink. **TRY** Joe Fresh Polish in Sugar, \$4, joefresh.ca; and Avon Speed Dry Nail Enamel in On The Go Pink, \$7, avon.ca

4. METALLIC NUDE

Wear bronze over stone. **TRY** Burberry Nail Polish in Stone, \$25, at Holt Renfrew, under Maybelline Color Show Nail Polish in Dust of Bronze, \$4, maybelline.ca

5. CREAM & SUGAR

Mix pinky peaches and let your gown stand out. **TRY** Nicole by OPI in Sweet Surrender, \$11, nicolebyopi.com; or Sally Hansen Complete Salon Manicure in Sheer Ecstasy, \$9, sallyhansen.com

6. BLUE MOONS

Add a periwinkle moon to a beige manicure. **TRY** Butter London in Lady Muck, \$17, butterlondon.ca; with Essence Colour & Go in 152 Give Me Nude, Baby!, \$2, at essence.eu/ca

THE BIG DAY SURVIVAL KIT

Nerves, tears, kissing: Weddings are fraught with beauty's kryptonite. Give your makeup superpowers and stash these in your survival kit



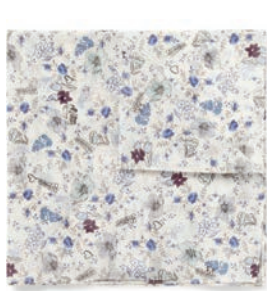
PORTABLE PERFUME

Pack a tiny roll-on version of your fragrance so your scent will last all day. **Chloé** eau de parfum rollerball, \$30 (10 mL), at sephora.ca



BEST BLUSH

Rouge can lose its power during the day. This one has built-in highlighter, too. **Cargo** Beachblush in Sunset Beach, \$30, at cargocosmetics.com



PRETTY HANKY

Launder this first with your home detergent and softener, so it's extra calming. **Paul Smith** handkerchief, \$54, at mrporter.com



A LIPSTICK YOU LOVE

"It's the No. 1 essential," says makeup artist Jackie Gideon. **Anna Sui** Lipstick in Apricot Orange, \$29, at annasui.com and thebay.com



PERFECT POWDER

"Pictures and videos look better if there's no shine on the nose or forehead," says Gideon. **Cover FX** blotting powder, \$22, at coverfx.com



MOISTURIZING GLOSS

"It helps reduce dryness caused by nervousness," says Gideon. **Lise Watier** Haute Lumière High Shine gloss in Infra Rose, \$23, at lisewatier.com



REFRESHING WIPES

These towelettes will help you freshen up and keep you dry. **Derma Doctor** Med e Tate Travel Wipes, \$60/30, at sephora.ca

A STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE TO BEING PICTURE-PERFECT

SIX MONTHS BEFORE

ESTABLISH A REGIMEN
Consult an aesthetician to prioritize your goals, such as evening out skin tone, eliminating blemishes or hydrating, and create a daily routine. "It should include cleanser, toner, serums and moisturizers," says Kim Benisty, trainer for Elizabeth Arden. Then, book monthly facials.

THREE MONTHS BEFORE

START YOUR BODY PREP & TEST-DRIVE A SPRAY TAN
"Any skin that will be exposed should be pampered and prepped," says Benisty.

Visit a spa for a full-body scrub. (Don't neglect your décolletage if you're wearing a strapless dress!) While you're there, book that same treatment for a week before the wedding.

If you're considering a spray tan, test-drive it after your scrub. "Now is the time to play with and adjust your look," says Benisty. "Try a non-alcohol-based spray tan at a reputable salon, and opt for a light-to-medium intensity. The goal is to look even-toned and sun-kissed, not orangey."

ONE TO TWO MONTHS BEFORE

DE-STRESS
This is a high-stress time, says Benisty, and your skin may be showing it. Resist the urge to introduce new products to treat lacklustre skin, breakouts or dehydration. Instead, stick to your routine, and foster healthy habits—go to the spa or a yoga class, or take a day off to relax.

