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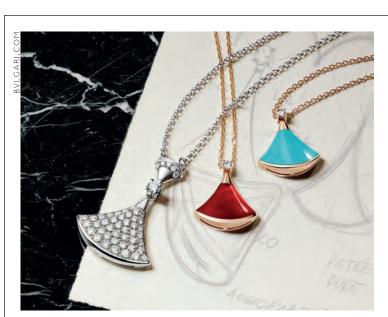


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NATASHA KOIFMAN X AROMA-CHOLOGY TWENTYSIX EAU DE PARFUM, \$75, HUDSON'S BAY

6. Bright star Cosmetic and general genius Charlotte Tilburywho wears makeup to bed—has come up with this double-ended eye cream/illuminator (in five shades) so we can all fake a great night's sleep.

CHARLOTTE TILBURY MINI MIRACLE EYE WAND, \$55, HOLT RENFREW

- 7. Blot now From the makers of the egg-shaped foundation sponge comes a flat, washable blotting sponge that wicks away shine even in hard-to-access creases. Two of them come in a mirrored case. BEAUTYBLENDER BLOTTERAZZI,
- 8. Stick to it These powderymatte pencil/crayon/stylus hybrids deliver intense Barbie-pink realness to your lips that really lasts L'ORÉAL PARIS LE MATTE, \$10,

RADAR STYLE BULLETIN

Need-to-know fashion and beauty news



Dita Von Teese x M.A.C M.A.C alum Dita Von Teese

(2006's Viva Glam spokesperson) is pairing up with the cosmetics company again to create an exclusive lipstick inspired by her new book Your Beauty Mark The new lipstick, her "signature red," will be available in early December.

Target's fresh face

Target has hired a male plus-sized model, the first major brand to do so. Zach Miko, who stands six foot six, is the new face of Target's Big & Tall collection. While many plus-sized women, such as Ashley Graham and Tess Holliday, have made headlines for being trailblazers in the fashion industry. plus-sized male models have not yet hit mainstream.

Oprah backs the Kardashian clan After the Ks took some heat from comedian Rebel Wilson ("Their careers aren't really based on talent"), the TV queen has come to the sisters' aid. Oprah, who interviewed the family two years ago, praised them for their hard-work ethic, saying she was amazed at how they spent 14 hours that day filming. "No matter who you are, that is work."

Alber Elbaz defends himself against Lanvin

The former creative director at Lanvin is refuting accusations of aggression and a lack of creative designs after Lanvin CEO Michèle Huiban sent a letter to employees explaining his dismissal. Elbaz, who was let go from Lanvin after 14 years, claimed the accusations were shocking and threatened to give a tell-all interview if the French fashion house continued to defame him. —Hania Ahmed

We caught up with Jessica Stam at a Coach cocktail party celebrating the launch of its new collection in Toronto and asked the mega-model about winter survival secrets and the enduring allure of boy bands.

What's your approach to holiday dressing? "It's fun to wear something that has a little sparkle or shine to it or holiday colours. But if I'm wearing something short, it's nice to wear a flat boot that will keep the look

Do you have any tips for surviving the Canadian winter? "Layers! Lots of layers. Stay inside by the fire or do winter sports to get through the season. I mean, being Canadian, you have to get involved in one or two."

Do you have any winter skincare must-haves? "My skin always gets a lot drier, so I'll have to up my serums and eye creams. I use this really great serum and moisturizer by Antonia Burrell. It's all-natural."

