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THE MONTH'S BEST

Time for T

From Instagram style to the red carpets, the way we wear jewellery has changed. Gone are the days of stacks of mismatched bracelets in favour of a few choice pieces. That's not to say the #armparty has packed up and gone home—it's just on a very strict guest list.

Championing this pared-down approach to jewellery is Tiffany & Co.'s design director, Francesca Amfitheatrof, who took the creative reins in September last year. With over 20 years of experience, she has designed jewellery for some of the world's most influential fashion houses including Chanel, Fendi and

Marni. Her first collection in the role pays homage to the brand and New York City. "Tiffany T is sculptural and bold and very closely linked to the architecture of this city. There is a lot of New York in this collection, and by that I mean the relentless movement, optimism and creativity you find on these streets," says Amfitheatrof. From the thin bangle-style bracelets dusted with diamonds to a more substantial cuff as well as the clever interlocking 'T' that creates a chic chain link, it masters simplicity. "There's a wide range of scale in this collection, which allows people

to put different pieces together in a way that really says something about their sensibility and personality," says Amfitheatrof.

The range has already been spotted on street-style queens like Miroslava Dura and Olivia Palermo, but Amfitheatrof is quick to add that this collection is democratic: "It's an attitude, not an age."

—Vanessa Taylor. Photography by Geoffrey Ross

FROM TOP: STERLING SILVER CUFF, \$2,100, 18K GOLD T CHAIN BRACELET, \$6,350, 18K GOLD WIRE BRACELET WITH DIAMONDS, \$3,450, T BAR HINGED CUFF IN STERLING SILVER, \$3,250, TIFFANY T NARROW WIRE BRACELET IN 18K GOLD, \$1,250

TWEET OF THE WEEK

"Leotards are great until they're not."

@alexa_chung, Nov. 14, 2014.

BEAUTY MATH

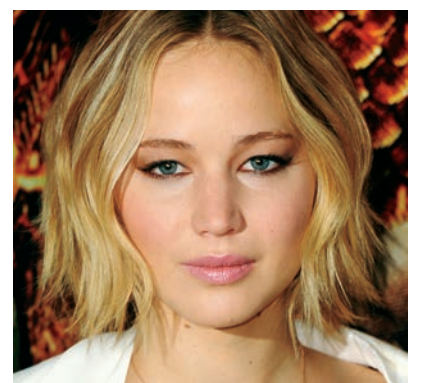
A flawless matte complexion and bronze lower-lid liner add up to a look we love



A MATTIFYING LIGHTWEIGHT FOUNDATION LIKE GUERLAIN LINGERIE DE PEAU COMPACT POWDER FOUNDATION, \$72, HUDSON'S BAY, HOLT RENFREW



METALLIC LIQUID EYELINER LIKE KAT VON D LIGHTNING LINER IN HYDE, \$25, SEPHORA.CA



Actor Jennifer Lawrence looked picture perfect for an afternoon photo call in London for the *Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 1* press tour. In thin layers, apply a velvet-finish pressed powder foundation with a beauty sponge, using a gentle patting motion to blend in the colour. Add a hit of shimmer to a subtle neutral smoky eye by tracing the lower eyelid with a precision-tip burnished liquid liner. —Natasha Bruno

