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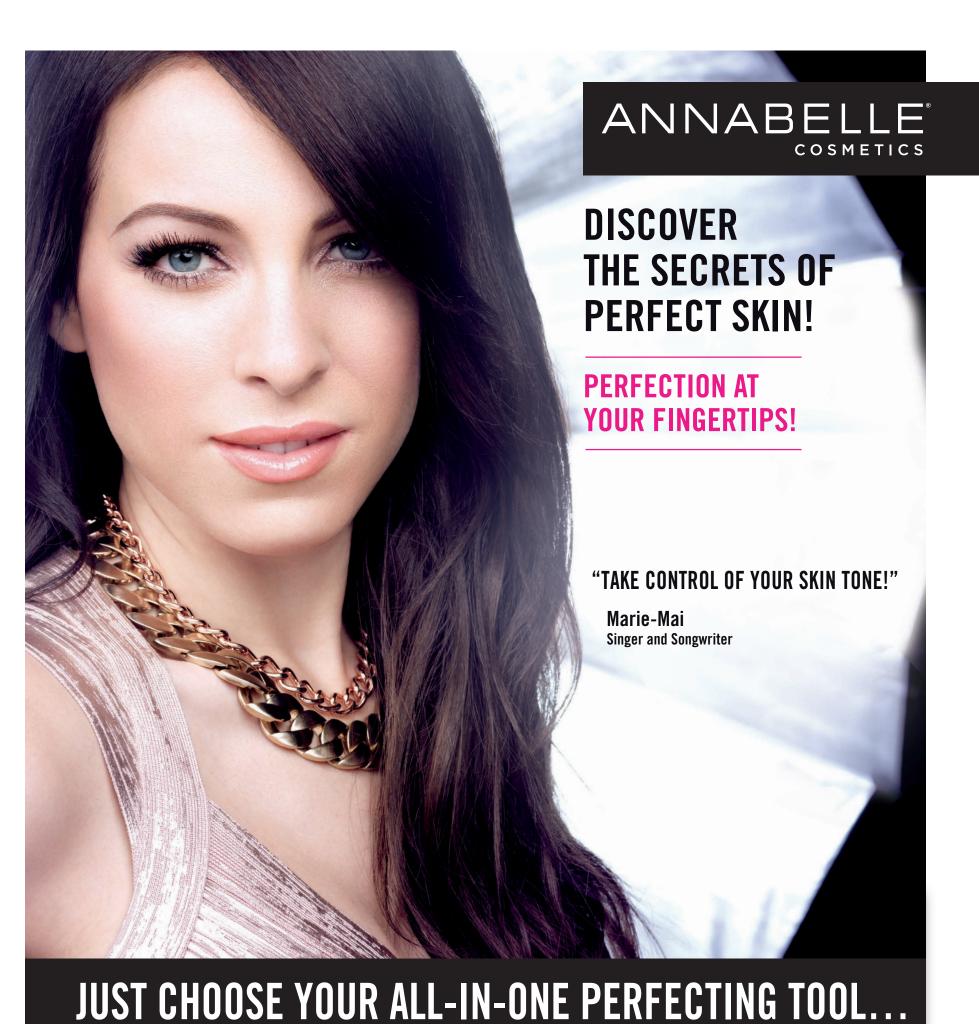
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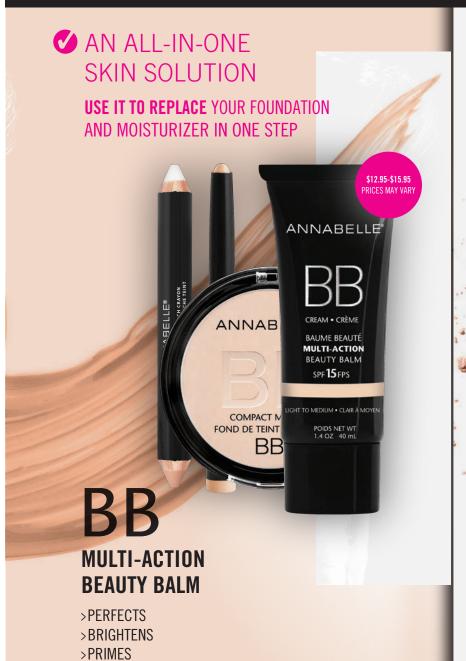
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What we want this week

# PERSONAL PREZZIES

Yeah, yeah, it's the thought that counts. But with a little forward planning and this list of ideas, you can blow everyone else's gifts out of the water



