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The Perfect Issue: Suits, lipsticks, tights, turtlenecks and dreams



The perfect cut

Jeanne Beker, legend, reflects on the relationship between confidence and her signature coif

PHOTOGRAPHY BY LUIS MORA

One of my earliest memories is getting my first haircut at Toronto's iconic Caruso's salon in the mid '50s. My immigrant parents counted their pennies, so I'm incredulous that it was the revered Gus Caruso that my mom insisted on taking me to for that first, important cut. But then again, my Eastern European mother understood the significance of style and perhaps had the premonition that the right cut would lay the foundation for her little Jeanne's earliest fashion dreams.

I was barely 3 but distinctly remember sitting proudly in Caruso's chair, draped in a huge cape. The final mirror image that stared back at me was a tad scary: Who was this strange little sophisticate, with this perfectly shaped 'do? It was a mini bob, perfect for my straight hair, complete with bold baby bangs that gave my round little face a kind of edge. Still, unsure as I was of my new identity, I felt terribly excited as we left the salon. On the way home, we stopped at the corner drugstore to have my portrait taken. My mom was adamant about documenting this defining, coming-of-age moment.

There's a saying that the older we get, the more ourselves we become. Reflecting back on my first professional cut, I realize that its prim, distinctive shape really did lay the groundwork for my aesthetic, and to this day, I love and identify with the notion of neatly coiffed, perfectly cut hair that frames the face. As a matter of fact, I never go anywhere without a small comb to ensure my hair has that "just-combed" look. While some may be more concerned with having a powdered nose, my quest for perfection drives me to regularly run a comb through my hair, which enhances its trademark shininess.

I think any outfit, from workout wear to a cocktail dress, is invariably elevated by a good cut, and my no-nonsense, well-maintained style at least gives me the illusion that I'm presenting my best, most authentic self possible. Good hair grooming reigns supreme in my book and never fails to provide the confidence and personal style statement I want to make.

But growing up, the wee, spirited fashionista in me did yearn to experiment. When I was 5, I convinced my mom to give me a Toni home perm, just so I could see what it was like to have curls. Still, I religiously hung on to my bangs, which I wore longer and longer the older I got. My hair reached my waist, and ponytails were *de rigueur*, but as I entered my teens, eager to emulate my idol, Cher, I mostly wore my hair down. I even lay my already stick-straight tresses onto an ironing board, covered them with a dish towel and went over them with a clothes iron. I'd picked up this wacky tip from some teen magazine that claimed it was what Cher used to do, so I figured it was cool.

That look continued throughout most of my 20s—a natural style that only required an occasional trim to eradicate split ends. Then in 1979, I got hired to co-host a rock TV show called *The New Music*, and suddenly, in terms of image, God was in the edgy details. Before recording our first episode, I was sent to Robin Barker, a suave and savvy stylist who'd started with Gus Caruso, but now headed his own successful salon. Robin had definite ideas, convincing me to cut, layer

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The perfect fit

Is a tailor-made suit worth the wait? Liz Guber tries out a new Canadian customization service to find out

I dare you to find a single garment that at once signals ease, elegance and a general sense of badassery quite like a suit. Think: Marlene Dietrich, YSL's Le Smoking, Kristen Stewart on any given red carpet. But to exude that kind of sartorial superiority, you need a suit that fits like it was made for you. I've tried to fake it, matching a beloved blazer with a close-enough pair of trousers, or opting for an off-the-rack suit, but nothing has ever quite lived up to my expectations.

Enter the bespoke suit fitting. For a long time, this rarefied realm, steeped in Savile Row mystique and old-world, whiskey sipping, cigar-perfumed tradition, was largely reserved for men. Today that's changing thanks to brands like Alfred Sung, where the classic bespoke service has been reinvented for women.

It's fitting that Alfred Sung is embracing suiting. When the brand was founded in Toronto in the '80s, it became known as the go-to for women's tailoring—albeit with more generous shoulder pads than we might see now. Today the brand lives on as a contemporary luxury line with a focus on timeless pieces that can be fully customized. Walk into the brand's west-end showroom (after making an appointment, of course) and you can dream up your own dress shirt, evening coat or suit—from a satin tux to a flannel wool co-ord.

