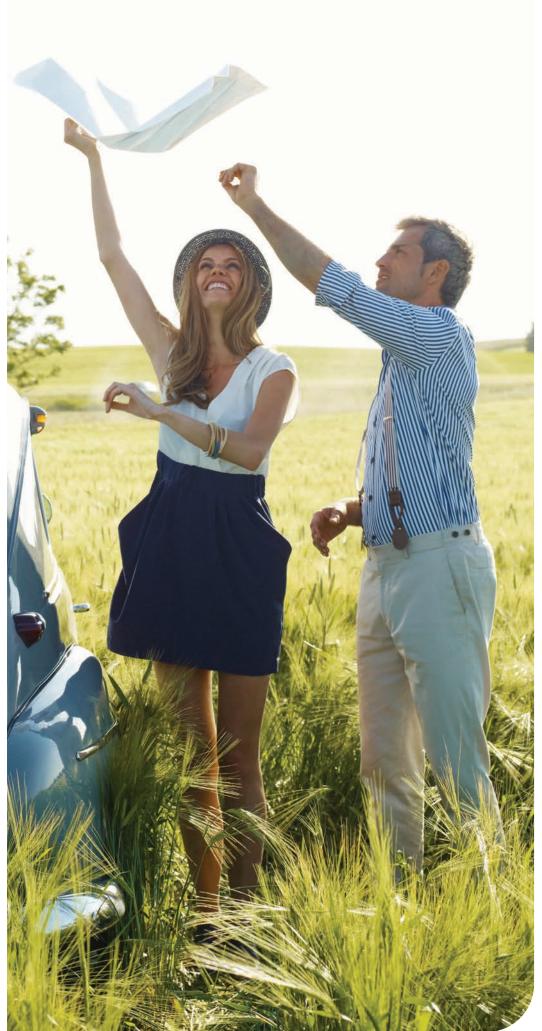




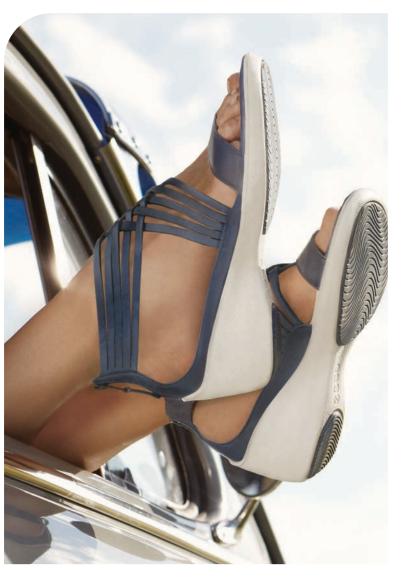


High-end heels can make you feel like \$1-million. Chanel's blue suede sandals combine on-trend cork, kidskin and an embedded chain detail in the heel that not only set them apart, but help you justify the splurge. See page 6 for strappy sandals at every price-point.









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THE BARE FACTS ABOUT HOSE

"Dear Jeanne, Should mature women wear hosiery in the summer regardless of the type of shoe? Does the event (like a wedding) determine whether stockings should be worn? Any favourite brands?"—Liz, Mississauga, ON

Way back in the '80s, the late great cosmetics legend Estée Lauder told me, "a true lady always wears powder on her nose and stockings on her legs." But the stocking-less trend came on strong a few years back when grand fashionistas like Vogue's Anna Wintour and other style-savvy front-row types abandoned their hosiery for bare legs, even in winter. Certainly the bare look can be sexy—especially

when it comes to strappy little shoes or those that expose toe cleavage. And even for formal dressing, the stocking-free approach has been both welcome and popular in recent years.

That being said, I think the no-stocking route requires ultra-smooth legs and an even skintone. Those with alabaster white legs may appreciate the benefits of a sheer pair of pantyhose. Self-tanners and spray-on leg makeup are also good options.

Personally, I don't think age has that much to

do with it. If your skin is flawless, you can definitely go for it. But as recently as last year, women reverted to wearing sheer nude hosiery as opposed to going without, and Kate Middleton may have had a lot to do with that. Even before she became the Duchess of Cambridge, she went for sheer pantyhose. It enhanced that polished, ladylike look that has become her style trademark.

I rarely go bare-legged, except in the summer. I'm just not always comfortable going without stockings, so I found a great alternative, one that usually garners lots of compliments, and really does look and feel fantastic—nude fishnets. Few sartorial statements are as sexy, and while black ones tend to look a little hard, the nude versions have an understated, feminine allure. I have a couple of fresh packages of these in my

BY JANINE FALCON

hosiery drawer or in my suitcase when I travel. And I especially love Kate Middleton's brand of choice, Philippe Matignon, which makes some fabulous nude fishnets. DIM, another French brand, offers some great ones, too. Italy's Filodoro is also superb, and I appreciate all the different deniers (weights) their hosiery come in.