TALKING POINT



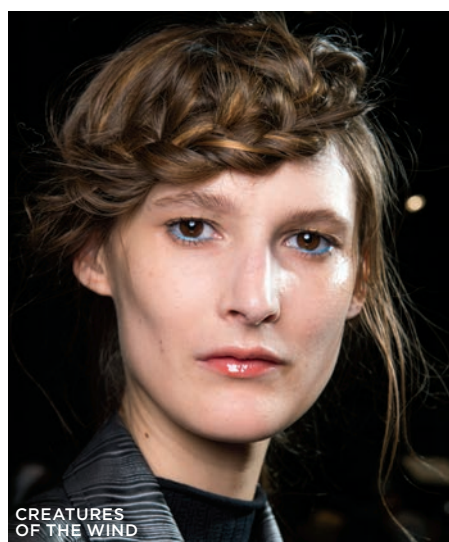
SALE-SHOP SAVVY

It's sales season, time to brave maniacal crowds and save money by spending money. Mid-November saw \$9.2 billion dropped on Singles Day, an Asian holiday to fete the unwed that's become an excuse to blow cash online. Next up is Black Friday, the post-American-Thanksgiving tradition creeping north, followed closely by Cyber Monday. But consider: The carnival of deeply discounted pricing has the U.S. Congress suspicious enough that it's been handing out warnings to deceptive companies. This past fall, a bunch of big brands (J. Crew, Nordstrom, American Eagle, the Gap) were shown to manufacture lesser-quality clothes for outlet stores, rather than marking down last season's goods. So keep things in perspective before heading out. —Denise Balkissoon

Turn to page 8 for expert advice on how to make the most of shopping online sales.



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ONE TREND, TWO WAYS

FRONT PLAITS

Reinvent the traditional French braid with a face-framing hairstyle that's all whimsical romance.

1. A crown of braids at Creatures of the Wind: Side-parting dry hair, hairstylist Odile Gilbert began a French braid at the top of the part, descending over the face and all the way to the back of the neck before spraying the plait with hairspray and securing it with an elastic. For a softer look, she gently pulled apart the braid at the front and left a few strands loose at the sides.

2. French fringe at Nanette Lepore: Once hair was blow-dried straight, hairstylist James Pecis took a piece from the front and created a French-braided bang that ran diagonally across the forehead and down to the ear. He curled broad sections of the remaining hair with a large-barrel iron, wrapping pieces forward and backward for loose boho waves. —Natasha Bruno

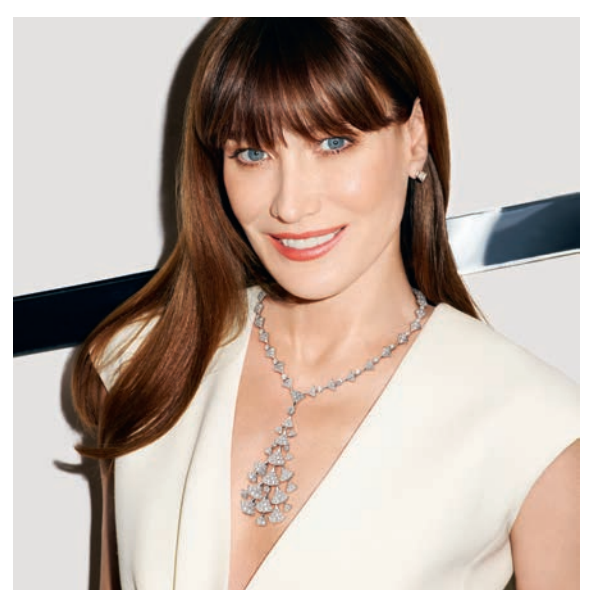
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HATS OFF

An oversized toque, like this version in mustard, performs the double duty of keeping you warm and fashion forward at the same time.

HAT, \$95, NOBIS (NOBIS-US.SHPTRON.COM); COAT, \$198, EXPRESS (EXPRESS.COM); NECKLACE, \$165, MICHAEL KORS; SWEATER, \$495, PINK TARTAN (HOLT RENFREW); GLOVES, \$95, BANANA REPUBLIC (BANANAREPUBLIC.CA); PANTS, \$165, MICHAEL KORS; BOOTS, \$250, SAM EDELMAN (THEBAY.COM).



BOLD BOOTIES

The colour of the moment, burgundy makes everything look super luxe, especially these high heeled booties.

SKIRT, \$119, 424 FIFTH (THEBAY.COM); BOOTS, \$200, VINCE CAMUTO (SHOEBOUTIQUE.CA).



IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY

Red sunglasses will add a touch of femme fatale to any look this season.