Still, starting from scratch can feel daunting for a bespoke newbie like me, or for anyone used to having clothing trends dictated to them, for that matter. That's why the team has created ready-made styles that can act as points of reference. This season's offering includes an eggplant-hued double-breasted blazer with wide-leg trousers and a bright pink evening suit with contrasting black lapels.

I opt for an all-season suit to wear anywhere, from meetings to parties. Once I'm settled on the shape, it's time to select the fabric. I walk into a room with a large square table that's covered with swatches, from inky velvets to cheery satins and



neutral flannels. It's a lot. To help make up my mind, I hold the squares of Italian wool near my face in front of the mirror. Navy? Too banker. Prince of Wales check? Too busy. I settle on a neutral tone in an all-weather wool (not too fleecy, not too shiny). Then it's on to buttons (contrasting) and lining (I go with a jaunty paisley). Then, the most important part: the fit. I head into a small room where a stylist takes 36 different measurements, along with photos of my posture and congratulates me on being "symmetrical" (if I wasn't, adjustments would be made accordingly).

A few weeks later, it's like Christmas—in other words, my fitting day. After trying the suit on, I decide to have the pants hemmed and the sleeves adjusted. The shoulders sit just right, without sloping down or pulling. The pants are the ideal shoe-showing length. It turns out that a perfect item of clothing does exist, it just takes two weeks, some measuring tape and knowing exactly what you want.

The perfect deals

Black Friday should be super exciting, not super stressful. Save big with these expertly curated picks

BY KATHERINE LALANCETTE AND LIZ GUBER



The wear-anywhere dress

If you've been lusting after Reformation's ultra-romantic designs, now's your chance. Nearly everything on the site will be 30 per cent off between November 29 and December 2.



The flattering jeans

There's nothing like finding jeans that fit just right (like this high-waist Bridgette cut). We have a feeling a 50 per cent discount on Lucky Brand's entire site until November 30 will help end your search.



The do-it-all mascara

Stock up on your Shu Uemura favourites, like this Ultimate Natural Mascara, with a 25 per cent discount. You'll also receive a gift with purchase if you spend \$50 or more.



The statement mules

These Call It Spring heels are vegan, outfit-making and, come November 29 and December 2, 30 per cent off. Psst, you'll also get an extra 50 per cent off all sale items on those days.



The glow-getting serum

Whether you're a Boy Brow devotee or you've been itching to try this new Future Dew oil serum hybrid, make all your Glossier dreams come true with a 20 per cent discount.



The stylish signet

Add some sparkle to your life with a little something from Mejuri. In its only sale of the year, the brand is offering 10 per cent off of one, 15 per cent off of two or 20 per cent off of three or more pieces.



The foolproof foundation

NYX's affordable high-quality makeup, like this \$16 tinted skin veil, is 30 per cent off (except Holiday products) online November 28 to 30 and December 2, and in stores November 27 to December 2.



The everyday tote

Until December 2, get 50 per cent off more than 1,000 items at Nordstrom (this Marc Jacobs bag is \$180 instead of \$495) and receive e-gift cards when you spend over certain amounts.



The cool puffer

Canadian coat brand Kanuk elevates outerwear to chic new heights. Case in point: this almond-hued number. Until December 2, get 15 per cent off everything on its site.

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The gift of beauty

A statement lip, luxe fragrances and lush lashes are holiday must-haves. Read on for the best beauty buys of the festive season



Why does this makeup set make a great gift?

"The Benefit Road Trip to Gorgeous set is the season's must-have makeup gift—fun and beautiful! It comes with complexion favourites like the Porefessional Pearl primer and Dandelion blush, as well as my all-time favourite brow product, the 24-hr Brow Setter. Fluffy brows? Yes, please!"

BENEFIT ROAD TRIP TO GORGEOUS, \$67, SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



What's the perfect lip for holiday parties?

"Lancôme's L'Absolu Lacquer is my go-to lip product because it's lightweight, highly pigmented and has a beautiful, dewy finish. I love the shade 142 Brave Lips because it creates a gorgeous statement lip, perfect for parties."

LANCÔME L'ABSOLU LACQUER, \$34, SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



Let's talk holiday lashes. What's your best mascara tip?

"Do 'the wiggle!' Starting at the base of your lashes, wiggle the mascara wand while pulling it upwards to lengthen and define your lashes."