1. HAND-PICKED PALETTE Treat a style-savvy friend to a Talbot Runhof-inspired beauty box. With up to four eyeshadows, or one shadow and one blush. ArtDeco Limited Edition Beauty Box Quattro, \$16, and eyeshadows, \$8 each, at Shoppers Drug Mart 2. BESPOKE SPRITZ Le Labo fragrances are made fresh to order, so you're not lying when you say "especially for you." Customize the label and name the fragrance, too. Le Labo Labdanum 18, \$170 (50 mL), and Rose 31, \$225 (100 mL), at 6 by Gee Beauty 3. CARE PACKAGE Fill a box decorated by graffiti artist Eric Haze with

limited-edition products they'll use down to the last drop. Kiehl's Since 1851 Ultra Facial Cream, \$32 (50 mL), Crème de Corps, \$38 (250 mL) and \$62 (500 mL), kiehls.ca 4. BFF BRACELET These woven bands have a rectangular plate just begging for an engraved message. Punchy colours mean they'll be rocked on the regular. Links of London bracelets, \$275 each, linksoflondon.com 5. TIME TO PLAY Give loved ones something to remember whenever they tell the time: choose a photo for the face and customize the band and buckle. May28th custom watches, \$45, custom.may28th.com

-NATASHA BRUNO/PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADRIAN ARMSTRONG



#### Dear Jeanne,

Is there anything that downgrades a cute holiday party look more than a too-casual coat? What should I look for when buying evening outerwear, and where can I find an inexpensive option? —Margaux

#### DEAR MARGAUX:

Your particular fashion dilemma is making me smile. With the holidays just around the corner, visions of beautifully wrapped presents spring to mind. So imagine yourself and your fabulous party dress as the big surprise, or "present." Of course you want to wrap it up beautifully in a great little cocktail coat, a dressy faux fur jacket or even a dramatic but cozy cape. The options abound. It all depends on what speaks to you and how practical you want to be.

While fancy evening coats aren't usually all that warm, I do suggest going for something that isn't too flimsy. If you want to glam up a simple tailored winter overcoat, why not try a fur or faux fur collar? [Editor's note: see Page 5 for inspiration.] Many are sold separately. You can also pump up the glam quotient of a simple coat or jacket with a fantastic large brooch. Vintage shops are full of them, and they're great conversation pieces as well.

If you're shopping for an overcoat especially for dress-up purposes, you'll likely want to stick to a neutral colour, like black or navy, so it won't conflict too much with what's underneath. Though interesting fabrics are always appealing, I'd stay away from tweeds, as the look is a little too casual and may not blend with the party look you've chosen.

I do adore capes for the evening. I have a black heavy wool Michael Kors one that's been a godsend. There's also a fab faux Persian lamb cape in my Edit line at Hudson's Bay that is very chic. While it looks great with jeans or skinny pants, it's also smashing over a little black dress or teamed with a leather or satin pencil skirt. If you're looking for a high-quality dressy coat at a good price, you might try a consignment store. They often have wonderful designer fare at accessible prices, usually just gently worn. Have fun "wrapping yourself up"! When it comes to high style, it's all in

the presentation.



Send questions to askjeanne@thekit.ca. Jeanne Beker is a contributing editor to the *Toronto Star* and host of Fashion Television Channel. Follow on Twitter @Jeanne\_Beker

EDIT BY JEANNE BEKER, PERSIAN FAUX FUR SNAP-FRONT CAPE, \$285, HUDSON'S BAY, THEBAY.COM



#### Arden nabs Shoshanna

Fashion designer Shoshanna Gruss is making the jump into beauty. The creator of label Shoshanna has been named Elizabeth Arden's first style director. What does this mean for us? Sneak peeks of behind-the-scenes at fashion shoots, live social media chats and educational videos. Join Gruss alongside Elizabeth Arden's global makeup artist Rebecca Restrepo in December for a Twitter chat about holiday style and pick up a tip or two. —*Brooke Halnan* 

# radar

The style news that got us talking this week



#### Gaga goes galactic

The fearless monster leader herself is heading to outer space. In early 2015, Lady Gaga is set to rocket up into space on a Virgin Galactic ship to perform a single song. To prepare her vocal cords for the atmospheric change, she'll be training for months before she boldly sings where no pop star has sung before—after taking out an astronomical life insurance policy, of course. —Tarah Kennedy

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#### Alexa Chung's eye

Following the launch of her book *It*, Alexa Chung has put the pen down and picked up the makeup brush instead. She's teamed up with British cosmetic company Eyeko to create a limited-edition gift set (\$30) that includes a liquid liner to give you that cat-eye look Chung's best known for. There's also the aptly named Eye Do waterproof mascara and a guitarpick-shaped tool to prevent pesky smudging. Available on eyeko.com in November and in Sephora stores January 2014. —*T.K.* 

#### Bigger & better

After the public backlash over comments Abercrombie & Fitch CEO Mike Jeffries made about its target market being thin, fit and young, the brand has announced it will offer plus-sizes in spring 2014. —B.H.