These days, I'm not sure any event would really dictate whether pantyhose is—or isn't—appropriate. For more formal occasions, you might feel more comfortable in a sheer stocking. Certainly, shoes fit far more comfortably when you're wearing pantyhose as opposed to bare feet. But do yourself a favour: If you're wearing stockings and open-toed shoes, make sure you go with sheer toes, also known as "sandal foot." Nothing looks worse than seeing reinforced toes pop out of open-toe shoes.

Always remember that God is in the details in fashion, and hosiery is such a basic accessory that can make or break a look. There are also some lovely, lace-y kinds out there, especially this season when lace has become such a big fashion story. Black lace stockings may look a little wintry, but nude or ivory lace stockings, worn with the right dress and shoes, are really lovely and will add a distinctively chic and feminine edge to your ensemble.

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GREAT SANDALS

A hint of height and bold red suede make these sandals a must. Dressed up or down, you'll wear them all summer. **Stuart Weitzman** Pimento Suede Rosen sandals, \$335, stuartweitzman.ca



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a feel-good spritz of Yardley's
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Shoppers Drug Mart



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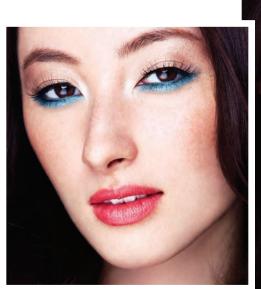


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SUN KISSED

The season's bold eyeshadows work with every eye colour, whether worn as a look-again sweeping accent or an intense, traffic-stopping statement. Smashbox Global Pro Lead Artist Lori Taylor shows us how to work this new look

BY JANINE FALCON



WHAT LINES BENEATH

Champagne-soft lids with a jewel-bright swipe of teal, turquoise or emerald along the lower lashlines make for sexy, sidelong glances.

Using a small angled brush, Smashbox pro lead artist Lori Taylor lined Kado's lower lash and waterlines in Neptune cream shadow, and layered powder shadow in Pacific over it to intensify the hue. She then used a fine-point brush to dot a tiny bit of mascara between the lower lashes for definition that won't compete with the colour.

TRY Smashbox Limitless 15 Hour Wear Cream Shadow in Neptune, \$22, and Shades of Fame Eye Palette, \$55, both smashboxcanada.com

OPTIONS: Marcelle Lux Cream Eye Shadow + Liner in Sea Breeze, \$14, marcelle. com. Maybelline New York Color Tattoo in Edgy Emerald, \$9, maybelline.ca.



BEFORE SUNSET

We've fallen hard for the coral smoky eye. This soft halo of colour is sweetly unexpected, romantic and sultry.

Taylor used cream shadow in Topaz, a pale gold, as a base, and created this coral colour by blending powder shadows in Honey and Sherbert. She then defined Kato's upper lashes and lower waterline with shimmery bronze cream liner—"the metallic finish looks softer than dark brown"—and added delicate false lashes and a light application of mascara.

TRY Smashbox Limitless 15-Hour Wear Cream Shadow in Topaz, \$22, and Shades of Fame Eye Palette (includes cream Eye Liner in Bronze), \$55, both smashboxcanada.com

OPTIONS: **Gosh** Mineral Colour Pigments in Pink Melon, \$18, at Shoppers Drug Mart. **M.A.C** Pigment in Pink Bronze, \$24, maccosmetics.com



IRIS EYES ARE SMILING

Playful purple and violet are also eye-colour boosters, whatever your eye shade.

Taylor started each of the eye makeup looks in this story with Smashbox Photo Finish Lid Primer to help colour hold fast. She lined Genevieve's upper and lower lids with cream shadow in Iris, a deep purple. Over that, she layered Aubergine powder shadow and a hint of Framboise, taking care to maintain a precise wing of colour blended into the intensity along the base of the lashes. "This is a liner look, not smoky," she says.

TRY Smashbox Photo Finish Lid Primer, \$22, Limitless 15 Hour Wear Cream Shadow in Iris, \$22, and Photo Op Eye Shadow Trio in Mega Pixel, \$36, all smashboxcanada.com

OPTIONS: Annabelle SmudgePaint in Plummed, \$11, annabellecosmetics.ca. Lise Watier Duo Mineral Eyeshadows in Ultra Violet, \$25, lisewatier.com



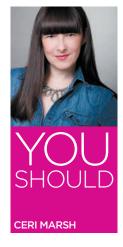
OUT INTO THE BLUE

Indigo blue is a flatters-alleye-colours shade that even blue-eyed beauties can wear. Pair with a warm neutral shade to create dimension.