The Eye Studio Sampler is the perfect way to sample popular products, including a lash primer, volumizing and lengthening mascaras as well as a makeup remover, all at a great price."

EYE STUDIO SAMPLER, \$42, SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



Why does fragrance make a great gift?

"Scents tend to spark a memory or a feeling—it's an emotional gift. Giving someone a fragrance shows you put a lot of thought into finding one that fits their lifestyle, interests and preferences. I love how Elie Saab Le Parfum Royal is both bold and feminine at the same time. This is perfect for your boss babe girlfriends."

ELIE SAAB LE PARFUM ROYAL, \$142 (90 ML), \$112 (50 ML), SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



What's a great scent to give to a man this season?

"K by Dolce&Gabbana is fit for a modern-day king. It's the perfect balance of earthy, woody notes with a mix of citrus, both energizing and fresh. And it's housed in a beautiful bottle with a unique handcrafted cap."

K BY DOLCE&GABBANA, \$118 (100 ML), \$88 (50 ML), SHOPPERSDRUGMART.CA



“With clothes, as with so many things—love, travel—the pleasure is in the pining.”

showing. It's a look that contains all the sex appeal of a post-*Love Story* Ali McGraw, and multiple variations on it strutted confidently down the Fall 2019 runways at Celine, Hermès and Dries Van Noten, to name a few.

But my own love story with this style of boot began when I was about 7 years old, kindled by after-school episodes of *Three's Company*. Suzanne Somers's Chrissy Snow wore high-waisted tweedy culottes with ribbed brown turtle-necks and mid-length belted dresses—all with stacked-heel, cognac-coloured tall boots. There is something about the clothes that adults wear when you are little—belonging as they do to the exotic, untouchable land of *The Grown Up*—that bestows on them a lasting glamour. And so, Chrissy's '70s wardrobe stencilled itself into my imagination as the ultimate costume of fresh, plucky adulthood.

On a recent ugly fall day, skies leaden with Brillo-pad clouds, I comforted myself with some light online shopping and found myself locking eyes with Goldy, the Chrissy Snow boot par excellence. Cue the montage: Goldy and I promenading through crunchy leaves in syrupy autumnal sunshine; Goldy and I hopping into an Uber en route to a career-making meeting; Goldy and I dining with friends in some fashionable new boîte. (Interestingly, Goldy and I are never emptying dishwashers, grocery shopping endlessly, or prying my son into snowpants in wet-sock-strewn school hallways.)

If there is a downside to these boots' perfection, it's that they require a perfect life to go with them, i.e., somebody else's. If I'm honest, Goldy has no business in my, let's call it, imperfect existence, what with its muddy playgrounds and slush-slathered streets. (I think we can all agree that there is nothing less chic than slush.) A flash of reason, well-layered with guilt, inspires me to take a day or two to think about them—also, to ponder financial ruin and general idiocy of purchase given

Arctic winters, etc.

I'll admit that I often feel ashamed of my involved shopping habits and fervent love of clothes. Surely a person of substance would not spend weeks, okay sometimes months, ogling a pair of boots, brainstorming reasons to justify buying them, and fantasizing about new outfits to go with them. But often, the anticipation is the most satisfying part of the process. With clothes, as with so many things—love, travel—the pleasure is in the pining.

As I waste extraordinary amounts of time on my usual should-I-buy-them charade, a scene in *When Harry Met Sally* comes to mind, the one where Sally has lunch with Carrie Fisher's Marie in Central Park. “The right man for you might be out there right now,” Marie tells Sally, “and if you don't grab him, someone else will, and you'll have to spend the rest of your life knowing that someone else is married to your husband.” If I don't buy these boots, someone else will, and I'll have to spend the rest of the season knowing some other woman is wearing my footwear.

To stave off this nightmare, the audacity of hope compels me to add the boots to my shopping cart. (Obama may not have been thinking of online shopping when he came up with that phrase, but never mind.) I buy them, for the life I don't have, for the climate I don't live in, for the person I'm not—the kind of person who doesn't lie in bed in the middle of a Monday overspending on boots.

Naturally, it's a rainy day when the boots land on my doorstep. They are pristine in their box, their cognac leather gleams softly, their smooth soles are a tender shade of kitten-paw pink. I can't bear for them to meet with wet pavement. I tuck them in my closet, safe from the vulgarity of reality and Canadian weather, the dream unscuffed. Plus, I need to find the perfect denim midi skirt to wear them with. But one sunny, blue-skied someday, Goldy and I will have our time. And it will be perfection.