#### Gold-medal getups Hudson's Bay has designed a collection

Hudson's Bay has designed a collection for the 2014 Canadian Winter Olympic and Paralympic teams that's the epitome of Canadiana cool. Point-blanket duffle coats, knitted toques and maple-leafemblazoned T-shirts make up the official uniform for the Canadian teams. Now we can look the part without breaking a sweat: shop the full men's, women's and kids' collection (\$13-\$275) at Hudson's Bay and thebay.com. —B.K.

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EMERALD QUEEN Mixing patterns is simple when you have inspiration. Start your palette with the colour of your coat



Bright fur is a bold match to of print.



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-ALEX LAWS

Lancôme Visionnaire Yeux, \$80, Lancôme counters and lancome.ca



OUTFIT ENVY

Kristen

Keeping it classy and feminine, this newlywed Hollywood starlet stuns in an eye-catching blue-and-white ensemble

-NATASHA BRUNO

Forget the belt! Pair a fitted top with high-waisted pleated skirt to create curves and flatter your waist.

#### why we love it

#### O ALREADY ADORNED

The embellished neckline acts as built-in bling, so Bell can skip additional jewellery.

#### TOP THAT

A simple fitted top helps to balance out the fullness and bold print of the skirt.

#### COOL HUE

A cobalt clutch adds an electric punch to the overall outfit and teams well with the midnight blue of the skirt.

#### TAKE THE STAGE

Creating a striking focal point, the graphic print and exaggerated pleats add modern edge to a ladylike silhouette, and the knee-length hemline flatters Bell's petite frame.

#### STRAIGHT TO THE POINT

Working double duty, single-sole pointed pumps top off the look with a chic finish while elongating the leg.



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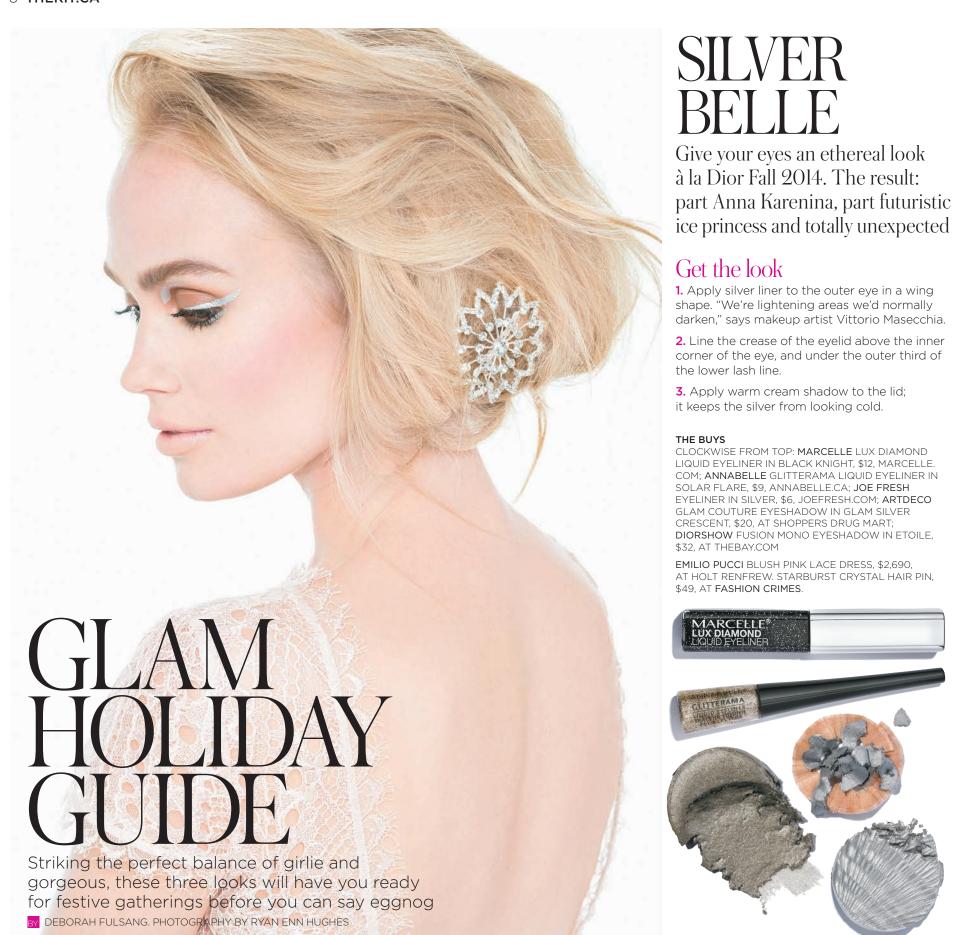
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#### PUMPED-UP KISS