What was it like seeing the Backstreet Boys at the H&M x Balmain runway show? "It was amazing. They came out at the end of the show, so we were all still in our outfits and on stage with them. My 10-year-old self came out, and I couldn't help but sing every word. It was two songs in before I realized that I had been doing that and there were probably 50 cameras on me, so I was like 'Okay, pull it together, Jessica!" -Veronica Saroli

COOL COLLAB

EASY ELEGANCE

Design Lab, the hip private label at Hudson's Bay, has teamed up with New York designer Yigal Azrouel to create a supercute capsule collection, which hit stores across Canada last week. Bonus: Everything is under \$150. Your holiday-dressing head start begins now. Y YIGAL X DESIGN LAB DRESS, \$128, HUDSON'S BAY Y YIGAL X DESIGN LAB SWEATER, \$98, HUDSON'S BAY

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GIFT GUIDE

PERFECT MATCH

Perfume and personality go hand in hand, so when you're shopping for someone else, picking just any bottle off the counter won't do. Instead, select one based on her signature style: sporty, ladylike or downright seductive.

Sporty chic For the downtown woman who mixes tomboy style with feminine edge, this bright and unexpected cocktail of bergamot, apricot, orange zest, coconut, jasmine and tonka bean plays as hard as she does. ADIDAS BORN ORIGINAL FOR HER EAU DE PARFUM, \$45 (50 ML), ĎRUGSTÖRES

Modern pretty

Ladylike women with a penchant for luxury will love the delivery system of this classic fragrance: Dab precious drops of jasmine sambac, damask rose, sandalwood, iris and musk onto pulse points with a delicate glass stopper. DIOR J'ADORE DIOR TOUCHE DE PARFUM EAU DE PARFUM, \$112 (20 ML), HUDSON'S BAY



Femme fatale

Like a skin-flaunting cut-ou dress, this floral-oriental blends sparkling citrus with a rose, jasmine and orange flower heart and a warm vanilla and sandalwood drydown. It's perfect for the confident, seductive woman.

TOM FORD NOIR POUR FEMME EAU DE PARFUM, \$130 (50 ML), SEPHORA.CA



WOMEN WE LOVE

Like a boss

These four fashion entrepreneurs built their businesses on a passion for style. Here they share what they'd like to give and get this holiday season

BY CAITLIN AGNEW



THE GLOBAL CONNECTORS VERONICA NNENSA & FREEDA MULENGA

Gig: Co-founders of Kuwala **Based:** Toronto and Calgary

At Kuwala, orders of stylish wares come with a side of social justice. Founded in 2014 by childhood friends Veronica Nnensa and Freeda Mulenga, who live in Toronto and Calgary respectively, the online boutique sources clothing and accessories made in Malawi (the birthplace of both women), Ghana and Kenya. For years, Nnensa and Mulenga watched as international fashion brands regularly took inspiration from African fashion, but they found that approach left the original creators behind. "Designers will incorporate [that inspiration] into their garments without fully acknowledging the historical aspect of where the pieces come from," says Nnensa. "We're working on promoting the fact that great-quality product can come out of the African continent. There are many, many creative minds there." With no background in fashion (Nnensa studied public affairs and policy management, while Mulenga took accounting and finance), the pair networked like crazy, soaking up advice from members of the industry, connecting with their customers on social media and, most importantly, asking questions. Today, they offer Canadians easy access to gorgeous African pieces without international shipping fiascos or impractical return policies. "We're trying to break down those barriers, so it makes it easier for our customers to connect with these designers."

"We both love rocking our natural curls. Monthly deep-conditioning treatments during the winter help to protect our hair from drying out and breaking."



DELLA MACBOOK CASE, \$50, KUWALAINC.COM. SHEA MOISTURE JAMAICAN BLACK CASTOR OIL STRENGTHEN, GROW & RESTORE TREATMENT MASQUE, \$22, HONEYFIG. COM. EOS LIP BALM, \$4, WALMART.CA