The perfect dream

Olivia Stren yearns for a pair of boots so ideal, they require a whole other life

In *The Little Prince*, French writer and aviator Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's masterwork, the prince leaves his tiny asteroid and lands on Earth, where he meets a fox friend. “My life is boring. I chase chickens and men chase me,” despairs the fox. When the little prince explains that he hails from a different planet, the fox inquires: “Are there hunters on your planet?” “No.” “That's interesting. And chickens?” the fox continues hopefully. “No,” answers the little prince.

The fox sighs. “Nothing is perfect.” Only the dream of a perfect planet is perfect, because perfection exists only in fantasy. Perhaps. But I'm betting the fox never laid eyes on Goldy, the 3.5-inch, stacked-heel, cognac-coloured tall boot by New

York brand Loeffler Randall.

It is not an overstatement to say that I've been searching, longing for the ultimate pair of tall boots my entire adult life. I am not a winter person. My wardrobe, an exercise in escapist delusion, is a soft and floaty sea of cotton poplin and voile, belonging to a person who's never met a Polar Vortex or a case of seasonal affective disorder. Every year, there is a point, just before the winter begins, when I resolve that this season will be different—I'll be different. If I can just acquire the perfect pair of boots, I'll be able to make it through unscathed this time, and in style.

A tall boot like the Goldy, a masterpiece in 1970s chic, is ideally worn beneath a midi-length skirt or flowy prairie dress, nary a hint of knee

THE KIT X LAURA MERCIER

Makeup brush masterclass

Makeup brushes are the MVPs of your makeup kit, but with so many different shapes, textures and uses, it's easy to get overwhelmed. Here's your essential guide to how to use each brush, demonstrated by Michel Couombe, Laura Mercier Global Artist. Head to thekit.ca to watch this and more video tutorials.



CHEEKS: Using Cheek Colour Brush in a circular motion, apply Blush Colour Infusion in Chai on upper cheekbones to create dimension.



SCULPTING: Add definition to your face by applying Matte Radiance Baked Powder in Bronze 04 just under cheekbones, using Angled Cheek Contour Brush.



EYES: Apply Caviar Stick Eye Colour in Amethyst directly on lids with Crème Eye Detail Brush. Use short strokes to sweep it across the lash line, outwards and up towards the crease.



BROWBONES: Use Finishing Pony Tail Brush in a windshield-wiper motion to dust Caviar Stick Eye Colour in Rosegold under browbones to brighten eyes.



HIGHLIGHT: Using tip of Fan Powder Brush, lightly dust Face Illuminator Powder in Devotion on tops of cheekbones and on the bridge of the nose for an airbrushed look.



LIPS: Apply Rouge Essentiel Silky Crème Lipstick in Rose Claire directly from tube, then put a little lipstick on Lip Colour Brush and trace outline for precise definition.



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Clockwise from left: Face Illuminator Powder in Devotion, MSRP \$56, Radiance Baked Powder in Bronze 04, MSRP \$50, Blush Colour Infusion in Strawberry and Chai, MSRP \$38, Rouge Essentiel Silky Crème Lipstick in Rose Claire, MSRP \$37, Caviar Stick Eye Colour in Rosegold and Amethyst, MSRP \$35, Fan Powder Brush, MSRP \$40, Angled Cheek Contour Brush, MSRP \$58, Finishing Pony Tail Brush, MSRP \$40, Cheek Colour Brush, MSRP \$58, Crème Eye Detail Brush, MSRP \$33, at thekit.ca or sephora.ca



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The perfect tights

Staunch tights skeptic **Evie Begy** finds herself falling for beautiful, functional nylons

Stash those opaque, 80-denier tights until next year. This season, it's all about sheer, leg-contouring stockings in playful patterns, from blossoms to geometric grids. And may we suggest an abridged hemline to show them off?