ONE MONTH BEFORE

BRIGHTEN YOUR SMILE!
Visit your dentist to discuss having your teeth whitened or starting to use an at-home whitening kit. Beginning now means you'll achieve the right shade and avoid tooth sensitivity or a too-white smile on the big day.

ONE WEEK BEFORE

SCRUB UP!
It's the perfect time for the full-body exfoliation you booked three months ago. This is especially important for an even spray tan, if you're planning one.

TWO TO THREE DAYS BEFORE

PULL THE TRIGGER
Enjoy a facial (no extractions!) and a stress-busting full-body massage. Get your spray tan, if you're having one. (Doing it now makes sure the colour won't rub off on your dress.)

THE NIGHT BEFORE

GET YOUR BEAUTY SLEEP
Rest, stay hydrated, avoid caffeine and get at least eight hours of sleep (if you can!).

THE BIG DAY

MOISTURIZE AND PRIME
Start the day with a hydrating facial mask or moisturizing serum, says Benisty. Then use a primer before applying makeup. It will help you achieve a velvety complexion and minimize the appearance of pores and fine lines. And smile: It's the single best way to improve how you look!

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interview

David Dixon

The Toronto-based designer was cherry picked to create a line of bridal gowns for Kleinfeld Hudson's Bay, which opens this May. He debuted the collection at Toronto fashion week fall/winter 2014, and talked to us about what he learned

GROWING UP I WAS AN EXTREMELY SHY KID. I was always doodling and writing or drawing on whatever paper I could find. My whole family is extroverts; I'm sort of the odd one out.

ON FRIDAYS WHEN I WAS YOUNG I was allowed to stay up later watching television. I'd always illustrated people and clothes, and then I saw an episode of *The Love Boat* with Geoffrey Beene Halston and I suddenly realized, "Oh my goodness, you can do this, it can be a living!"

MY MOTHER WAS VERY FORWARD-THINKING—my parents both emigrated from Ireland in the '50s and I'm the youngest of six children, so it was a busy household, but they always encouraged us to do what we wanted to do.

MY PARENTS HAD A DOUBLE WEDDING WITH MY UNCLE AND HIS WIFE. My mom had fiery red hair, was unconventional, smart and said whatever was on her mind. She didn't want to make the other bride, who had decided to wear white, feel uncomfortable, so she wore a tailored pink suit she had and my father got a matching tie. They were married for 53 years.

INITIALLY I THOUGHT, "ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ASKING THE RIGHT PEOPLE?" when Kleinfeld approached me asking if I would be interested in doing a collection for them. They wanted to include Canadian designers who were not specifically bridal-wear labels. I jumped at the chance.

I WATCHED MARATHONS OF SAY YES TO THE DRESS as part of my research and I thought, I can't really compete at this because those designers have bridal wear in their DNA and have mastered those techniques. I decided to design for the woman I already design for—who I have in my head. I wanted the collection to be clean, romantic, but something they felt like themselves in.

THIS WAS A REAL LEARNING CURVE IN TERMS OF CONSTRUCTION, the treatments of how light reflects on white. I thought, "Why is this matching in this room but not in this room?" It was because the lighting was different. I have a new respect for people who work in bridal.

SOMEONE ONCE ASKED ME "ARE THERE ANY RULES IN BRIDAL DESIGN?" The only rule should be that you love the person you're standing with and you're truthful in the vows you're saying. Everything else is icing on the cake.

I HAVE 15- AND 13-YEAR-OLD SONS. They eat, sleep and play video games. They have lots of clothes, so I find myself thinking, "Why do you have to keep wearing the Angry Bird shirt?" They don't necessarily have an interest in fashion, but they do know what they like and what colours they like.

—As told to Alex Laws. This interview has been edited and condensed. Read the full version at thekit.ca/david-dixon/



ABOVE: DAVID DIXON WITH CAMILLE MOORE AT TORONTO FASHION WEEK FALL/WINTER 2014; BELOW: LOOKS FROM DAVID DIXON'S BRIDAL COLLECTION

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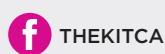
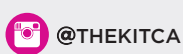
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