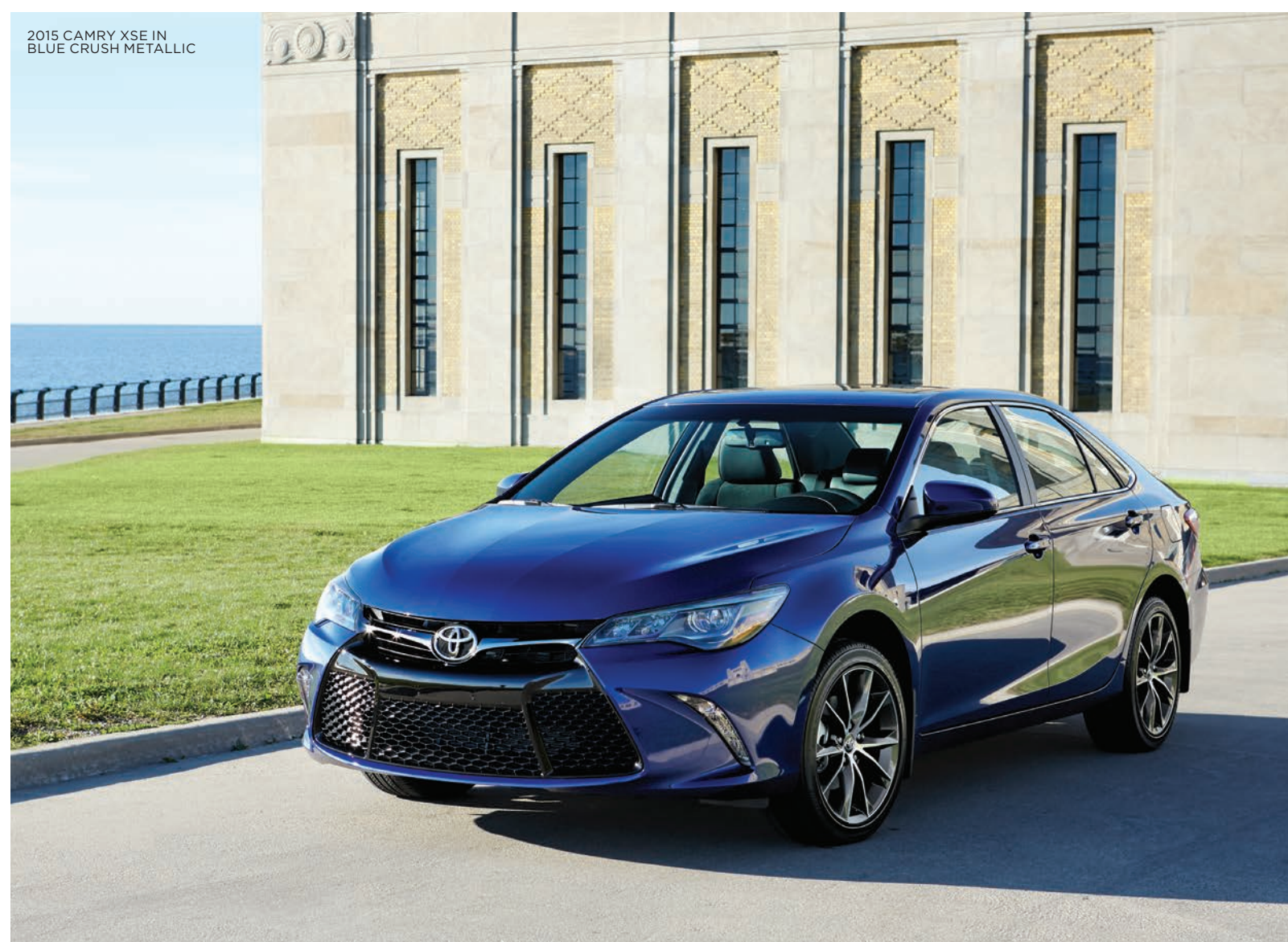
SUNGLASSES, \$190, KATE SPADE (HOLT RENFREW AND HUDSON'S BAY); JACKET, \$599, DANIER (DANIER.COM); SWEATER, \$129, 424 FIFTH (THEBAY.COM); SKIRT, \$194, BANANA REPUBLIC (BANANAREPUBLIC.CA); RINGS, \$15-16, SHOP FOR JAYU (SHOPFORJAYU.COM).



IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT

Let a multi-layered statement necklace take a sporty-inspired grey top to new style heights.

EARRINGS, \$15, SHOP FOR JAYU (SHOPFORJAYU.COM); NECKLACE, \$150, JENNY BIRD (JENNYBIRD.COM); SWEATSHIRT, \$50, GAP (GAPCANADA.CA); PANTS, \$99, 424 FIFTH (THEBAY.COM); RINGS, \$15-16, SHOP FOR JAYU (SHOPFORJAYU.COM).