THE FASHION MATCHMAKER CHRISTIE LOHR

Gig: Founder of Style Nine to Five Based: Vancouver

If you've seen The Devil Wears Prada, you know that landing a job in the fashion biz is anything but easy. But Vancouverite Christie Lohr is bringing style dreams closer to reality with her job-search website, Style Nine to Five (styleninetofive.com). Lohr launched the site in 2010 when she was a recruiter looking to hire a visual merchandiser in Calgary. With no way to connect with the fashion crowd in Alberta, Lohr knew she couldn't be the only one frustrated by the lack of a network. "Style Nine to Five offers people a chance to work in a dreamy career," she says. Though she adds that a job in fashion isn't all glamour. "You gotta hustle!" Lohr has expanded her listings boards to include positions in New York, with future plans to branch out to Los Angeles. When she's not connecting her 500-plus clients—a roster that includes Topshop, Aldo and Hudson's Bay, looking for everything from stylists to designers to VPs—with potential employees, Lohr is busy building her brand on social media and sharing her expertise as a guest on shows like Breakfast Television. Her best piece of pro advice for fashion job seekers? Being nice goes a long way—so does dedication. "Even if you don't have a specific skill set, I'll hire you based on your drive and your passion for the company," she says. Aspiring Miranda Priestleys, take note.

VALENTINO BOOTIES, \$1,913, NORDSTROM.COM. FRESH BLACK TEA AGE-DELAY EVE CONCENTRATE, \$100, SEPHORA.COM. LEAH ALEXANDRA EARRINGS, \$165, LEAHALEXANDRA.COM



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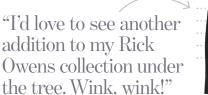
THE IMAGE PERFECTOR CHRISTINA MCDOWELL

Gig: Owner of Clementine's Luxury Based: Toronto

Christina McDowell knows how important it is to put your best face (and wardrobe) forward. The Toronto-based entrepreneur spent 15 years as Holt Renfrew's image consultant, where she provided careerchanging style advice to the city's most powerful politicians and professionals. "People subconsciously and consciously make decisions based on our image, whether it's to hire you, work with you, open a file or give you a seat in a restaurant," she says. "It's all based on how you communicate, and wardrobe is a part of it." Last December, McDowell branched out on her own to open Clementine's, a luxury new and resale boutique in Toronto. Beyond the carefully selected racks of Chanel, Prada and Oscar de la Renta, Clementine's offers personal shopping and image-consulting services, a part of McDowell's holistic approach to shopping. And it's an approach that works. McDowell regularly has clients tell her that they feel they gained an advantage in the workplace because they looked polished and professional. "I make sure that they buy the right thing for them, whether it's the right proportions for their body, the right colour or the right fabric." Call her a fashionable fairy godmother.

RICK OWENS JACKET, \$4,480, NET-A-PORTER. COM. DONNA KARAN SWEATER, \$2,249, NET-A-PORTER.COM. FASHION: 150 YEARS OF COUTURIERS, DESIGNERS, LABELS, CHARLOTTE

SEELING, \$370, AMAZON, COM



Rogers lent us a verse from her latest

book, Dear Leader (Coach House Books):



HERITAGE MOMENT

Stocking stuffer essentials: made-in-Canada beauty gifts

BY RANI SHEEN



the outdoor hot tub grotto or wandered the 400-acre grounds of Ste. Anne's Spa in Grafton, Ont., you'll know that it's truly one of the area's beauty treasures. A gift certificate for a visit there is a no-fail idea, but so is a more affordable rich firming cream from the spa's own skincare line, made in Waterloo. Formulated with antioxidant artemisia and firming lady's mantle extract grown on the property, it'll make skin feel like it's on its own spa getaway. STE. ANNE'S FIRMING



Legendary sparkle

Lise Watier the brand is a familiar sight on beauty counters, but there was a time when Lise Watier the woman was perhaps even more well known The host of a daily TV show in the 1960s, she went on to launch her beauty line in 1972. Giving someone this shimmering lilac shadow infused with antioxidant labrador tea extract from Quebec is a pretty way to be patriotic this holiday season.