ICÔNE DRESS, \$199, SIMONS.CA. FROM RACHEL TIGHTS, \$18, FROMRACHEL.COM. WINNERS SHOES, \$130, WINNERS.CA. HAIR & MAKEUP: CAROLINE LEVIN/PIV.CA. STYLING: LIZ GÜBER



You did not misread that headline. It does indeed read "The perfect tights." Seems oxymoronic, right? After all, tights don't have the best rep: the muffin top, the saggy inner seam that requires aggressive hiking up, the lack of colour inclusive options, the inconsistent texture, the susceptibility to runs and the wonky sizing (what even is a size D?!). Tights, traditionally, are far from perfect.

Before kicking-off this test-drive, I was a tights non-believer. "Pantyhose? The horror," I thought. I turned down this story about five times before finally agreeing.

That's not to say I don't have a history with tights. In fact, I spent hundreds of hours and hundreds of dollars wearing them as a competitive dancer. Tights stood for utility and purpose. They were a part of me. Then, with the rise of contemporary dance, a Free the Leg movement of sorts came about: Focus was placed on the lines of the leg and seeing the strength of the dancer. So I rejected tights, happily and wholeheartedly, more than a decade ago.

Then, earlier this month, Katie Holmes stepped out of her town car in New York in a black satin mini-dress and spotted tights. These were not like the thick, opaque pairs from my dance days, but a sheer, barely-black pair straight off the Saint Laurent runways. Maybe I could finally wear a dress in Canadian winter without freezing. I could even look chic in the process—like a

starlet with a chauffeur. The possibilities!

To ease my way back to wearing tights, I started with a practical option. Enter British brand Hedoine. These new-gen tights have no centre seam and a waistband that resembles modern shapewear, hugging the body without leaving any dents in the skin. Comfortable and not itchy, these tights even fought off static cling. They felt slick on the skin. And perhaps best of all, they did not drop down the leg through the day. These tights held their ground.

But a pair this good comes at a price—\$50. And even with my fresh manicure, I poked two holes in the waistband while I was putting them on. To be fair, the holes did not turn into ladders and didn't run down the leg, so I could re-wear them. Hedoine isn't the only brand claiming to make a better pair of sheers. Advancements are constantly being made as competition from new brands heats up. There are now subscription boxes like Montreal-based From Rachel, a brand that will send you a different pair of playfully patterned, made-in-Italy tights each month; greater shade ranges thanks to labels like Heist; and a host of brands claiming wear guarantees and a rip-proof product. All the while, tights are also getting prettier—see: star prints, dramatic florals and delicate dots.

I'll admit, tights aren't quite perfect yet, but they're closer than they've ever been.



FROM TOP: EVER NEW DRESS, \$160, EVERNEW.CA. FROM RACHEL TIGHTS, \$19, FROMRACHEL.COM. AREA SHOES, \$1,051, SHOPBOP.COM. EVER NEW DRESS, \$160, EVERNEW.CA. FROM RACHEL TIGHTS, \$18, FROMRACHEL.COM. WINNERS BOOTS, \$180, WINNERS.CA. FARM RIO DRESS, \$212, SHOPBOP.COM. FROM RACHEL TIGHTS, \$19, FROMRACHEL.COM. COACH BOOTS, \$275, COACH.COM

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and perm my hair. I wasn't too sure of what I wanted to project back then, so I put myself in Robin's hands. My TV persona was taking shape, and I kept oscillating between liking my new look and detesting it. Robin was much in demand, and it was difficult to get a regular appointment, so he suggested I try one of his top stylists, the brilliant Gregory Parvatan, who'd recently arrived in Toronto by way of London, where he claimed to have styled Anna Wintour's hair on occasion.

From the get-go, I adored Gregory's easygoing approach. He never imposed his aesthetic on me, always merely suggested. He had the patience of Job and was sensitive to my neurotic musings. With his technical proficiency and amazing eye, he encouraged me to try new things but was never bossy about it. "So, what are going to do today?" Gregory would ask me, each time I sat in his chair. That's what I appreciated about him the most: Coming up with different 'dos always felt like a collaborative effort. We had profound respect for one another, and most importantly, he could always make me laugh and not only look, but truly *feel* beautiful.

By the time I started doing *Fashion Television* in the mid '80s, I was hopelessly devoted to Gregory. He'd opened a new salon by then, called Rapunzel. Those first few episodes of *FT* were a study in experimentation: Gregory was instructed to give me different 'dos for every segment. I was cut, curled, crimped and permed.