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THE HOLIDAY ROUNDUP

The ultimate gift guide

This year, give an update on the classic. From the purse to the perfume, we've found the best upgrades (at drugstore to dream-world prices) on the presents every woman will love

BY VANESSA TAYLOR AND RANI SHEEN. PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADRIAN ARMSTRONG



FASHION FINDS

1. Golden purse

More striking than a clutch, this metallic foil-effect shoulder purse and snake-chain strap is special enough for cocktails but practical enough for weekend errands. **Phillip Lim** bag, \$890, holtrenfrew.com

2. Twinkle, twinkle

Toronto designer Michelle Ross's spectacular line of jewellery consists of carefully crafted geometric shapes. The antique-toned crystals of this necklace will replace a strand of pearls, and its organic pattern reflecting flowers growing on a vine is far more exciting. **Michelle Ross** necklace, \$384, mnross.com

3. Thin line

While Michael Kors undoubtedly leads the pack when it comes to covetable boyfriend-style watches (think chunky link straps and oversized faces), this shimmering rose-gold version also shows its feminine side. The large face feels modern, especially when teamed with a thinner feminine strap. Of course, this version is completely covered in sparkle—so naturally we couldn't resist. **Michael Kors** watch, \$420, michaelkors.com

4. Ear, ear

For the best friend with impeccable taste (and a keen eye for accessories), a pair of statement earrings is a must. These gilded beauties can be worn with a black turtleneck to brunch or worked in with a few other choice pieces like a gold cuff for evening. **J.Crew** earrings, \$86, jcrew.com

5. Wild thing

For the ultimate luxury accessory, this two-tone fur cuff is the winner. This piece

needs very little other accompaniment when worn with a simple trouser and blouse and will prompt plenty of conversation. **Fendi** cuff, \$1,780, holtrenfrew.com

6. Starry night

When it comes to an investment piece—especially of the diamond variety—these beautifully crafted starburst pendants made of yellow or pink sapphires and diamonds set in 18-karat shapes. The organic shape has a modern aesthetic—without subscribing to any trends—which is ideal for jewellery that is designed to last. **Xam Diamonds** yellow pendant \$7,220, pink pendant \$6,780, both xamdiamonds.com

7. Quick change

These mini coin purses sport cheeky slogans and can be attached to your key chain—making them the ideal stocking stuffer for your younger (and highly opinionated) sister. **Express** coin purse, \$20, express.com

8. Words of wisdom

For the aspiring fashion aficionado, this pretty coffee-table book might be mini in size but it's chock full of info detailing designers, photographers, style icons and models spanning nearly 200 years. *The Fashion Book*, \$60, indigo.ca

9. Furry nice

For a simplified alternative to a blanket scarf, this collar-style scarf neatly sits on top of your wool coat or cashmere crew neck sweater. The result? A subtle hit of colour and fabulous texture with minimal effort. **Sunday Best** scarf, \$40, aritzia.com

HOMESENSE GLASS ORNAMENTS \$4-\$7, HOMESENSE

BEAUTY BOUNTY

1. Shadow play

A silky, sheer cream shadow in a dusky plum shade that actually treats the delicate skin around the eyes with its base of hydrating coconut oil, jojoba oil and cocoa-seed butter. **RMS Beauty** Eye Polish in Imagine, \$28, rmsbeauty.com

2. Hand to heart

An ultra-luxurious bottle of earthy citrus-scented soap that will bring a sense of luxury to every sink visit. **Hermès** Eau de Mandarine Ambrée Hand and Body Gel, \$57, hermes.com

3. Magic wand

A polka-dot one-inch ceramic flat-iron too adorable to leave hidden in a bathroom cupboard will be a boon to the frequent hairstylist left with utilitarian-looking tools cluttering up her dresser more often than not. Bonus: It comes with a free mini curling iron. **Chi Air Expert** one-inch ceramic flat-iron and mini curling iron, \$100, Target