LISE WATIER OMBRE SOUFFLÉ SUPRÊME IN LOVE SPELL, \$25, LISEWATIER.COM



Philanthropic perfume

Halifax-based entrepreneur Barb Stegemann integrates global humanitarian efforts into the beauty biz. She sources ingredients such as patchouli from Rwanda and orange blossom from Afghanistan to help war-torn countries rebuild, and formulates her perfumes in Canada. Now, you can buy all five of her fragrances in soy-wax candle form—and they perform double duty as a moisturizing treatment when the warm wax is poured onto the hands. That's a gift that

keeps on giving. VIRTUES CANDLE, \$44, THE7VIRTUES.COM



SPOTLIGHT

PURE POETRY

Handmade oils so lovely your skin will want to write them a sonnet

BY RANI SHEEN | PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADRIAN ARMSTRONG

A perfectly balanced, quick-absorbing face oil is a triumph of alchemy. Too much of one nut, vegetable or seed oil and it sits heavily on the skin; the wrong combination of aromatic essential oils and the formula can irritate, not illuminate. Mikayla Tran, 26, approaches the blending process with an "artistic appreciation for how the ingredients harmonize with one another." Tran launched Poetic Blends this year after landing on a recipe of oils that balanced her own oily (yes, that's right) skin. A "lover and student of poetry" who lives in Mississauga, Ont., and works 9 to 5 as a social media manager at a bank, Tran sources her materials from suppliers around the world, selecting those who

don't use chemical crop sprays, preservatives, dyes or fragrances. The three blends target different needs: The Hero Oil is designed to soothe blemish-prone skin with apricot-kernel and calendula oils; the Timeless Oil is made of richer stuff like rice bran and sea-buckthorn oils for dry or aging complexions. The Ghost Oil contains no essential oils, so it smells like nothing and vanishes into irritable skin. The first ingredient in all three is squalane, derived from olive oil. "Squalane oil not only is fast absorbing," says Tran, "but can help transport the nutrients of other oils into the dermis faster, which I find absolutely mesmerizing and even poetically beautiful." We do too

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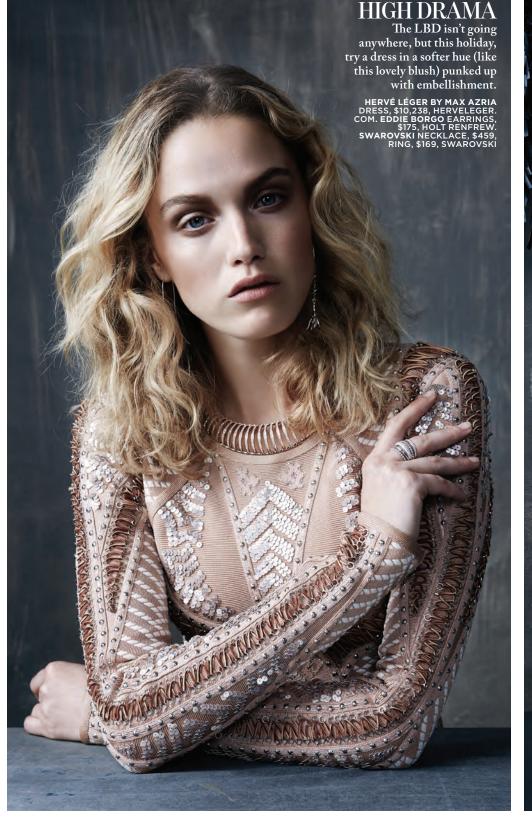
twinkling in the brink. In my youth, I too was a magnet, and I did not dim for decades.



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Gothic's new glamour

Fashion has fallen for the dark arts. The current nostalgia for Victorian-inspired pieces takes traditional fabrics and turns them into modern masterpieces

BY AYA MCMILLAN

"I'll stop wearing black when they make a darker colour," said Wednesday Addams. Attagirl. With her rebellious spirit and distinctive personal style, Addams has always been an unofficial spirit animal for the fashion set. Now that moody, broody Victoriana has cast a dark shadow on the Fall 2015 runways, she's set to have a whole new impact on women's wardrobes.

