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From sparkling manicures to stunning silver party looks and the most stylish present ideas, here's everything you need to rock the holidays
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CARA DELEVINGNE AT MATTHEW WILLIAMSON FALL 2013. PHOTOGRAPHY: PETER STIGTER

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what we want this week

HOLIDAY PALETTES

They're the perfect purse-sized gift: limited-edition compacts that offer options aplenty, from a pink-cheeked darling look for day to a smoky-eyed vixen for night



1. SPOT ON Chock full of berry and copper eyeshadows, this palette has all you need to create flattering, high-impact looks. **Mark** On the Dot Eye Colour Compact in Neutral, \$18, [avon.ca](#) 2. BEST-SELLING BLUSH This sweet cheek palette features not only Nars's iconic Orgasm blush and Laguna bronzing powder, but four more shades. **Nars** Guy Bourdin Holiday Collection One Night Stand Cheek Palette, \$72, [sephora.ca](#), [narscosmetics.ca](#) 3. WHAT LATE NIGHT?

Blend and dust this multi-colour bronzer onto temples and cheeks for an instant glow. **Quo** Deluxe Bronzer, \$20, at [Shoppers Drug Mart](#) 4. POSH PICK This collector's palette delivers soft colour and texture via its four eyeshadows and two powder eyeliners. **Guerlain** Crazy Paris Eye Palette, \$92, at select [Guerlain](#) counters 5. POWER PINK Update the smoky eye with pinks and purples. **M.A.C.** Cosmetics Eye Shadow x4 Palette in Showstopper, \$48, [maccosmetics.com](#)

—EDITOR: NATASHA BRUNO. PHOTOGRAPHY: ADRIAN ARMSTRONG



ASK JEANNE

Dear Jeanne, I'm undertaking a minor holiday miracle this month: attending multiple cocktail parties on a single night. Do you have advice for how I can keep my makeup looking fresh, prevent my shoes from killing me and bring hostess gifts, too? —Francine

DEAR FRANCINE: Amazingly enough, this is one miracle that many of us manage to perform each holiday season. And though the challenge always seems daunting at first, once you get the hang of it, party hopping can be a fun and lively pastime.

First, you must wear something relatively comfortable. Of course, you'll want to be in party mode in the wardrobe department, but make sure your outfit is one that you feel good in, and feels good "on." While many of our evening shoes are not exactly comfy, try to go for the ones that aren't as brutal. You might want to try taking a pair of those handy little roll-up ballet slippers with you, just to give those tender tootsies a rest.

Also, it's important to give yourself a little touch-up between appearances, so make sure your evening purse has a wee mirror and a couple of makeup remover pads. No one wants to see Rocky Raccoon at their door! There are various light face oils you might want to bring with you as well, to dab ever so lightly over your makeup to alleviate any dryness. Rodin, carried at Gee Beauty, is a great one. A fresh hit of lipstick is always a must, as well as freshening my tresses with a small pocket comb.

As far as hostess gifts go, you don't want to look like Mrs. Claus lugging a sack of gifts around. What about gift certificates? Not only are they always welcome, but they're easy to transport! Ditto for holiday music CDs. They always make great gifts this time of year, from Barbra Streisand and Kelly Clarkson to Neil Diamond and Frank Sinatra. What about giving precious little ornaments, or finding some lovely little vintage brooches—maybe some whimsical old Christmas pins?

Another lovely gesture is to have flowers delivered to your hostess's home the day of the party. That way, you'll be giving something that will not only enhance the party decor, but help make your presence felt long after you leave!

It's also lovely to send flowers the next day, thanking your hostess for the enjoyable evening and sending warm wishes for the holiday ahead.

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



CARA DELEVINGNE PLAYS BALL AT THE VICTORIA'S SECRET FASHION SHOW 2013

Staying power of #selfie

Pout your lips, widen your eyes and tilt your heads; selfies are here to stay. The term has been annointed as the Oxford Dictionaries Word of the Year 2013 (other contenders: *twerk* and *binge-watch*). Over 57 million personal portraits have been hashtagged #selfie since the launch of Instagram in 2010—including from celebrities Justin Bieber, Alexa Chung and even Oprah. —Tarah Kennedy

radar

The style news that got us talking this week

Musical model

Cara Delevingne, the goofy-face-making model of the moment, keeps surprising us. In 2012, she appeared alongside Keira Knightley in *Anna Karenina* and acted in a few short indie films. Now, according to Twitter, she's been spending time in a recording studio. Delevingne has already performed in videos for *LOVE* magazine, and we're keen to learn if she sounds as good as she looks. —T.K.