4. Desert rose

A refreshing, pore-refining pure rosewater sourced from damask roses in Morocco and bottled in Montreal, housed in an elegant opaque violet-glass bottle to preserve its freshness. **Agasaya** 100% Pure Rose Water, \$21, agasaya.com

5. Patchouli prize

A richly layered tribute to Tom Ford's favourite note: patchouli. Miles from the overpowering oil we associate with hippies, this warm, spicy scent evokes an elegant, refined version of 1970s glamour. **Tom Ford** Patchouli Absolu Eau de Parfum, \$235, Holt Renfrew

6. Precious metal

A decadent topcoat containing flecks of real 18-karat gold—a collaboration

between OPI and statement-nail enthusiast Gwen Stefani—creates a literal gilded effect. **OPI** Don't Speak Pure 18K Gold Top Coat, \$38, salons and spas

7. Snowy shimmer

An ornately moulded silver illuminating powder that leaves a snowy angelic effect when dusted on the eyelids or cheekbones—that's if its recipient can bear to sully it with a brush. **Chanel** Camélia de

Plumes Highlighting Powder, \$79, Chanel counters

8. Golden glow

A glow-creating body oil based on nourishing argan oil with a hint of golden shimmer; especially beneficial for sun-starved limbs. **Moroccanoil** Shimmering Body Oil, \$45, moroccanoil.com

9. Lip treat

A velvety lip colour in a deep plum shade and on-trend

matte texture, somehow perfect for a high-impact party look or a polished workday face. **Clinique** Long Last Soft Matte Lipstick, \$19, clinique.ca

10. Island light

A transporting pitch-black, tobacco-leaf scented candle from Coqui Coqui, the celebrated guesthouse, spa and indie perfumery in ultra-fashionable Tulum, Mexico. **Coqui Coqui** Tabaco Scented Candle, \$56, Ewanika, ewanika.ca

11. Cream of the crop

An ultra-thick cream for winter-parched skin containing all three of Caudalie's skin-reviving compounds from its vineyards in France: firming resveratrol from the grapevine stalks, dark-spot-treating viniferine from grapevine sap and antioxidant polyphenols from the seeds. **Caudalie** Premier Cru La Crème Riche, \$165, sephora.ca



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THE BEST GIFTS EVER

Canada's curators of cool introduce the perfect presents for the most particular people on anyone's list

BY VERONICA SAROLI



From the Travellers

1. Monogram it
"One of the most memorable gifts I received was a robe and slippers with my initials embroidered on them." —Christine Rigby, concierge, Wedgewood Hotel & Spa, Vancouver

2. Make it an heirloom
"For a man, a Patek Philippe watch, because you keep it to pass on to the next generation." —Simon Bajouk, concierge, Ritz-Carlton Montreal



From the Design Junkies

3. Pick paper
"A couple of issues of Toilet Paper Magazine by Maurizio Cattelan and Pierpaolo Ferrari. It's design, architecture, art, culinary arts and magic all rolled into one—what's not to like?" —Shauna Levy, president, Design Exchange, Toronto

4. Offer leather
"The most precious gift I could receive is time. A day where I have nothing on the schedule except time with my husband and my two boys would be amazing. But if that doesn't work, a Céline bag is a close second." —Christine Flynn, owner & artist, Love the Design, Toronto



1. ROBE WITH MONOGRAMMING, \$140, POTTERYBARN.COM
2. PATEK PHILIPPE WATCHES, FROM \$23,000, HUBERTOWNJEWELLERS.COM
3. TOILET PAPER MAGAZINE, \$17, SHOPTOILETPAPER.COM
4. CÉLINE BI-COLOUR TRAPEZE BAG, \$2,550, HOLT RENFREW
5. DECO CZECH CLEAR CRYSTAL FLAPPER LENGTH NECKLACE, \$425, THECATSMEOOWCOUTURE.COM
6. HBC COLLECTION MILLENNIUM STRIPE COYOTE FUR THROW BLANKET, \$2,695, THEBAY.COM
7. NIKE VICTORY TOTE, \$110, NIKE STORES
8. MIO LINK HEART RATE BAND, \$99, MIOGLOBAL.COM