The trend started in New York, with Rodarte's bejewelled velvet frocks finished with flounces and fishnets and the parade of floor-skimming petticoats and fitted riding jackets at Marc Jacobs. Leave it to Alexander Wang to kit out Kendall Jenner in an inky velvet fluted skirt trimmed with chains for a street-wise-Lolita take on Victoriana that surely never existed circa 1865.

Across the Atlantic, London labels such as Giles, Simone Rocha and Montreal-bred Erdem fashioned swirling capes with bonded patent leathers, unfinished brocades and mohair-melded guipure lace. In Paris, Givenchy's Riccardo Tisci—the original torchbearer for dark romance—viewed Victoriana through a Latin lens with a nod to the Chola girl: Ethereal frills and lace mixed with the "aggressive aesthetics" cited in Tisci's program notes (think face jewellery that replicated piercings and tattoos). Call it delicacy charged with defiance.

That tension has long defined the Victorian aesthetic. It's covered up but form-fitting, sober in palette but often sensually opulent in detail. "It's a pragmatic look at what it takes to be feminine today," explains Lisa Tant, vice-president of exclusive services at Holt Renfrew. "It's a way of saying, 'I'm a woman, I'm asserting myself, but don't mess with me,' at the same time."

Nikki Wirthensohn, the designer of Toronto label Narces, understands this push-pull tension well. Her Fall 2015 collection is full of handcrafted pieces with high necklines belied by flesh-baring organza and lace. "I love that tailored look," she says, "that structure that works with your body."

Part of the allure of Victorian dress is its focus on the craft of fashion. Inside the Narces atelier, a group of artisans help Wirthensohn tailor, embroider and embellish clothes for hours on end. "The amount of work that goes into each piece—you just can't do it with a machine," says the designer. "It's important for each dress to have all that intricate detailing."

That attention to detail helps distinguish high fashion from fast fashion. "So many things are knocked off the minute they hit the internet," says Tant. "Through special prints or embellishments like beading, cutwork and laser-cut techniques, designers are elevating their looks to a demi-couture level, so the actual construction and the quality are very, very high. They're smart to create pieces that are difficult to copy.'

"It's very difficult," concurs fashion historian Valerie Steele. "When fast fashion started really having an impact, a lot of designers started adding couture touches because it was less easy to be knocked off. I think Victoriana can be knocked off, but it looks so...cheesy."

This carefully determined synergy between clothes and craftsmanship may just be the era's lasting legacy—a girl, after all, can't survive on Lululemon alone. "We all need a wardrobe of great basics," says Tant, "but if you want something that really makes a statement you're going to be looking for lace, embellishments, detailing, very finely lasered materials that take [Victoriana] to a whole different level." Sometimes, it seems, we need to look back to go forward.