One minute I'd be wearing my hair in an upswep, the next it was ironed, below my shoulders. I even wore a Cleopatra wig once! But eventually, we abandoned the disparate hairdos and settled on a classic bob—one that, except for varying lengths, has pretty much remained my signature style. Granted, there was that time in the late '90s, when my marriage ended and I was desperate for some kind of newness. Legendary makeup artist Keyvn Aucoin gave me a makeover at his New York apartment one night and suggested I do away with my bangs. I was blown away by how amazing Keyvn had made me look, so I bravely went bangless for a couple of years. Gregory approved. But eventually, we felt a good fringe was more youthful, so I went back to my beloved bangs.

This year marks my 40th anniversary with Gregory. Imagine having the same stylist for four decades! Granted, there may have been a handful of dalliances along the way, but usually because Gregory wasn't available. It's certainly a testament to loyalty in this frighteningly fickle business. But it's also indicative of my love of style consistency: My haircut has become my signature, an emblem of authenticity in an era of image obsession. It represents my ultimate style edit and trumpets the fact that I've found a cut that not only looks like me but feels like me. And while I promise not to turn my back completely on the possibility of change, for now, my cut remains my style calling card. Besides, it reminds me of the little kid I used to be, and who wouldn't want to keep in touch with that?

THE KIT X YORKVILLE VILLAGE

Wow Factor

With holiday parties, brunches and get-togethers galore, you need stylish essentials to celebrate in. Make this a holiday season to remember with a blouse that sparkles, standout sneakers or a super trendy fanny pack—whether it's a gift for yourself or someone else. Not sure where to start? We suggest Yorkville Village, Toronto's luxury style destination for one-stop holiday shopping.



1. T-SHIRT, \$90, HEIDI HOZ



2. SHOES, \$445, BELINI MILANO PARIS. SHIRT THAT KNIT HAT, \$168, AND GLOVES, \$106, THE NORBY POP-UP

1. STAR-WORTHY
Looking for something for that hard-to-shop-for teen? Heidi Ho2 has plenty of creative knit options and message tees that any fashion-forward girl would love. We couldn't resist this star-studded tee.

2. SHEEN QUEEN
The holidays are all about fabulous footwear, so if she loves shine but hates heels, give her these chic sneakers with metallic accents. A cozy knit hat and gloves complete the cool and comfy look.

3. GOLD STAR
A sparkly top is a holiday party no-brainer. And a good belt will last a lifetime, making it the perfect gift—we love this hand-made belt by Canadian designer Suzi Rohrer.

4. A TWINKLE IN TIME
If you're on the hunt for a festive look for a style-savvy kiddo, look no further. This star-sprinkled dress will delight any fashionista in training.

5. CAMO CRUSH
Camo print is back in a big way, and this vegan leather pouch with gilded accents works as a clutch, or to house all your essentials inside a larger bag. And this textured cardigan and chunky gold-link bracelet are equally standout.

6. SHINE ON
Give her a reason to shine with this hand-made brass necklace by Toronto-based jewellery designer Michelle Ross. Then up the fancy factor with a velvet clutch and leopard-print gloves.

7. COLD COMFORT
Humble knit accessories are elevated with the two-toned detailing on this luxe hat and the graphic print on this cozy scarf.

8. THE THROWBACK PACK
Yes, fanny packs are back! She'll love finding this sophisticated take on the hands-free favourite under the tree. Add a faux-fur scarf and statement necklace for extra glam.

The perfect red

Laura deCarufel on the power of lipstick's most primal colour

You've worn it for so long that it feels as much a part of you as the curve of your lip or the instinctive winking that hits when you see a father and son holding hands on the street. You love its undeniable beauty, its shortcut to glamour. Most of all, you love its promise of possibility.

The world, surely, cannot end when you're wearing a creamy blue red housed in a sleek bullet that feels as at home in your hand as an apple or the innocent grasp of your child. The waters may rise, the fires may burn, but the future must exist. It's bright, even. You can trust the words that come out of that jaunty, confident mouth in the mirror.

You can recall without fear the moments that stand out in the reel.

That farmhouse in Ireland, where you slick on a matte red in the blue chill of dawn when your face—so young!—stares up at you from a piece of glass. Unfamiliar angles, familiar shades. A spray of champagne on your breath in the back of the cab, applying Ruby Woo without a mirror, rumbling on to the next party. The rosy shadow your kiss leaves on the papery softness of your grandmother's cheek.