From the Luxury Buyers

5. Choose sparkle
"A jewellery gift that will really wow is a true Art Deco gem. Either real or a costume piece, it will be appreciated by any lover of great design." —Louise Cooper, owner, The Cat's Meow Vintage Couture, Toronto

6. Bestow warmth
"I'm obsessed with the Millennium Stripe Coyote Fur Hudson's Bay Blanket. It is beyond luxe and extravagant but it speaks to so many elements of our company's heritage and growing up in Canada. It will be treasured." —Nicholas Mellamphy, vice-president and buying director, The Room and personal shopping at Hudson's Bay, Toronto

From the Athletes

7. Select style
"I'm obsessed with the Nike gym bag. I carry my life in mine including my shoes, makeup, snacks and notebooks. It's a utility piece, but also becomes somewhat of a trademark. I love the colourful totes and gym bags from Nike that give girls personality to and from their workouts." —Phylicia George, hurdler, 2012 Olympian, Toronto

8. Give support
"A super supportive sports bra might be the best investment you'll make. I'm not carrying much up there, but I love the Nike Pro Classic sports bra. A heart-rate monitor is also a great starting toy. I like the Mio strapless heart rate monitor. It's simple, easy to use, and does a great job to guide you toward exercising for your goals." —Keighty Gallagher, Personal Trainer, The Tight Life Challenge, Vancouver

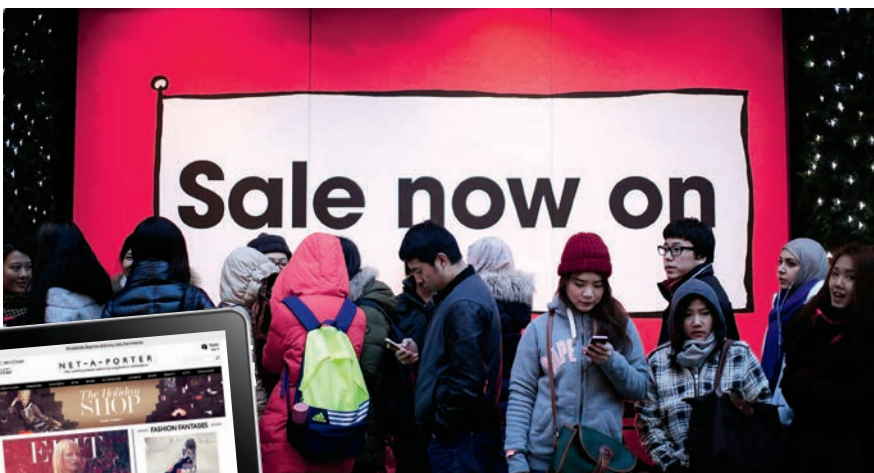
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E-TAIL THERAPY

PRO TIPS FOR SHOPPING CYBER MONDAY

Love the Black Friday prices but can't stand the crowds? On Dec. 1, shop the online sales with these expert tips

BY MICHELLE BILODEAU



Online shopping is more than a pastime for Vicky Shaughnessy, the uber stylish director of visual communications and e-commerce at Pink Tartan in Toronto. Her job requires her to understand the digital landscape, but she's also a pro at browsing and buying designer clothes and accessories online.

"I'm always browsing my favourite sites!" says Shaughnessy, 33. They include net-a-porter.com and theoutnet.com, as well as ssense.com ("they carry really of-the-moment and unexpected pieces and there's no duty because they are Montreal-based") and New York-based theline.com ("this is a beautifully edited site and inspiring to browse").

The holy grail, however: eBay. "Hands down, my best find in the past year is an absolutely stunning black-wool, fit-and-flare, double-breasted Dior coat

from a few seasons back," Shaughnessy says. "The seller was a wealthy Russian woman who was cleaning out her items from the last season and had worn it maybe a handful of times. It's classic and timeless and makes me feel like movie star—and I got it for a fraction of the retail price."

With e-tailers promising discounts on Cyber Monday—Dec. 1, the unofficial start of holiday shopping season—Shaughnessy shared her method for shopping online so that you, too, can find great deals this weekend and beyond.