VIVIENNE WESTWOOD

Westwood in writing

We adored Grace Coddington's autobiography; we expect we'll feel the same about this redhead's book, too. Known for taking the punk movement to the masses, designer Vivienne Westwood is poised to share her life's story in a memoir. Westwood will write the book with her friend, the biographer Ian Kelly. It will feature contributions from her inner circle and will be published in October 2014. —T.K.



11" CLARE VIVIER BLACK BASKET-WEAVE CASE, \$200

Sleek sleeves

Handbag designer Clare Vivier has partnered with Apple on a line of padded laptop bags. Made in L.A., the Apple cases come in cobalt, black basket weave and grey nubuck—Vivier's signature textures and colours. Available at select Apple locations in Toronto, from \$200. —Brooke Halnan

Republic of Scott

After styling most of Hollywood, L'Wren Scott (a.k.a. Mick Jagger's girlfriend) launched her label in 2006, focusing on timeless, feminine designs. Her Banana Republic collaboration, a 50-piece collection with dazzling sequins, playful prints and vibrant colours, hits stores Dec. 5. From \$20 to \$240 in select Banana Republic stores and [bananarepublic.ca](#). —Vanessa Taylor

BOLERO, \$185, BLOUSE, \$110, SKIRT, \$124, CLUTCH, \$185, ALL BANANAREPUBLIC.CA

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AQUA BLING

One coat equals sheer girlish glimmer; two or three coats create intense glitz. **Sally Hansen** Complete Salon Manicure in 3, 2, 1derland, \$9, at drugstores



CAST IN BRONZE

Get bronzed and beautiful fingertips (with just the right amount of 1990s nostalgia). **L'Oréal** Nail Colour in Charmed, I'm Sure, \$7, loreal.ca



SILVER STREAK

Add a veil of glitter to bare nails or amp up a dark mani with sparkly enamel and jewel-toned sequins. **Essie** Nail Polish in On a Silver Platter, \$10, essie.com



NO OLD GOLD

A mossy gold shimmer makes for a downtown-meets-uptown finish. **Revlon** Nail Enamel in Rich from the Evening Opulence collection, \$6, revlon.ca

one minute miracle



HAPPY, GLOWY SKIN

When people ask me what I use on my skin because I look glowy and rested (despite burning the candle at both ends), it is my professional obligation to dish. For the record: it's this hydrating, firming and pore-disguising serum that's doing the trick.

—DEBORAH FULSANG
Clarins Double Serum Complete Age Control Concentrate, \$85, sephora.ca



OUTFIT ENVY

Allison Williams

Giving red-carpet dressing a retro spin, the *Girls* co-star shows that less is more. This elegant ensemble channels 1950s vibe à la Audrey Hepburn

—NATASHA BRUNO

TIP

Choose a classic mid-skirt to accentuate the smallest part of the waist and draw the eye away from hips and thighs.

why we love it

TELL ME ABOUT IT, STUD

With a vintage feel, these oversized, bejewelled earrings are bold but sophisticated.

HEART HER SLEEVES

The oversized silhouette and cropped sleeves freshen up this crisp button-up shirt.

FULL SWING

A simple, calf-grazing full skirt is a feminine statement.

DARE TO BARE

Eye-catching, peekaboo panelling pumps up the sex appeal of an otherwise demure look.

READY TO DAZZLE

Striking crystal embellishment adds pizzazz to pointed-toe pumps and makes Williams's polished look sparkle.