In a field or a stranger's car or the sweet heat of a nursing home, warmed by sugary tea and *Jeopardy*. Lipstick is armour, but it's also an affirmation. Every swipe connects you to generations of women, similarly, unapologetically adorned. Every swipe, an act of self-love, a radical declaration of life.

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THE HIT LIST

Cross a workout, beautifying and errands off your list while you shop

RADFORD STUDIO
Radford Studio is the ultimate beauty destination for holiday glam. Book the famed Hollywood North Facial with Victoria Radford as a special treat.

SOULCYCLE
If the holidays have you feeling overwhelmed, take a break and work up a sweat during a class at the studio that revolutionized spinning.

UPMARKET: THE NOËL EDIT
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HAZELTON STUDIO
'Tis the season of gift, so if your favourite necklace needs TLC, drop it with the talented jewellers at Hazelton Studio for a quick fix.

The perfect layer

Allow **Renée Tse** to show you the endlessly versatile, outfit-making power of the black turtleneck

THE JUMPSUIT

There are plenty of modern ways to style a black turtleneck, but pairing one under a jumpsuit might just be the most unexpected. We love the contrast of the utilitarian, workwear-style boiler suit with the classic feel of the top's high neckline. For a final touch, add a pair of sculptural statement earrings.

KOTN TURTLENECK, \$45, KOTN.COM. **BANANA REPUBLIC** JUMPSUIT, \$185, BANANAREPUBLIC.COM. **BIKO** EARRINGS, \$85, ILOVEBIKO.COM

THE OVERSIZED BLAZER

Here, the turtleneck acts as the ultimate blank canvas—all the better for showing off some layered, mixed-metal statement necklaces and a dramatically oversized blazer.

KOTN TURTLENECK, \$45, KOTN.COM. **COS** BLAZER, \$275, COSSTORES.COM. **JENNY BIRD** PENDANT NECKLACE, \$150, CHAINNECKLACE.COM. **NORDSTROM** CHAIN NECKLACE, \$175, NORDSTROM.COM

THE WHITE BUTTON-UP

If you're after an effortless, timeless outfit that also says, "Why yes, I do spend my weekends behind a pottery wheel," wear a long-sleeve top under a crisp, short-sleeve button-up for next-level layering. The best part? You can now get so much more mileage out of your summery tops.

KOTN TURTLENECK, \$45, KOTN.COM. **COS** SHIRT, \$150, COSSTORES.COM. **EARRINGS**, \$125, COSSTORES.COM

THE SLIP DRESS

We're big fans of a playful, spaghetti-strap dress. But we're also fans of not shivering our way through holiday-party season. Enter the turtleneck-under-a-dress trick. The key is choosing a tightly fitting top for a sleek silhouette and minimal bunching. Party on.

KOTN TURTLENECK, \$45, KOTN.COM. **CLUB MONACO** DRESS, \$279, CLUBMONACO.COM. **BIKO** EARRINGS, \$115, ILOVEBIKO.COM



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THE KIT X ETSY

Gifting just got personal

The holidays are fast-approaching, and hunting for the perfect gift in crowded malls can be overwhelming, to say the least. This year, why not order a customized gift from Etsy instead? Made in Canada by talented artisans, these presents are one-of-a-kind, just like the special people on your list. Read on for thoughtful ideas that they'll never see coming.



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FOR THE COZY COTTAGERS Cold winter temps call for snuggling up by the fire, and these monogrammed pillow cases will make any space feel even more cozy.

MONOGRAM PILLOW CASE, \$50.
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FOR THE ON-TREND MILLENNIAL A custom name-plate necklace is the It girl accessory du jour, and the Old English font styling of this one will set her apart from the crowd.

NAMEPLATE NECKLACE, \$81.
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FOR THE MAN ON THE GO This custom monogrammed toiletry bag is equal parts stylish and functional, meaning he'll never forget to pack shaving cream again.

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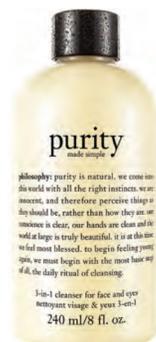
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Add a little Parisian flair to your makeup with these **Bourjois Paris** must-haves: a **Rouge Velvet Lipstick** and volumizing mascaras for spectacular lashes.
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