HOW TO SHOP ONLINE ON CYBER MONDAY LIKE A NINJA

1. MAKE A LIST
"Have a wishlist saved on your favourite sites. Check it first to see if any of the items you have been coveting are discounted."
2. BE SALE-SAVVY
"I do browse the sales, but unless I see something I have been already stalking and it's a great deal, I don't pull the trigger. I have enough experience to know that panic-inducing, time-sensitive sales can be judgement-clouders, and you can end up buying

something just because it's a great deal, not because it's something you'd wear."
3. SIGN UP FOR E-BLASTS
"If you know you love a certain site, get on the mailing list—you'll get first notice of sales and can beat the crowd. Limit this to your three favourite sites, as e-blasts can become overwhelming."
4. SET AN ALERT
"If you are searching for a specific item on a site like eBay, set up a search and

save it in your preferences, so you will get notifications if items matching that description pop up."
5. CONSULT THE PROS
"Never buy a designer item, especially a bag, on eBay unless you have done your research and know what to look for. It's best to request authentication from a third-party service like mypoupette.com or purseforum.com, where you can post the listing and get the item verified by an expert."

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LINE WE LOVE

MAKEUP MONARCH

Charlotte Tilbury launches her long-awaited line in North America. Cue trumpets

BY RANI SHEEN



Tilbury with Naomi Campbell (left); the beauty look at Tom Ford Fall 2014



FROM LEFT: CHARLOTTE TILBURY LIP CHEAT IN ICONIC NUDE, \$22; THE FELINE FLICK, \$29; K.I.S.S.I.N.G IN NUDE KATE, \$32; LUXURY PALETTE IN THE DOLCE VITA, \$52; CHEEK TO CHIC IN THE CLIMAX, \$40. ALL USD. BEAUTYLISH.COM

If you're gearing up for the glamour parade that is holiday party season and looking for inspiration, Naomi Campbell and Kate Moss's long-time makeup artist is a good place to start. British pro Charlotte Tilbury is not from the currently trending school of no-makeup makeup; she's a strong proponent of the powers of an intense smoky eye or glossy lacquered lip. She carries six suitcases of makeup—one just for glitters—to work backstage at fashion shows, including Donna Karan and Tom Ford, and she practises what she preaches. "No one has ever seen me without makeup, not even my husband!" says Tilbury.

Her line of cosmetics debuted to significant fanfare in the U.K. in 2013 and arrived in the U.S. this fall, which means that eager Canadians can now buy it online. Our favourites include the Rock'n'Kohl liner, which "glides on like a liquid but smokes up like a kohl," says Tilbury, and the creamy yet opaque The Retoucher concealer. Tilbury has made things easy with application tips on the packaging and video tutorials online. She's

the kind of ebullient Brit who calls everyone darling," and her humour shines through (K.I.S.S.I.N.G Lipstick is enriched with "lipstick tree extract").

The collection is organized into looks she's developed for her famous clients: If you fancy Moss's feline flick, the Rock Chick grouping has what you need, from inky liquid liner to buff lipstick. "I created Nude Kate specifically for the shade I used to mix for Kate," says Tilbury. The Dolce Vita—a bronzy shadow palette and two-tone peach blush—is based on Penelope Cruz's smoky eyes and warm glow.

In the age of the #nomakeup-selfie, it's refreshing to celebrate all-out artifice, especially when we're prepping for fizzy parties and festive photo ops. Tilbury's own routine involves bronzer for contouring, highlighter "for skin that's dripping in candlelight," blush, lip liner, lipstick. Not to mention eye makeup. "And a beautiful, high-shine, long-lasting lip gloss can be your all-night secret weapon!" So get your palettes ready and don't suppress your inner glamazon—Tilbury's orders.



CANADIAN-MADE SERIES

SID THE KID

The red-hot 26-year-old designer is in competition with his girlfriend

BY MARYAM SIDDIQI

Sid Neigung's designs graced runways three times during October's Toronto fashion week in Toronto—for his own show and as part of the Mercedes-Benz Start Up and Disney-sponsored competitions. He won both the MBSU and Disney awards, cash prizes totalling \$32,500. "Without question Sid Neigung is the most exciting Canadian designer to hit the runway in a long time," tweeted Nicholas Mellampy, buying director for The Room at Hudson's Bay. To say that it was a big week for the 26-year-old is putting it mildly.