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BRUSH WITH SUCCESS

Presenting the definitive guide to makeup brushes: the tools you actually need, plenty of pro tips and the sets that give you the most bang for your buck **BY** DEBORAH FULSANG

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THE MVPS

These five brushes each do double (or triple!) duty, says M.A.C makeup artist Jane McKay

- 1. POWDER PERFECTER** “I use this for eyeshadow, highlighting, contouring and powder. The size is great as I usually only powder parts of the face.”
M.A.C 224 TAPERED BLENDING BRUSH, \$39, ALL BRUSHES MACCOSMETICS.COM
- 2. CREAM’S COMPANION** “I love this for applying any cream products: skin care, foundation, concealer.”
M.A.C 188 SMALL DUO FIBRE FACE BRUSH, \$42
- 3. ONE BRUSH FOR ALL** “I use it for skincare applications, concealer, foundation, eye shadow, contouring, blending and lips.”
M.A.C 217 BLENDING BRUSH, \$29
- 4. DRAW THE LINE** “Excellent for lining eyes, brows or lips. This brush does it all and you can use it wet or dry.”
M.A.C 263 SMALL ANGLE BRUSH, \$24
- 5. TOP TO TOE** “I use this for cheeks, the forehead, the jaw and body. It’s my go-to blush and bronzer brush.”
M.A.C 116 BLUSH BRUSH, \$42



“SOFT, FLUFFY BRUSHES GIVE A LIGHT, SHEER COLOUR; TIGHTLY PACKED BRISTLES GIVE A PRECISE, DENSE DEPOSIT.”

—Jackie Shawn, makeup artist

WHAT’S YOUR DESERT-ISLAND PICK?

“A dome brush is essential. It’s so versatile I have about 25 in my kit! With that dome you can deposit colour, buff and blend. It’s an eye brush, but I use it for concealer, lip stain and blush, too.”

—Melanie Inglessis, celebrity makeup artist

QUO ALL OVER SHADOW BRUSH, \$13, SHOPPERS DRUG MART

ALTERNATIVE APPLICATORS

“The Q-tip is my best friend, to clean up a mess, correct an edge, perfect an angle, remove extra product, pick up product from the tube and apply lipstick as a stain.”

—Maxime Poulin, international makeup artist, Guerlain

Q-TIPS COTTON SWABS, \$5 FOR 400, SHOPPERS DRUG MART

“I like using the Beauty Blender sponge for blending foundation because it’s fast and creates a beautiful finish. Did I mention that it’s fast? I love that it’s fast!”

—Grace Lee, lead makeup artist, Maybelline New York Canada

THE ORIGINAL BEAUTYBLENDER, \$26, HUDSON’S BAY, THEBAY.COM

“Sponges are great to apply cream product such as foundation, blush and eye colours. You can cut them down to size and to the shape you want.”

—Cody Alain, makeup artist, Toronto

QUO COSMETIC WEDGES, \$4 FOR 16, SHOPPERS DRUG MART



HOT TOOL

Kabuki brush: Ka·bu·ki, noun \kə-ˈbü-kē, ˈkä-bü-(,)kē\ \ˈbrəsh\

- DEFINITION:** A brush with short, dense bristles and a short handle. It’s named after the brush Japanese theatre performers used to apply white makeup.
- HOW IT WORKS:** The dense bristles always pick up the perfect amount of product, says Maxime Poulin, international makeup artist with Guerlain. It also blends superbly. “If you’re after the season’s flawless, Hitchcockian look, this brush is for you.”



“THE RIGHT TOOLS ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS THE MAKEUP ITSELF.”

—Bobbi Brown

HOW TO USE A FOUNDATION BRUSH

A foundation brush boosts your chances of pro results, says Miyako Okamoto, Shiseido international makeup artist. She shares her application tips

- 1.** Dot a dime-sized amount of liquid or cream foundation onto your forehead, cheeks and chin with fingertips. “You don’t need it everywhere!” says Okamoto. Focus on areas where there is redness, blemishes or discoloration.
- 2.** For trouble spots where you need fuller coverage, place your brush perpendicular to your face and dab or pat foundation gently.
- 3.** A foundation brush can access hard-to-reach areas like the inner eye and around the mouth and nostrils. Apply slight pressure for good coverage.
- 4.** For light coverage, hold the brush at a 45-degree angle; blend outward with light, long strokes toward the edges of your face.



