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



WATCH: COUNTRY STRONG

Country has always been cool for us, but it turns out Karl Lagerfeld thinks so too. Watch Chanel's new campaign with Kristen Stewart and swoon over the Texas-inspired Métiers d'Art collection. We can't get enough of the rock-chic cowgirl look with leather, fringed metallics and ruffles. Go to Youtube.com/user/Chanel.



KNOW: GET ON YOUR BIKE

With Louis Vuitton's latest spring bags hanging off the handlebars and Hermès bringing out a bike last year, fashion loves to cycle. May 26 is National Bike to Work Day and we can't wait to plan our commuter looks. We'll be rocking leather backpacks on our road bike and channelling Audrey Hepburn with oversized shades. Tweet us your bike looks @TheKit #TheKitCycle.



SHOP: UNDERWATER LOVE

We adore the packaging as much as the products in M.A.C's new Alluring Aquatic collection for summer 2014. The underwater-inspired line will feature products for the lips, eyes, face and nails in metallic-teal packaging with three-dimensional water droplets. Available online at maccosmetics.com on May 15 and in stores May 22. Starting from \$20.



GET: RAG & BAG

Holt Renfrew's H Project and Rag & Bone teamed up on three limited-edition canvas totes. The black, green and cream bags are a play on the brand's surf-inspired numbers T-shirts. All proceeds go to Right to Play, a non-profit that helps empower underprivileged children. \$55 at Holt Renfrew stores.



SHOP: SWEET SMALLS

Even with her passing last year, Lilly Pulitzer's legacy lives on with a new lingerie collection for Hanky Panky. Pulitzer's brand is known for its bold prints and tropical splashes of colour, and we can't wait to see which ones will pop up on the undies. Choose from 11 styles of underwear and daywear items (like camis) being released in spring 2015.



COTTAGE WEEKENDS

Start the cottage season right with these casual-cool essentials to keep at the lake (or in your travel bag for last-minute adventures) all summer long

1. MASTER KIT Don't waste a precious getaway moment stressing on what grooming must-haves to pack. This travel kit comes equipped with a pint-sized cleanser, exfoliator, mask, moisturizer and BB cream to boot. **B. Kamins Essential Travel Kit**, \$54, at [murale.ca](#) **2. COMFORT BLANKET** Whether you're cozied up by the fire or stargazing on the dock, a chunky knit throw has you covered. **Indigo throw**, \$50, [indigo.ca](#) **3. HAPPY FEET** Birkenstock-inspired sandals let you effortlessly slip into laid-back comfort. Now that's a trend we're on board with. Céline sandals, \$780, at Holt Renfrew **4. ON-THE-GO REFRESHER** Revitalize days-old hair. This natural tapioca spray formula absorbs excess oil, giving lifeless locks instant lift and texture with a fresh minty scent. **Herbal Essences Naked Volume Dry Shampoo**, \$5, at mass retailers **5. MATTE ABOUT SUMMER** Add a dose of chic to a makeup-free face while protecting your eyes from

the sun's rays with a pair of poppy, matte sunnies. **Winners sunglasses**, \$15, at [Winners](#) **6. ULTIMATE CARRYALL** Trimmed with rich leather, this sturdy nylon tote is perfect for the boat or the beach or as an overnighter. Bonus: It folds flat for easy transport inside a suitcase for longer trips. **Longchamp Paris navy travel bag**, \$145, at Holt Renfrew **7. HANG 'N' GO** Stash your beauty loot in style. This playful nautical roll-up bag features a clear interior and handy hanger for easy display and access. **Stella & Dot Hang On Travel Case**, \$42, [stelladot.com](#) **8. WIPE DOWN** Whether you're removing makeup upon cottage arrival or cooling down after lakeside festivities, these facial wipes gently cleanse while preserving skin's natural moisture balance. **Marcelle Cleansing Cloths**, \$13, [marcelle.com](#)

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ask jeanne

I've heard that vintage-style swimsuits are really on trend right now. I'm a medium build and slightly pear-shaped. Is there a specific era I should look for or a style of suit (one-piece? tankini?) that would flatter me most? —Alysha

Dear Alysha: Most women do struggle with assorted figure flaws, and shopping for just the right bathing suit can certainly have its challenges. Happily, though, there are many fabulous options out there, especially now that vintage styles have been brought back and are being embraced by women of all shapes and sizes.

If you're pear-shaped, a two-piece swimsuit with a light or printed top and dark bottom would work really well. And because you'll likely want to draw more attention to your top, go for a sweetheart or plunging neckline. You might even want to get a little playful, so go for ruffles up top.

For the right bottom, a kind of skirt effect could do the trick, and there are some lovely styles from the 1950s that would work especially well. Ruching can also be a girl's best friend when it comes to hiding figure flaws, especially across the tummy and hips. Empire cuts are very flattering, since they elongate the torso, and detailing under the bustline of an empire-cut suit can also help focus on the narrow part of your body.

