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what we want this week

LICENCE TO CHILL

Slip out of your heels, toss the blazer aside and ease into the perfect night in, Shoshanna style



ASK JEANNE

Dear Jeanne:
I have a health issue that makes wearing heels impossible. I still want to look smart and put-together at work functions, though. What's a fashionable alternative?
—Emmanuelle

Dear Emmanuelle,
Many of us may worship the high heel as the ultimate foxy accessory, but when it comes to “smart” and “put-together,” it’s certainly not a pair of stilettos that immediately springs to my mind.
A pair of elegant flats can take you to a whole other level of style: just ask Audrey Hepburn, who rocked classic ballet flats in some of the most charming ways imaginable.
Actually, flats have been making big news on many international runways in the past few seasons. Fanciful collections such as those by Valentino designers Pier Paolo Piccioli and Maria Grazia Chiuri have featured flats—even paired with elaborate evening gowns.
And if you like the flats you’re seeing for fall, wait until you tiptoe through the Spring 2014 collections! The New York catwalks were chock full of fab flats, including one whimsical pair of black and white polka dot ones with fringes that I spotted on the Ruffian runway.
I’m not sure of the nature of your health problems, but you may be able to tolerate a wee wedge. They’re usually super-comfy, especially when they come from a high-end designer like Thierry Rabotin, a French label whose footwear is luxurious, lightweight and astoundingly comfortable.
If you’re not interested in spending too much, you might want to go for a very plain pair and dress them up with some shoe accessories called Shoelery. These ornate shoe clips, available at Town Shoes for \$20 to \$40, can transform the most basic flat into a fashion statement.
Of course, flat riding-style boots are also coming on strong this season. With a pair of leggings tucked into them and a beautifully tailored jacket, you’ll get a classic, rich, pulled-together look that’s not only on trend but very smart.
If you can wear only flats, embrace them and invest in a few pairs that are of high quality and stand out. Be practical, and spend a little more on the flats that you’re going to wear more often. I don’t think anyone ever regretted investing in a pair of shoes that are as comfy as they are beautiful.



FLATS, \$400, STUARTWEITZMAN.CA

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1. SCRUB LOVE Add an exfoliator to your beauty routine—your skin will thank you. **SkinCeuticals** Micro-Exfoliating Scrub, \$35, skinceuticals.com/canada 2. SLUMBER PARTY So much cuter than your birthday suit—or that ratty old tee—this silk sleep shirt is also super-comfy. **Joe Fresh** shirt, \$59, at joefresh.com 3. REST ASSURED You’ll never feel schlumpy in your loungewear with this sultry set underneath! **Simone Perele Amour** bra, \$125, and shorts, \$79, simone-perele.com 4. NIGHTTIME TREAT Give freshly cleansed skin a mineral-rich fix. This clay mask removes impurities with willow bark and tea tree extracts, while grape seed and olive oils hydrate. **Consonant DHE** face mask, \$45, consonantskincare.com 5. WINTER WARMER Make your bed even more inviting on chilly nights. **Indigo** small hot water bottle, \$25, chapters.indigo.ca

—NATASHA BRUNO/PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADRIAN ARMSTRONG



Rachel Zoe in your house

We love celebrity stylist Rachel Zoe for her cool California style. In her second book, she shows us how to pull it all off. *Living in Style: Inspiration and Advice for Everyday Glamour* is out March 25 (and available for pre-order on iTunes). The coffee-table book is filled with personal photographs, along with Zoe’s inspirations from the worlds of fashion, beauty, home decor and travel. We expect to somehow become cooler just by looking at it. —T.K.