Do as Marc Jacobs did and paint on a saucy, glossy pink pout

#### Get the look

- 1. Apply a lip stain in layers until you reach your desired intensity.
- 2. Add gloss that's clear or in a similar shade to the stain to add depth. Or amp up the glam by applying gloss with a touch of glitter.
- 3. Balance a bold lip with an underdressed eye.



#### THE BUYS

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CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: THE BODY SHOP COLOR CRUSH
LIPSTICK IN RED HOT RASPBERRY, \$13, THEBODYSHOP.COM;

GUERLAIN GLOSS D'ENFER IN MADAME BATIFOLE, \$32, AT
GUERLAIN COUNTERS; BOURJOIS PARIS COLOR BOOST LIP
CRAYON IN FUCHSIA LIBRE, \$18, AT SHOPPERS DRUG MART;
REVLON COLORBURST LIPGLOSS IN ADORNED, \$11, REVLON.
COM; YVES SAINT LAURENT ROUGE PUR COUTURE GLOSSY
STAIN IN FUCHSIA TOMBOY, \$36, YSL.COM

**ABOVE:** BURBERRY PRORSUM DRESS, \$2,595, AT HOLT RENFREW; TOPSHOP BLAZER, \$100, AT HUDSON'S BAY

RIGHT: CARVEN DOUBLE-BREASTED WOOL COAT, \$1,050, AT THE ROOM AT HUDSON'S BAY IN TORONTO AND VANCOUVER. MICHAEL KORS LINK NECKLACE, \$335, AT MICHAEL KORS BOUTIQUES AND HOLT RENFREW





#### SUPER SPARKLING EYELIDS

Take your cue from the glitter-eyed models on the Chanel fall runway

#### Get the look

- **1.** Apply glittery liner to the lash line. Make sure it's not too perfect.
- **2.** Dab false-eyelash glue to your lids. Add artstore sequins using a small, flat synthetic brush.
- **3.** Use an angled brush to define the lower lash line with black shadow.
- **4.** Finish the look with soft lips and rose-gold cheeks.

#### THE BUYS

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: NARS EYESHADOW IN MISSISSIPPI MERMAID, \$28, NARSCOSMETICS.CA; M.A.C COSMETICS PRESSED PIGMENT IN LIGHT TOUCH, \$25, MACCOSMETICS.COM; SISLEY PHYTO OMBRE GLOW EYE SHADOW IN PEARL, \$53, AT HOLT RENFREW; ESSENCE METAL GLAM EYESHADOW IN GLAMOUR GIRLS, \$3, AT SHOPPERS DRUG MART; CHANEL ILLUSION D'OMBRE IN INITIATION, \$37, CHANEL.CA

ROLAND MOURET DRESS, \$1,975, AT HUDSON'S BAY; LANVIN AMBER CRYSTAL EARRINGS, \$690, AT HOLT RENFREW

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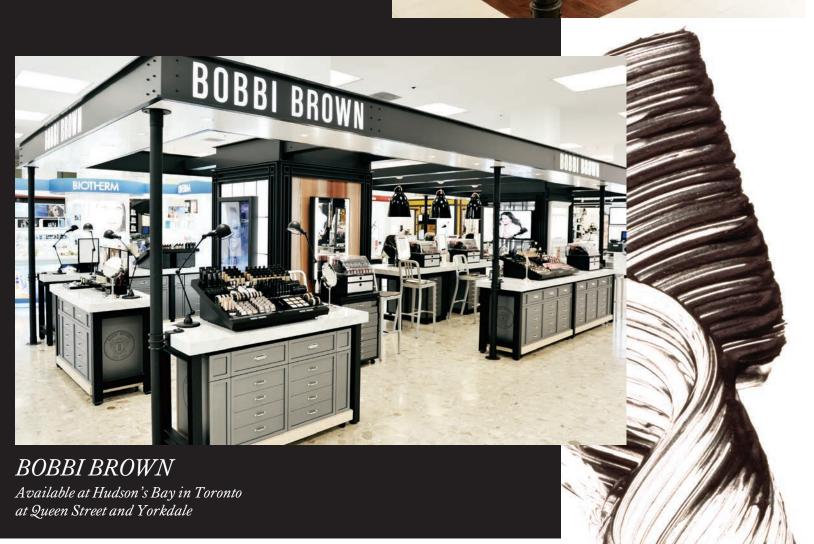
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# BOOT CAMP

From slouchy to sleek, here's all you need to know about fall's best boots and the perfect hemlines to wear them with. Read on to rock them right

BY VANESSA TAYLOR. PHOTOGRAPHY BY MAY TRUONG





#### The overthe-knee boot

Wildly popular on the runways, our favourite thigh-high boots are the second-skin styles in suede and leather with a flat or short stacked heel. Wear them with cozy knit dresses, floral skirts and woolly sweaters to balance their over-the-top sex appeal.