If you have a penchant for those great old retro prints, or even simple polka dots, try an all-over-print one-piece suit with a solid band in the middle that would help define your waist and

give you an hour glass shape. If it's a two-piece suit that you crave, try a bikini with a higher-waisted bottom and a halter neckline. This particular retro look would help balance out your heavy bottom frame and give you more of a waist.

If you have your heart set on a retro suit, think 1950s, and check out the offerings online from Modcloth and Pin Up Girl Clothing. The latter company offers some styles dubbed Marilyn—very 1950s, and likely right for your particular shape. Etsy also features some hand-made retro suits that are very cool.

The whole return to retro suits is a welcome one, since in those bygone eras, a woman's

curves were really appreciated. That's something we should all be getting our heads around again, so let's hope that a curvy figure revival is imminent! Meanwhile, enjoy strutting your stuff this summer. With a nod to some classic sizzle, you're sure to exude a timeless sexiness that could not only turn heads, but take your summer to some fashionably bold new heights.

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MARILYN MONROE IN 1953

The world brought right to you.



ONE LOVE

Quick, make a wish. Let us guess: you want swimwear that's fashionable and flattering? These sexy, stylish one-pieces have you (and all your trouble spots) covered. In summer's hottest trends, like bold colours, sporty fabrics and architectural details, they're sure to take you past the poolside

BY VANESSA TAYLOR. PHOTOGRAPHY BY KOBY



Colour Coded

Fantastically slimming silhouette? Check. Crayola-inspired palette? Check. This suit works overtime to enhance your curves.

Winners swimsuit, \$50, at Winners. J. Crew drop earrings, \$92, jcrew.com. Topiary tree, shown throughout, \$160, Homesense

BEACH TIME Our editors dish on their beach beauty kits and sun accessories thekit.ca/beach-beauty/

SUNCARE Top tips for using sunscreen the right way, every time you go outside thekit.ca/sun/



DONNA KARAN

spotted BRONZE AGE

Step into summer (and skip the sun) with a soft glow

—DEBORAH FULSANG





A Cut Above

Like a great LBD, this classic one-piece will never let you down. A bandeau style with removable halter strap, it's wildly sexy, even though its cutaways reveal far less skin than a bikini does.

Fendi sunglasses, \$420, safllo.com. **Winners** swimsuit, \$40, at **Winners**. **Chanel** Colorama bracelets, \$2,025 each, at **Chanel** boutiques. Outdoor rug, \$90, **HomeSense**.



Hang 10

The runway sportswear trend has come full circle. Reinterpreting the wetsuit, this bold one-piece is versatile enough for swim and play.

Tommy Hilfiger cut-out scuba suit. For similar styles, call 212-223-1824. **Marc by Marc Jacobs** watches, \$215 each, thebay.com and watchit.ca. **Etnia Barcelona International** sunglasses, \$299, etnibarcelona.com.

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NATURAL BEAUTY

Forgo the foundation. This multi-tasker smoothes skin before delivering a fabulous, sheer glow. **Dior**skin Nude Tan Prime & Bronze Healthy Glow Primer, \$42, at thebay.com and dior.com.



DOUBLE TROUBLE

Mimic Donna Karan's runway beauty—a peachy glow on the apples of cheeks and a bronzed contour—with this two-tone compact. **Lise Watier** Limited Edition 2014 Summer Collection Bronzing Powder in Eden Tropical, \$38, at lisewatier.com.



GO ALL IN

Embrace your inner beach goddess with a deeper shade of bronze on the eyes. **Art Deco** Mineral Baked Eye Shadow, \$13, exclusively at **Shoppers Drug Mart**.



SUNSHINE IN A JAR

A sheer but buildable colour makes for a natural look. (Give your shoulders and clavicle a hit, too!) **Chanel** Soleil Tan de Chanel Sheer Illuminating Fluid in Sunkissed, \$51, at thebay.com and chanel.ca.



LINE UP

Use this multi-colour palette as eyeshadow, bronzer and highlighter, or blend for an all-over iridescence. **Revlon** Illuminating Highlighting Palette in Peach Glow, \$13, at drugstores and revlon.ca.



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Cocktail Suit

An architectural neckline gives a modern twist to an otherwise basic suit. Add wide-leg linen trousers to take this simple one-piece seamlessly from the beach to cocktails.

Eres Cuzco swimsuit, \$530, at Eres Toronto. H&M clip-on earrings, \$20, at select H&M stores. Biko Wide Slice Ring in Aqua and Coral, \$72 each, and Double Slice Ring in coral, \$88, at ilovebiko.com. Ikea Karlskrona chaise lounge, \$199, at ikea.ca HAIR AND MAKEUP: Sheri Stroh for Make Up For Ever/Tresemmé Hair Care/Plutino Group.