Lingerie exposé

Hold onto your knickers. The history of lingerie is on display at a new exhibition at Toronto’s Design Exchange. Running until Oct. 13, *Lingerie Française* is all about lace, Lycra and the ladies who wore them. With French underthings dating back to the 19th century, the 210-piece showcase also features labels we’re familiar with today, such as Chantelle, Simone Perel and Lise Charnel. For a Q&A with the curator, go to thekit.ca/blogs/lingerie-francais. —Tarah Kennedy

radar

The style news that got us talking this week

Target’s posh prints

Target’s collection from Phillip Lim is only weeks old, but already the store known for its high-style/low-cost designer collaborations has announced its next partnership. Peter Pilotto, a London-based womenswear label known for bright, bold prints, will create nearly 70 pieces. The collection goes on sale Feb. 9 in Canada, and U.S. luxury e-tailer Net-A-Porter will carry a selection of the goods for international shoppers. —Brooke Halnan



PETER PILOTTO AND CHRISTOPHER DE VOS



MARCHESA SPRING 2013

Couture nails

Never mind the next level, take your manicure to the catwalk. Revlon has teamed up with Marchesa to create a collection of 3D nail art. With colour combinations and textiles from Marchesa’s designs, the limited edition jewel appliqués come in eight patterns and are available at this month—until they sell out, that is. From \$9, at mass retailers and drugstores. —B.H.

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T-TIME

With more support than regular pumps, slimline retro T-strap shoes are fresh and fabulous with everything from pencil skirts to full dresses to jeans —INGRIE WILLIAMS



BRONZE BEAUTY
Not every metallic finish is blinding. Here, a subtle shimmer and refined platform are perfectly balanced. **Vince Camuto** Akaido shoes, \$155, at Hudson's Bay



RED-HOT PUNK
In a powerhouse colour with tough-as-nails accents, it's clear who's the boss in these babies. **Valentino Cosmo** shoes, \$1,195, at Davids, davidsfootwear.com



RUN WILD
Whisper-thin straps, daintily knotted above oversized spots—what's not to love? **Gucci** shoes, \$895, at Holt Renfrew



FEMME NOIRE
The unexpected placement of these straps boosts a basic black pump. **Boss Talia** shoes, \$595, hugoboss.com

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—ASHLEY KOWALEWSKI
Mai Couture Blotting Papers, from \$18, murale.ca

OUTFIT ENVY

Anna Kendrick

We're sure the actor scored major style points in this preppy-meets-punk ensemble when she wore it to the Vivienne Westwood show at London Fashion Week

—NATASHA BRUNO

TIP

For perfect proportions with a knee-length skirt, pick a jacket that hits the waist or just below

why we love it

JACKET UP
With its exaggerated lapel and can't-miss-it eggplant shade, this leather jacket toughens up a ladylike pencil-skirt-and-blouse combo.

CURVES AHEAD
A tucked-in blouse shows off Kendrick's waist without adding the bulk of a belt and keeps her look polished.

HANDS-ON
A light-catching metallic hue lends on-trend style to this no-fuss clutch.

BRIGHT BRITANNIA
The plaid pencil skirt adds a gorgeous focal point to Kendrick's outfit, and the purple-and-yellow checks update a classic print.

COLOUR ME BEAUTIFUL
Forget not wearing white after Labour Day—white pumps accent Kendrick's shirt and work well when paired with a rich fall palette.



FRAGRANCE FINDER

MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE

Fall brings a slew of bright new scents to choose from, and hundreds of distinctive notes. Here's your guide to a perfume perfect for your personality

BY DEBORAH FULSANG, ILLUSTRATION BY LEEANDRA CIANCI
PHOTOGRAPHY BY GEOFFREY ROSS



FRESH & SPUNKY

Brighten your outlook with aqua-inspired spritzes as fresh as morning dew and spiked with orange, grapefruit, salt and spice



SUNNY & GLAM

Express your inner red-carpet goddess with big, beautiful perfumes that distill the glory of sunshine on bouquets of white flowers



FLIRTY & FEMME

Embrace your playful side with fragrances that pair traditional florals, such as rose and gardenia, with luscious fruits, sexy amber and musk

LUSH & WORLDLY

Jet to the far reaches of the earth with scents that layer notes of amber, musk and patchouli with ultra-femme white flowers and vanilla