Neigung's designs are technology driven and he uses Adobe programs to do his laser cutting, which featured prominently in his modular origami-inspired collection on the runway. "I've always been inspired by math and geometry, and was interested in technology growing up," says Neigung.

"It's amazing to be honoured, but it's a little bittersweet because of my girlfriend."

"It's amazing to be honoured," he adds, "but it's a little bittersweet because of my girlfriend." Neigung is referring to Chloé Gordon, co-designer of Beaufille, whose label was also in the running for the prizes. The two are up against each other again for the Canadian Arts and Fashion Award for emerging fashion designer. Winning comes at a price, though. The pair have a long-standing agreement: "Winner gets dinner," he explains.

The prizes he won have already been spent on Neigung's next collection, a show for next spring's Fashion Week, and "unpaid debts," he says with a laugh. He already knows how he'll spend his CAFA winnings should he win: "It's perfect timing for production of Fall/Winter 2015 and the Paris trade shows," he says.

Despite the prizes, praise and press, Neigung wonders if fashion is a sustainable career. "Design is a huge passion of mine, but it's not financially lucrative," he says. His clothing is sold in six stores, but not one of them is in Canada. "It's one of my biggest frustrations," he says. "It's a difficult market. Canadian stores wait till it's big elsewhere. They're not early adopters."

This is a series on emerging designers nominated for Canadian Arts and Fashion Awards, which will be held on January 31, 2015. Visit cafawards.ca for details.



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CUSTOM FOOTWEAR

Create your kicks

The latest designer shoes just got a new designer: you

BY INGRIE WILLIAMS

What could be more special than a new pair of shoes for Christmas? A new pair of shoes that you had a hand in designing, that's what. Earlier this fall, Stuart Weitzman launched SWxYOU: The 5050, which allows customers to customize three versions of his adored-by-celebs over-the-knee boot. And back in March, Prada treated clientele at its Parisian boutique to a bespoke experience that included nine styles, with a choice of colour for the sole and an option to monogram each pair. It's a trend that reflects the personalizing of luxury. We rounded up three bespoke shoe brands that offer customization in Canada.



The business and pleasure bootie

With shoes from Tanya Heath Paris you can literally wear the same pair all week long without compromising style or comfort. That's because the low-heeled trotter required for a Monday-morning school drop-off can be transformed into an elegant stiletto come Saturday night, all with just the push of a button. Here's the deal: You select one of the 28 shoe styles, then you pick the heel - like batteries, they're sold separately. Thanks to an ingenious (and, yes, very sturdy) locking system, they simply snap in place, making them interchangeable. And there are over 90 styles to choose from; the collection features four heels in endless colour, texture and print options. Designed in France by a former professor of innovation, born and raised in Ottawa, this is forward-thinking footwear, and a gift that is sure to become a firm favourite.

TANYA HEATH PARIS BOOTIES,
\$700, AND HEELS, \$100/PAIR,
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The A-list essential

A red-carpet constant, coveted for gorgeous—yet comfortable heels—it's hard to conceive of improving on a Jimmy Choo design. But the label's made-to-order program allows you give it a try. There are four styles to choose from, including the chic Anouk stiletto and the delightfully strappy Lance sandal, all available in varying heel heights. The menu, rich in colours and textures, is stacked with hard decisions: Will it be delicate fuchsia suede, shimmering electric blue satin or luxe emerald-hued snakeskin? Add to that monogrammed soles with gold-plated initials and it's enough to make any woman weak in the knees.

JIMMY CHOO HIGH HEELS, STARTING FROM \$825, JIMMYCHOO.COM

The chic sneaker

When Cara Delevingne kicked off the Chanel Fall 2014 Ready-to-Wear show wearing sneakers, the fashion world breathed a sigh of relief. With track shoes cool enough for every one of Karl's 70+ looks, we don't have to give them up anytime soon. To snag a pair that's guaranteed to be head turning, check out the custom options from New Balance. The online tool allows you to choose from three retro-chic sneaker silhouettes and then build the shoe step by step, from lining to laces. There's a huge selection of shades, materials and details to play with, but the final touch will put a spring in your step: You can embroider each shoe with a personal message of up to eight letters, numerals or special characters.

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