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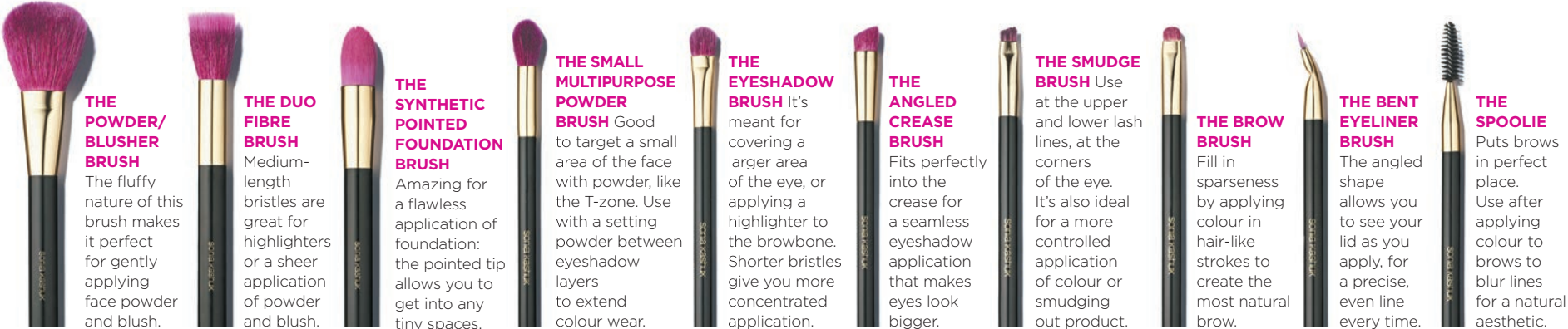
WHAT GOOD ARE THESE TINY SPONGES?

Most makeup artists think these tiny, rigid applicators are cute but useless. But Grace Lee, lead makeup artist for Maybelline New York Canada, loves them. “They’re great for applying really concentrated points of colour, like highlighting the inner corners of the eyes,” she says.

ANATOMY OF A KIT

Ever wonder what a short stubby brush is for? Makeup artist Sonia Kashuk, who has worked with A-listers Salma Hayek and Sandra Bullock and designed her own brush collections, explains how shape fulfills a function

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KICKIN' IT CHELSEA STYLE

They found fame in the 1960s on the feet of the Beatles. Now stars and style mavens everywhere are rocking this classic
—NATASHA BRUNO



- 1 GREEN ENVY**
With these gorgeous suede boots, your work wardrobe is complete. **SAM EDELMAN** MORILLO BOOT, \$165, AT TOWN SHOES
- 2 WINTER READY**
Add a flash of rich red to your boyfriend jeans and tailored blazer. **LUCKY BRAND** ELY BOOT, \$175, AT HEEL BOY
- 3 GET SHORTY**
A low-cut update, this deep burgundy pairs well with fall neutrals. **FRANCO SARTO** ANTWERP BOOT, \$130, AT HUDSON'S BAY
- 4 PONY UP**
Wear these pony-hair boots with an LBD or miniskirt. **JOE FRESH** ANKLE BOOTS, \$79, JOEFRESH.COM
- 5 BUCKLE DOWN**
A buckle adds equestrian flair. Pair these with jeans and a chunky knit. **FRANCO SARTO** ELGIN BOOT, \$150, AT HUDSON'S BAY
- 6 HIGH AND MIGHTY**
The hefty heel and grip soles let you hotfoot it around town comfortably. **DR. MARTENS** ELOISE BOOT, \$200, AT DRMARTENS.COM



Karolina Kurkova, 29

SPOTLIGHT ON SILVER

Light up the holidays! All ages shine in this light, bright metallic **BY** INGRIE WILLIAMS

RADIANT 20s & 30s



A high hemline demands a modest top. Try something with a simple T-shirt shape.

Use contemporary extras to temper high-shine silver.



1. Introduce another silver tone in your footwear. We're fans of pewter and nickel. **Aldo** Dosh heels, \$90, aldoshoes.com
2. A dab of matte and metallic shadows jolt any eye makeup into the now. **Joe Fresh** Eye Shadow Quad in Limelight, \$10, joefresh.com
3. The savvy girl's evening bag features gorgeous embellishment and a cross-body chain. **Express** bag, \$40, express.com
4. Lurex adds a hint of glitz. **Banana Republic** shirt, \$50, bananarepublic.ca
5. Different silver textures look great together (it's just like mixing prints!). **H&M** skirt, \$149, hm.com/ca
6. Stash your statement baubles for one night—a lariat necklace looks so fresh. **Carole Tanenbaum** Vintage Collection necklace, \$350, caroletanenbaum.com

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PAUL SMITH FALL 2013

THINK MODERN



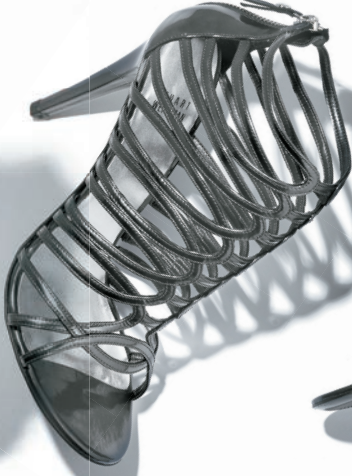
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→ Keep your jewellery simple with a dress this dazzling.