1. A fresh blend of cypress, magnolia and amber, with orange, moss, cucumber and cypress. **Fresh Life** eau de parfum, \$92 (100 mL), at [fresh.com](#) 2. This clean-smelling toilette mixes mandarin and jasmine with feel-good musk. **Philosophy Giving Grace** eau de toilette, \$55 (60 mL), at Hudson's Bay stores and [philosophy.com](#) 3. Hermès channels the ocean with this sea-salty scent. **Hermès Hermessence Collection Épice Marine** eau de toilette, \$255 (100 mL), at Hermès boutiques

4. This spritz is rich with the velvety scent of flowers, amber and honey. **Elie Saab** Le Parfum eau de parfum intense, \$159 (90 mL), at Holt Renfrew 5. Rich, night-blooming jasmine lies at the heart, while bourbon, vanilla and woods create a lush trail. **Issey Miyake** L'eau d'Issey Absolu eau de toilette, \$105 (90 mL), at Holt Renfrew 6. Wood, vanilla and musk play with this scent's defining lily, tuberose and jasmine. **Le Labo Lys 41** eau de parfum, \$255 (100 mL), [lelabofragrances.com](#), at 6 By Gee Beauty, Toronto

7. Tap Old World and New Age with this medley of jasmine, ylang-ylang and mandarin blossom. **Carven** Le Parfum eau de parfum, \$120 (100 mL), at Holt Renfrew 8. If luxury had a smell, this would be it: rich balms and musk, lightened with bergamot and jasmine. **Dries Van Noten** par Frédéric Malle eau de parfum, \$300 (100 mL), at Holt Renfrew and [fredericmalle.com](#) 9. Heady jasmine marries sultry woods, then gets a charming twist via citrus notes. **Estée Lauder Modern Muse** eau de parfum, \$65 (30 mL), at [esteelauder.ca](#)

10. A classic Parisian perfume with insouciant spirit. **Guerlain** La Petite Robe Noire eau de toilette, \$76 (50 mL), at Guerlain counters and [guerlain.com](#) 11. Elizabeth Arden tweaks the traditional to combine rich gardenia and jasmine with fruity notes and warm woods. **Elizabeth Arden Untold** eau de parfum, \$95 (100 mL), [elizabetharden.com](#) 12. Lancôme recreates a classic: fun yet elegant. **Lancôme Trésor** eau de parfum Lumineuse, \$90 (50 mL), at Lancôme counters and [lancome.ca](#)

Dollars & scents

These fragrances range from \$55 to \$300. Opt for the pricier end of the spectrum if:

—DEBORAH FULSANG

YOU APPRECIATE EXCLUSIVITY

You love that your scent won't be worn by everyone. Generally perfumers who create high-end fragrances aren't trying to please the masses, so they make fewer creative compromises, resulting in unique scents.

YOU COLLECT BEAUTIFUL THINGS

If you fill your home with objects of art, an elegant fragrance bottle will fit right in.

YOU'RE OVER FAST FIXES

You've begun to steer clear of cheap-chic fashion and now save up to fill your wardrobe and vanity with pieces that you love and that will last.

YOU LIKE CONSISTENCY

If your accessories are Prada purses and Jimmy Choo shoes, your perfume should be of the same ilk.

ON THE COVER

PAR FOR THE KORS

Michael Kors has encouraged women to express themselves with his classic yet glam sportswear since launching his label in 1981. Now, with new fragrances and a makeup line that came out in September, he's defined three signature personalities of his devotees. Kors describes them in his own words. Which one are you? **BY** DEBORAH FULSANG



DEFINING SPORTY

WHY SPORTY: "I'm a sportswear designer; I think sporty is a quality that's modern and chic. I wanted to create something bright and fresh that works if you want to wear it to the gym, but it can also go black tie. It's about mobility."

WHO SHE IS: "Everyone from Lauren Hutton to Gwyneth Paltrow. Gwyneth will just pull her hair back into a ponytail on the red carpet and there is an easiness to it. To me, sporty always equals easy."

GO-TO ACCESSORIES: "Sunglasses and a healthy bronze glow. These bronzers give you a glow that looks like you got a couple days off to relax."



"To me, sporty always equals easy. She's active, but pulled together."

CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Sporty Citrus eau de parfum, \$85 (50 mL); Nail Lacquers in Hint and Gossip, \$20 each; Lip Lacquer in Diva, \$26; Bronze Powder in Glow, \$55; Lip Luster in Muse, \$26; all at Hudson's Bay and michaelkors.com

DEFINING SEXY

WHO SHE IS: "A woman like Angelina Jolie. She's the same whether she's on the red carpet or running errands with her kids. It's really about confidence."

WHAT SHE WEARS: "Sexy is a state of mind, so she can wear anything. A great shift dress or pants and a T-shirt—if she's confident and feels good, she'll look sexy."

GO-TO ACCESSORIES: "The sexy woman needs a heel—something that's easy to wear but puts a swing in her step."

VACATION DESTINATION: "She's in paradise—somewhere hot with a fun nightlife: Ibiza or South Beach, maybe Saint-Tropez."

"It's really about confidence. Sexy is a state of mind."



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Sexy Amber eau de parfum (50 mL), \$85; Nail Lacquers in Sensation and Scandal, \$20 each; Lip Lacquer in Bombshell, \$26; Bronze Powder in Flush, \$55; Lip Luster in Siren, \$26; all at Hudson's Bay and michaelkors.com

DEFINING GLAM

WHO SHE IS: "Glam to me is everyone from Elizabeth Taylor to Jennifer Lopez. It's someone who enters the room with that kind of bravado. These women are archetypes and they are fabulous."

WHAT SHE WEARS: "The glam woman is all about opulence, so it's over-the-top jewels and a dramatic lip."

"The glam woman is all about opulence, so it's over-the-top jewels and a dramatic lip."



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Glam Jasmine eau de parfum (50 mL), \$85; Nail Lacquers in Desire and Envy, \$20 each; Lip Lacquer in Dame, \$26; Bronze Powder in Beam, \$55; Lip Luster in Icon, \$26; all at Hudson's Bay and michaelkors.com

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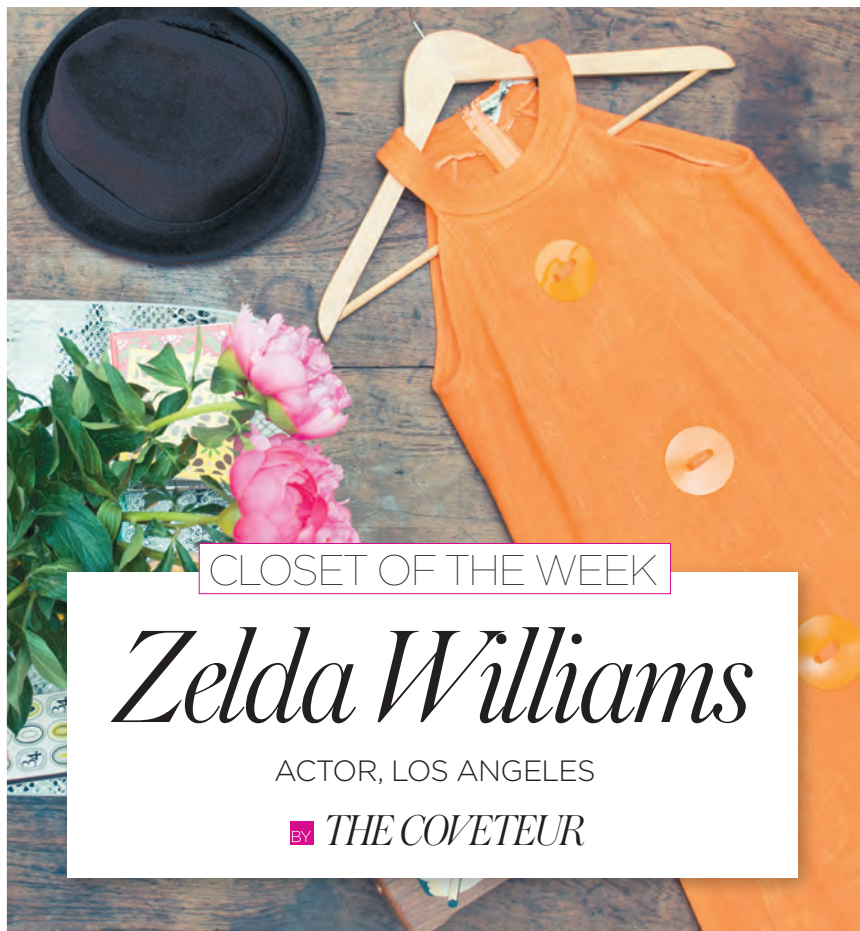
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CLOSET OF THE WEEK