SHOP THE TREND

Bring the look into real life with these five gothic glam pieces

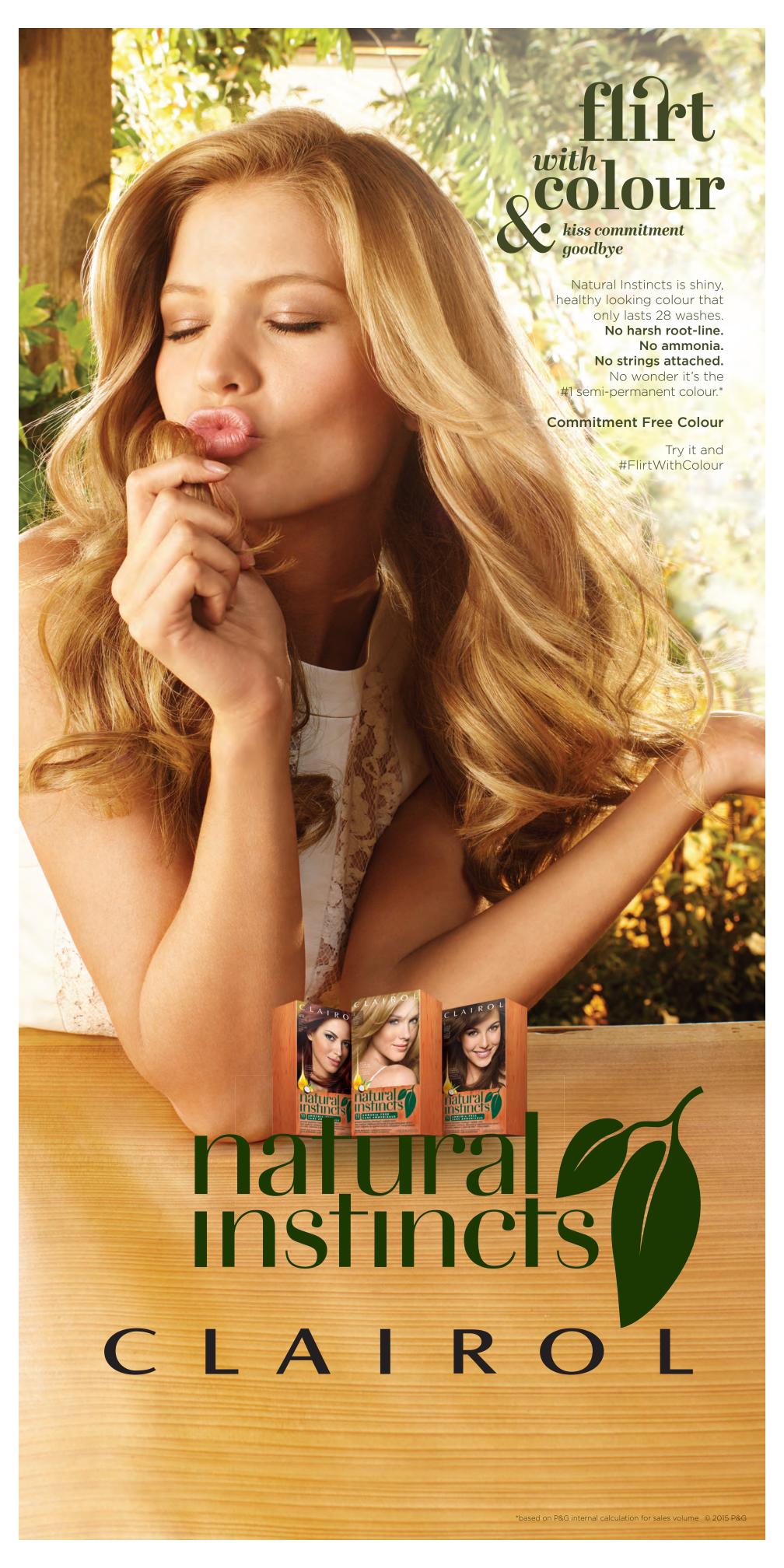


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Hellooo, legs

Banish your basic black tights: Statement hosiery is back in style. Ingrie Williams shows you how to wear the trend—without looking like a circus performer

I've had a long on-again, off-again relationship with hosiery. It started with the pink and white tights that were a staple of my childhood dance recital costumes. In my early 20s, I dressed my legs in bright purple for a very important job interview. What can I say? Normcore has never really been my thing. Plus, it was a style-focused position, and I got the gig. Now, a



decade and a bit later, opaque black tights are a staple in my wardrobe. I pulled them out a few times last year, but—thanks to the fall runways—they may spend the entire season in their drawer.