To get saturated intensity, Taylor pressed Sapphire cream shadow onto Genevieve's lids with a fingertip. With a crease brush, she used Praline dark taupe powder shadow in the lid contours to soften the edge of the blue and extend the eye shape. Along the lower lashline, Taylor lined with bronze cream liner, then followed with Sapphire. She finished with false lashes on upper lids and lots of mascara. "Denser lashes balance the power of this blue."

TRY Smashbox Limitless 15 Hour Wear Cream Shadow in Sapphire, \$22, Shades of Fame Eye Palette, \$55, Cream Eye Liner Palette in Metallic, \$38, allsmashboxcanada.com

OPTIONS: Make Up For Ever Aqua Cream in #20 Intense Blue, \$25, and Sephora Prisma Chrome Eyeshadow in Sapphire Shine 30, \$18, both sephora.com



LEARN TO FLICK

For someone who's worked at fashion and beauty magazines for as long as I have, I have shockingly few "pretty skills." I'm useless with a curling iron and my makeup brush collection needs a serious update.

It's not that I'm not interested. Whenever I have my makeup done, say for an editor's portrait, I'm always curious about the makeup artist's kit, and ask for suggestions of new products to try. Which is why you'll notice that I'm framing many of these columns around things I want to learn. And since I'm particularly fond of spring's '60s cat-eye look, in all its nostalgic sexiness, I'm telling you that you, too, should learn to flick.

For Spring 2012, the cat-eye flick varied from runway to runway. At Jil Sander, it was a fine, clean line, while Jonathon Saunders's models laid it on with a thick swoop. Both Marni and Matthew Williamson showed a coloured flick. But how do mere mortals get Edie Sedgwick's signature eyeliner look?

I spoke with makeup artist Vanessa Jarman about conquering my fear of the flick. She is known for her rocksteady hand and has created several killer makeup looks for The Kit. "I believe any runway makeup can be translated into the real woman's life," she says. "The cat eye is one of the more achievable looks." She quickly corrects my assumption that skill with liquid liner is necessary to pulling it off. "Not at all. Whatever product you feel most comfortable working with should be

the one you use. For an advanced application, try a liquid, gel or even mascara," she says. "Place the product on the back of your hand and use an angle brush to apply your liner. But if this trend is new to you, try a pencil or eye shadow for a softer look and more controlled application."

Face Kit editor Janine Falcon says that this will look great on any eye shape. "Certainly the look changes depending on eye shape and construction," she says. "Winged liner is less visible on deeper set eyes when they're open, but is a nice flash of detail in a blink."

Jarman suggests starting with the flick itself. "Look straight ahead in mirror when drawing out the first tick. That way you won't be confused with where your upper eyelid sits. Once your outer ticks are in place with your eyes open, you can connect the liner from inner duct to the top part of your tick."

Don't feel like you need to create a single, steadyline. "Applyintinystrokes and build up the thickness you want," says Falcon. "And don't worry about wobbles in your line. You can clean up the edges with a fine brush dipped in a bit of concealer or foundation."

Stillworriedwingedlinerwillmake you look like you're about to bust out "Zou Bisou Bisou" à la *Mad Men*'s Jessica Paré? Falconsays it's all about how you play the rest of your face. "Defined brows and pale lips will add more of a '60s flavour. Softer brows—or no brows—is less retro and will put all the focus on the liner."



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edition collection at jcrew.com.—Vanessa Grant CLOSE SHAVE

J.Crew recently launched its clothing collaboration with jewellery designer Pamela Love. The New Yorker in known for her edgy-yet-dark accessories (read: claws, bones and skulls) and puts this spin on J.Crew's denim jackets and jeans. Love has found fans in Nicki Minaj and Mary Kate Olsen, and has already finished collaborations with Zac Posen, the costume designers for HBO's True Blood and Topshop. Get the limited

> Rihanna has gone from blonde back to her black roots, with a little hair shaved off the side. Add in a dramatic side part and soft waves and her look melds a little punk with a healthy dose of Hollywood glamour. After a couple of trendsetting styles—that angled bob, the day-glo red—we wonder how many

> Riri fans will be bold enough to break out the razor.

PRINCIPESSA

How fitting that boutique beauty line Principessa has teamed up with another princess— Mary Zilba, star of The Real Housewives of Vancouver. The capsule collection includes a perfume oil and soy candle, both featuring a signature Zilba fragrance concocted by Principessa Beauty's Trish Lucarino and her team.