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FABULOUS 40s



PAOLA FRANI FALL 2013



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↑ A silver frock is more smash than trash: just keep your accessories chic and sleek.

- 1. Let an extra-large cocktail ring do the talking. **Swarovski** ring, \$160, at Berani at Bayview Village, bayviewvillage.com
- 2. Strappy and dramatically dark, these are metallic heels without a whiff of prom night. **Stuart Weitzman** Loops shoes, \$465, stuartweitzman.ca
- 3. Eye-catching textures and patterns add interest without veering from a monochrome theme. **Jimmy Choo** Sweets bag, \$975, davidsfootwear.com
- 4. A nail lacquer in icy blue with subtle shimmer makes for frosted tips we approve of. **Essie** in Mind Your Mittens, \$10, available at salons and drugstores
- 5. This dress's hourglass shape means all-over shimmer can be figure flattering. **Adrianna Papell** dress, \$210, at Oui at Bayview Village, bayviewvillage.com



Vivica A. Fox, 49

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Jane Seymour, 62



BOXY 50+



← Layer a menswear staple over a ladylike white dress to make silver and white look even more brilliant.



Silver lace and crystals scream luxury.



1. Contrast light silver tones with dark and dramatic jewellery. **Loft** drop earrings, \$50, loft.com 2. A sequin blazer sounds flashy, but you'll soon wonder how you got by without one. **Joe Fresh** blazer, \$79, joefresh.com 3. Elongating details, like black piping or panels, make a white dress extra-kind to curves. **Calvin Klein** dress, \$139, thebay.com 4. Embellished heels will kick your silver into high gear. **René Caovilla** shoes, \$1,200, at Davids, davidsfootwear.com 5. Oversized beads play nicely with tiny sequins. **Inzi** bag, \$80, at Town Shoes 6. A glittering top puts your décolletage in the spotlight. Give it some love with this rich cream loaded with green algae and organic oat sugars. **Clarins** Extra-Firming Neck Cream, \$75, clarins.ca

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A megawatt necklace is all you need to amp up last year's little black dress and kick off the season with a bang **by** VANESSA TAYLOR



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GOING FOR GOLD

If you prefer your shimmer on your cocktail dress (sequins!) these stylish pieces are the perfect add-ons

SNAKE CHARMING

A fierce take on hoop earrings, these serpents show your wild side.

JENNY BIRD SHAKTI SERPENT HOOPS, \$60, JENNY-BIRD.COM



FRIENDSHIP BLING

These mini rings come in pretty fabric pouches and will remind you of your school days.

DOGEARED GOLD-DIPPED RINGS, \$39 EACH, INDIGO.CA

CHAIN OF LOVE

This statement bracelet channels Rihanna and the flashy 1990s revival, but it's handcrafted by a contemporary Canadian jewellery-design team.

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BY ALEX LAWS, VANESSA TAYLOR AND EMMA YARDLEY



—Alex Laws, senior editor
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When you're bringing presents by plane, they need to be small, light and as pretty as possible to dodge wrapping on arrival. (You've got sherry to drink!)



for the hard-to-please sis-in-law

FLASHBACK FRAGRANCE This solid perfume won't shatter in transit, and the comforting scent suits everyone.
LUSH COSMETICS GORILLA PERFUME IN VANILLARY, \$10, LUSH.CA



for the auntie with a sweet tooth

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FRESH SUGAR TREASURES MINI LIP COLLECTION, \$58, AT SEPHORA, SEPHORA.CA



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—Vanessa Taylor, fashion editor
DESTINATION: SUDBURY, ONT.