A multitude of covered legs strolled down the catwalk clad in all manner of hosiery: cable-knit, crochet, even beaded. Tights were romantic at Rodarte, graphic at Proenza Schouler and sporty at Tommy Hilfiger. Suddenly, my plain black tights looked so boring, so safe, so (gasp) normal! Since I'm not in my 20s anymore, I wondered if I could pull off the season's statement-making styles, but I decided

Colour seemed like a logical place to start. I love the textured jewel tones, but—while they're perfect for dipping a toe into the trend—they're ultimately not statement-y enough. I got warmer by moving on to the edgier, black netted styles—think classic fishnets on steroids. As cool as they were, I wanted to push myself further outside my comfort zone. Next, I landed on a pair of bright red-and-black diamond-plaid-print tights. (To call them dramatic would be to understate.) I grounded the look by pairing the graphic tights with a classic black minidress, a moto jacket and blockheel booties. Wearing such bold tights, I noticed an extra kick in my step. Fashion placebo effect? Maybe. Enjoyable? You betcha.

I felt like I was on the right track when my tights earned unsolicited compliments at an industry event. See, fashion people get me. When I met up with a stylish girlfriend for lunch she instantly approved, proclaiming them to be playful. I pressed for specifics: Does that mean they're too much? "Just enough," she reassured me. Later, I ran into a male friend who greeted me with "What's up, fire legs?" He deemed my tights "definitely noticeable" but also perfect for livening up the dreary grey day. It was a fair point: A dose of sartorial vitamin D (read: fashion joy) goes a long way as we head into the darkest days of the year. And just like that, my love affair with hosiery was officially rekindled. Fire legs are the new black.



tights trend for a spin. HUE TIGHTS, \$27, HUE.COM

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friend, Michelle Bilodeau



















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SHOPPING LIST

Your winter fashion essentials: fuzzy knitwear, flashy oxfords and (gorgeous) ruby slippers

BY VANESSA TAYLOR

1. Buy: Knit dress Put away: Shirt dress

Fool everyone into thinking you've made an effort—but you're really just wearing a super-comfy sweater.

ANN TAYLOR DRESS, \$208, ANN TAYLOR

2. Buy: High-shine oxfords Put away: Ballerina flats

The Oxford dictionary should define oxfords as "comfy, chic amazingness." This metallic pair would also appear

FOREVER 21 SHOES, \$40, FOREVER21.COM

3. Buy: Gold bracelet Put away: Charm bracelet Channel your inner Wonder Woman with a cuff on each wrist-or stick superpowers (like being first in line at Starbucks) ERIN TRACY CUFF, \$180, ERINTRACY.CA

with one and harness your regular

4. Buy: Graphic pants Put away: Graphic culottes People who wake up before the alarm clock, these are your new trousers.

KATE SPADE PANTS, \$342, KATESPADE.COM

5. Buy: High-heeled ankle boots Put away: Wedge ankle boots Navigate Canadian winters in style with these chic lace-up boots. Bonus points for the elegant oxblood hue

CALL IT SPRING BOOTS, \$80,

6. Buy: Furry snood

Put away: Infinity scarf Forget trying to figure out the latest way to tie a scarf-this piece instantly adds major drama, no YouTube tutorial necessary.

JOE FRESH SNOOD, \$34, JOEFRESH.COM

7. Buy: Velvet heels

Put away: Satin pumps Meet your new evening shoe. They're the perfect addition to an LBD-or to a sleek tuxedo. (Just resist the temptation to quote The Wizard of Oz.)

TOPSHOP HEELS, \$93, TOPSHOP.COM

8. Buy: Neutral coat Put away: Black moto jacket This cocoon number is a supermodern take on the camel coat Ali MacGraw wore in Love Story.

LINE COAT, \$695, LINETHELABEL.COM

9. Buy: Pastel bag Put away: Beige tote

This carryall nails three trends in one: fuzzy shearling, winter pastels and a chic top handle. (That's just good fashion math.)

MULBERRY BAG, \$2,160, MULBERRY.COM

10. Buy: Cheeky clutch Put away: Basic black clutch Consider this cute bag a cocktailconversation starter—as in "Where did you get that cute clutch?'

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