MARC MAKEUP

Marc Jacobs fans are in a beauty tizzy. The designer is reportedly at work with Sephora on a range of Marc Jacobs cosmetics. Jacobs says they're "working on defining what Marc Jacobs cosmetics will be, what makes them distinctive." No release date yet but stay tuned.

what's in your Kit: ROMANTIC GETAWAY

A little romance is a necessity at any age—a trip for two, some flirty lingerie, a sultry scent. Take inspiration for your impromptu escape with these romantic, high-style essentials BY VANESSA GRANT

NEW LINGERIE Treat the both of you to something lacy. Linea Intima Simone Perele Andora molded polyester-blend bra,

\$135. lineaintima.com

SMELL DELICIOUS Pack your favourite scent-something that will make you smell irresistible. Infusion d'Iris EDP Absolue, \$130 (100 ml), at fine retailers and drugstores



BED HEAD

Perfect Brigitte Bardot messvbut-sexy hair with a quick spritz hairspray. Bonus: it can be brushed out without any buildup. L'Oréal Paris Elnett Satin Hairspray for Colour Treated Hair, \$15, lorealparis.ca

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LUSCIOUS LASHES

Not leaving the room? Maybe there's no need for mascara but a quick curl of your lashes will give you the come-hither look you're after. Tweezerman eyelash curler, \$24, at drugstores

Let the stars inspire your next romantic getaway.



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KLOSTERS SWITZERLAND

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FASHION OTTOMHEAVY



This season's sandals are easier to wear—and walk in. While last year's flatforms can still be found, wedges and chunky-heeled styles create a much sexier silhouette, without the pain of a skinny stiletto. My favourites feature brightly coloured or patterned heels and wedges like the shoes shown at Burberry Prorsum's Spring 2012 show. For something a little more classic, opt for a retrolooking cork or raffia heel. Tone-on-tone straps look sophisticated, but vibrant uppers bring life to black basics and little white dresses.

> ROPED IN The braided rope adds an earthy element to these bright platform

sandals. <mark>Aldo</mark> leather

Herridge heels, \$90, aldoshoes.com



TIMELESS TROPICAL Black-and-white make this all-over tropical printed wedge super-versatile. **H&M** cotto-print sandals, \$40, hm.com/ca



MIXED MEDIA Leather, a wooden platform and textured canvas create a nice contrast. Micheal Kors Nadina platform heels, \$168, at Michael Kors boutiques



RETRO CHARM

Add lots of height with '70s-inspired platform $wedges. \ Browns$ Mimosa wedges, \$298, brownsshoes.com



wedges you'll wear with everything. Le Château leather-like strappy wedge sandals, \$70, lechateau.com



Stuart Weitzman added a little luxe to natural cork with a sleek metallic sheen. Once lamé cork sandals, \$395, stuartweitzman.ca



SHIELDS UP!

Before you head out for your sunny weekend fun, pick up a sunscreen you'll use

Weightless textures for face are becoming more accessible. tinted mineral sunscreens reduce the likelihood of ghost-face, and higher SPF is a better shield against aging UVA. Here is our roundup of all three levels of sun protection



Mineral sunscreen Skinceuticals Physical Fusion UV Defense SPF 50 balances the whitening tendencies of titanium dioxide and zinc oxide with a sheer, universal skin-tone tint, absorbs quickly and dries matte. \$39, skinceuticals.com

L'Oréal Paris Ombrelle SPF 60 Complete Waterproof Lotion has a new light quick-absorb texture and is formulated for face and body. And sensitive skin, too. \$23, ombrelle.ca



A light, creamy, waterresistant formula, Shiseido Ultra Sun Protection Cream for Face SPF 50 now comes in a throw-in-your-purse size tube. \$27, murale.ca

Aveeno Baby Sensitive Skin Face Mineral Sunscreen SPF 50 is a fragrance-free stick that protects via titanium dioxide and zinc oxide. Not just for infants, it's ideal for swiping under eyes, over ears and on lips. \$18, aveeno.ca





Formulated for sensitive skin, La Roche-Posay Anthelios Ultra-Fluid Lotion SPF 60 is super-light and dries to a matte, almost powdery finishgreat for oily complexions. \$26, laroche-posay.ca

Kibio Suncare Face Lotion SPF 50 is mineral sunscreen enriched with conditioning shea butter, coconut oil and tamanu, so it's really good for drier skin types. Bonus: its pale peach tint subtly brightens skin. \$22, murale.ca



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they lighten the load.

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STYLE ROLE MODEL Gwyneth Paltrow

histler must Canada's biggest sartorial dichotomy, as sophisticated as it is outdoorsy. It's a balance that boutique PR maven Sonya Hwang, whose clients run the gamut from ski resorts and luxury hotels to carefully selected local foodie start-ups, strives to maintain. After all, any given outfit may have to go from a boardroom to a farm without the time to change in between.

Hwang describes her wardrobe as functional, saying it has "a friendliness to it." And it makes sense that living in a stunning natural environment, protecting it is front-of-mind for her, which is reflected in her penchant for local, green fashion labels. "So long as it's organic, but not granola," she says.



Sonya Hwang finds mountain chic, naturally

BY KATE MACLENNAN



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