Zelda Williams

ACTOR, LOS ANGELES

BY *THE COVETEUR*

Zelda Williams, Robin Williams' daughter, has been dubbed the Khaleesi of The Coveteur, which—for all you non-*Game of Thrones* addicts—means she's a little bit of a nerd and whole lot pretty. (She wears 1990s Chanel minis, goes to Comic-Con and is slightly obsessed when it comes to video games like *Halo* and *Call of Duty*.) "Being named after a game affected my love for them," she says. "I'm not going to pretend I think all parents should name their kids after video games; a couple (of people) are bound to find it horrifying."



CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE: a vintage dress and her favourite John Varvatos hat; Zelda Williams in a vintage dress and Maison Martin Margiela skirt; a fancy lunch box repurposed as a purse; a vintage leather jacket.



See more of her style on TheCoveteur.com



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STRIPE OUT
Editorial assistant Natasha hearts Forever 21's cozy fall sweater.



SMELL THE ROSES
This "bouquet" of cupcake roses was (almost) too adorable to eat!



A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND
Assistant art director Colleen made a furry friend, Chad on our November shoot.



GETTING LUCKY
Pharrell is in the (Holt Renfrew) house promoting his line, Billionaire Boys Club.



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LOOKING BACK ON THE LEGACY OF ANNE KLEIN

BY CARRIE KIRKMAN



Anne Klein in her design studio

Designer names are often so established in our consciousness that we can forget to step back and think about the heritage behind our favourite brands. It's often true that most iconic labels began with the vision of a single designer. Anne Klein is just one such label with a proud provenance.

This year is the 45th anniversary of the Anne Klein brand and I find myself reflecting on the designer and the legacy, the true honour of being part of such a rich history, but also of such a vibrant and exciting brand.

After all, when you buy one of these pieces, you're not just buying an item of clothing, but a persevering symbol of one amazing woman's vision!

Born Hannah Golofski in 1923, Anne Klein won a scholarship to study fashion at the famous Traphagen School of Fashion. A major breakthrough came in the 1950s, when she introduced the concept of American sportswear to the fashion industry. Her suits, separates and accessories revolutionized the way women shop and dress—a revolution that most of us today take for granted!

In 1968, the Anne Klein brand was formed with a mission to create elegant sportswear for the modern woman. Like any ardent entrepreneur, Anne Klein put her heart and soul into her business. She even incorporated personal details: For example, the lion that's still a recognizable symbol of the brand today was her astrological sign, Leo.

We can also trace a lot of our cross-over casual sporty looks to Anne Klein's original vision for her label. These effortless pieces were about comfort and style, but also about liberation from the constrictive designs of many of her predecessors. Really, it takes a woman to appreciate not just how clothes look but how they feel, move and wear throughout the day and Anne Klein had just such understanding and empathy for her customers.

In 1974, after Anne Klein lost her life to breast cancer, many prominent designers stepped in to continue her vision and design on behalf of the brand, including Donna Karan, who got her start as Anne Klein's design assistant, and was named Head Designer following her death. Shortly after leaving the helm of the Anne Klein label, Donna Karan's career catapulted from design assistant to fame.

As custodians of the brand today, we feel a deep connection and commitment to Anne Klein, to her innovative and original vision. After all, fashion is really about the connection we have with clothes and with the inspiring individuals behind those labels. It is an honour to carry the torch for such an inspiring brand and woman!



Anne Klein in 1972 Vogue



Anne Klein Fall 2013 Campaign

With more than 25 years of experience in brand building for top fashion labels, Carrie Kirkman is a leader in the Canadian fashion industry. Follow her on Twitter: @CarrieKirkman

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