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SUIT YOURSELF

Play to your strengths with swimwear that's guaranteed to flatter. We sorted through maillots, bikinis and tankinis so whatever your body type, you can skip the change room and head right from beach to bar —VANESSA TAYLOR

CLASSY HOURGLASS

You have curvy hips and thighs, a full bust and a slim waist, à la Christina Hendricks.
Play up: Your great cleavage and itsy-bitsy waist.

LEOPARD LOVE Maximize bust support with adjustable straps. While this suit has a plunging halter neckline, its individual cups guard against the dreaded uni-boob. Vix Paula Hermann halter bathing suit, \$265, at Holt Renfrew

APPLE APPEAL

You have fantastic legs and carry extra weight around your midsection, like Jennifer Hudson.
Play up: Your gorgeous gams, of course.

RED & RUCHED A higher-cut leg is the secret to maximizing those pins. The folds across the tummy of this one-piece camouflage lumps. **Everyday Sunday** multi-way bathing suit in firebrick, \$70, everydaysunday.ca

PERFECTLY PEAR

Just like J.Lo, you have narrow shoulders, a petite bust and fuller hips and thighs.
Play up: Your smaller top half.

TOP TANKINI Choose bottoms in a solid colour with no string ties (which tend to dig in at the hips). A fold-over waistband lets you customize the rise. **Lolë** Masai tankini top, \$60, and Mojito bottom, \$36, lolewomen.com

ALL-STAR ATHLETIC

You (and Anne Hathaway!) have narrow hips and thighs and a less-defined waist.
Play up: Your svelte shape.

BAND AID For bombshell curves, look no further. The wide band on these bottoms acts like a skirt and is a no-fail way to create the illusion of shape. **Huit** Sunset Stripes padded strapless bra in Admiral, \$101, and bandeau brief in Admiral, \$68, deuxiemepeau.com

ONLINE The one-piece swimsuit gets a modern makeover. See our top 10 styles at thekit.ca/one-piece-swimsuits/

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A Family Affair

Sisters Ranya and Nathalie Nasri of swimwear line Everyday Sunday discuss their work dynamic and where to find the best coffee in Montreal

THE SPECIFICS OF SWIM

Nathalie: It's a commodity that we know (the family business has worked with private-label swimwear for over 10 years), and it's hard to please women because of different silhouettes and body shapes, so it's something that we care about.

And the design part is really creative—especially with prints, you can do things in swimwear that you would never do in sportswear.

GROWING UP IN THE FAMILY BUSINESS

Nathalie: I look at the quality of clothing carefully. When you know how it's made, where it's made, the options for machinery, yarn, all of these different details—you choose accordingly.

Ranya: You're more knowledgeable—it's changed a lot with time, and now I personally find there's so much going on. There are no rules—there's all kinds of styles and everyone puts forward what they like most.

THE SIBLINGS TAKE OVER

Ranya: Each of us took a different route—Nathalie, Jasmine and Elie studied business, while I studied law. After school, I started working in a firm but it wasn't really for me. So I started in human resources at the family business. I really like communications and working with people, and my siblings really love the product aspect and developing.

For me, I love working together because we're all committed to the same goal and there's no one holding you back. We all have the goal of success—the motivation, drive and positivity of my siblings—that's what I love.



WORKING DOUBLE DUTY

Nathalie: We know that people are on a tight budget. So if they can buy one swimsuit and wear it two or three different ways, it's like they're packing multiple suits in their luggage.

Ranya: Our customer really appreciates that that the look can change, and we're really trying to work on more styles like that.

GATHERING INSPIRATION

Ranya: Nature is the most inspiring in terms of design and colour, but there's also certain cities. We've been going to Turkey since we were young, so this is a big source of inspiration for us. Their jewellery can be reflected in trimming on our suits.

THE BEST WAY TO SPEND A SUNDAY

Nathalie: I would say a nice place to shop on a Sunday afternoon is Amsterdam. In the centre of the city with all the canals and the little bridges, there's something so romantic about that city that I really love. Locally? Anthro-pologie and J.Crew—but first a coffee at Café Olimpico.

—As told to Vanessa Taylor. This interview has been edited and condensed. Visit everydaysunday.ca

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OUR FAVOURITE ITEMS FROM E-TAILERS WE LOVE

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Maison Martin Margiela bag, \$2,508*
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Marc by Marc Jacobs "Shorty" suede dog loafer, \$248



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In collaboration with **The SEPTEMBER**

The one thing our summer road trip needs? May 28th's snakeskin pattern watch. It mixes an animal print with a splash of neon, while being water resistant (read: it's perfect for every outdoor adventure).

May 28th snakeskin pattern watch, \$39



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