STUART WEITZMAN SUEDE BOOTS, \$675, AT BROWNS SHOES, STUARTWEITZMAN. COM. BANANA REPUBLIC BAG, \$95, BANANAREPUBLIC.CA. DIESEL VEST, \$800, CANADA@DIESEL.CA. RACHEL ROY DRESS, \$395, RACHELROY.COM





#### TOP TIGHTS

Too cold for bare legs? Fear not! Read on for our picks of cozy and cute hosiery



#### **OPAQUE**

"I love the Merona opaque black tights from Target. In the winter I pair them with my summer and fall skirts, and they work perfectly with boots. They are opaque enough to wear with sheer skirts, really complement the shape of your legs and last longer than other brands."

-Jessica Hotson, art director MERONA OPAQUE BLACK TIGHTS, \$10, TARGET.COM



#### **CABLE KNIT**

"The super-soft knit of these viscose-blend H&M tights makes them easy to slip on sans struggle, which is important because the last thing I want to do in the morning, while still half asleep, is fight with my hosiery!"

—Emma Yardley, online editor

—Emma Yardley, online edito H&M CABLE-KNIT TIGHTS, \$18



#### SHEER PANTYHOSE

"I love these tights for special occasions when I want the look of bare legs. Bonus: they increase leg circulation and have built-in tummy and butt-control panties, which gives you great shape."

—Kristy Wright, assistant art director SPANX ALL THE WAY, LEG SUPPORT PANTYHOSE IN SHEER NUDE, \$28, SPANX.COM



#### COLOURED TIGHTS

"Deep coloured tights with a neutral outfit make more of a style statement and update my wardrobe, while staying warm and on budget."

—Amber Hickson, designer

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--Colleen Henman, assistant art director KATE SPADE GIANT POLKA-DOT TIGHTS, \$24, KATESPADE.COM



#### PARTY TIGHTS

"I love fancy tights because they remind me of going to birthday parties as a child. This pair from Mondor is especially cool because they are fishnets, which are almost impossible to rip, but with lace embellishment at the back. Trés chic!"

—Alex Laws, senior editor

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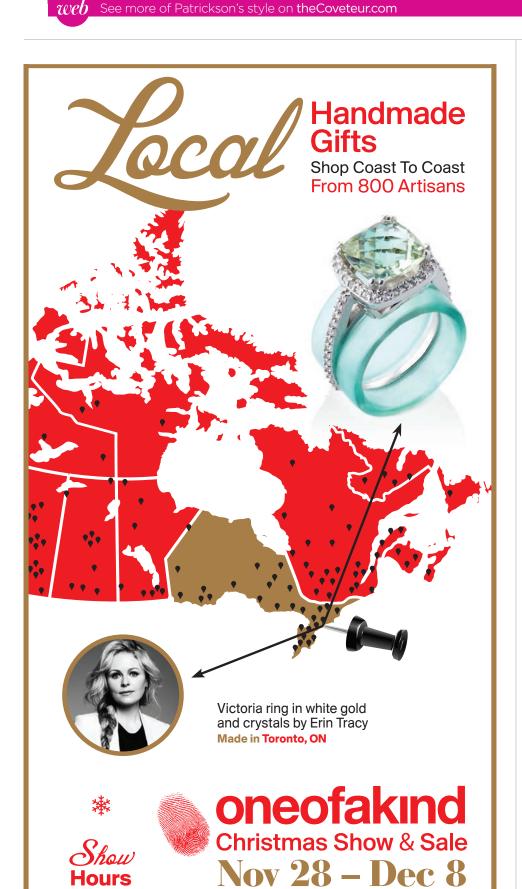


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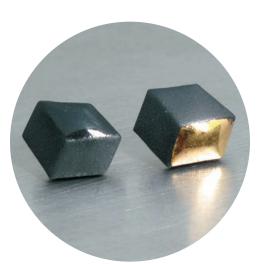
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Heyday Design Small Cubic Earrings, \$46

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