Pack the trunk with these gasp-worthy gifts. With no size or weight restrictions to limit us, we've let loose and picked the pieces we covet the most



for the label lover

VANITY FLARE If she's all about the shoes (or should we say the Choos?), this scent will be her favourite new accessory. A sparkling fruity floral, it boasts notes of blackcurrant sorbet, pink grapefruit and exotic passion flower.
JIMMY CHOO EXOTIC EAU DE TOILETTE, \$63 (60 ML), AT SHOPPERS DRUG MART AND MURALE



for the work wife

RETRO GLAMOUR This spectacular necklace mixes a vintage-inspired setting with a modern colour palette—just what she needs to add a subtle sparkle to a simple sweater.
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MARC BY MARC JACOBS BAKER WATCHES WITH POLISHED GOLD-TONE BRACELETS, \$270, HUDSON'S BAY AND THEBAY.COM



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CANADIAN CARDIE This sweater is the equivalent of a giant hug. Hand-knit by First Nations crafts people on Vancouver Island, it's 100 per cent wool and provides a modern update on the classic HBC stripe.
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for the foodie friend

ON-CALL BUBBLY Pay her back for those dinner parties (without throwing one) with this revamped pop machine. It makes sparkling water and soda on demand, and while vodka isn't included, we're sure you'll come up with something together.
SODASTREAM SOURCE, \$130, SODASTREAM.CA



for the bathroom-hogging daughter

BLOW HER AWAY This hair dryer will change her life (or at least her mornings). It reduces frizz, adds shine and boosts volume—and cuts drying time in half.
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for the bro who's far from home

HERITAGE HEAD This hat shows he's proud of his roots—and it's an instant conversation starter.
SHARED HISTORY MARITIMES KNIT TOQUE, \$24, DRAKE GENERAL STORE OR DRAKEGENERALSTORE.CA



for the proper grandma

POSH TEA Perfectly balanced black tea is packaged in an oh-so-pretty tin. She'll think of you every time she sits down to a cuppa.

SLOANE FINE TEA MERCHANTS HEAVENLY CREAM, \$15, SLOANETEA.COM



for the design-savvy mother-in-law

GLAMOROUS GADGET This classy lipstick shade is on-trend and suits all complexions. And the mini-mirror in the lid is nothing short of genius.

GUERLAIN ROUGE G EXCEPTIONAL COMPLETE LIP COLOUR IN MADAME BATIFOLE, \$51, GUERLAIN.COM



for the grandfather who has everything

POSH PICKS In a beautiful glass tube, these toothpicks are the champagne of oral hygiene. (In fact, they do come in Single Malt flavour.)

DANESON CINNAMINT TOOTHPICKS, \$20, DANESON.COM



for the jet-setting bff

NORTHERN NECKLACE A compass necklace is where form and function meet—it's beautiful, and will remind her of the direction home.

BIG METAL NECKLACE, \$43, ELLE HARDWARE



for the cool mom

MOTOR MAMA These super-soft leather gloves, with an oversized feature zip, have just the right amount of edge.

H&M GLOVES, \$30, HM.COM

for the musical nephew

INSTANT PARTY These super-light, super-fun flat-pack speakers let him share his tunes, John Cusack-style.

NPW BEAT BOX SPEAKER, \$15, INDIGO.CA



for the social-media

LETTER PERFECT This needlepoint case is available in a slew of adorable prints. But it was the monogram that made us fall in love.

LANDS' END PENGUIN NEEDLEPOINT TABLET CASE, \$11, LANDSEND.COM



for the downtown sister

MODEL-WORTHY MAKEUP Inspired by fashion photographer Guy Bourdin's sexy images, this pouch comes with five of our favourite hues.

NARS GUY BOURDIN VOYEUR LARGER THAN LIFE LONG-WEAR EYELINER COFFRET, \$55, AT HOLT RENFREW



for the main man

SMALL, DARK AND HANDSOME Treat your squeeze to this refined yet masculine blend of fir balsam, pine, juniper and leather. You'll both benefit.

BOTTEGA VENETA POUR HOMME EAU DE TOILETTE, \$80 (50 ML), AT HOLT RENFREW



for the fashionable new mom

PRACTICAL & PRETTY This colour-blocked beauty takes the structured bag to a whole new level—the winged detail on the side is striking, and dual straps make it versatile.

ZAC ZAC POSEN EARTHA SATCHEL, \$550, SELECT HUDSON'S BAY LOCATIONS

for the nephew up north

PLAYGROUND POSH Hands down, the cutest (and warmest) snowsuit out there, this number lets Mom or Dad lengthen the sleeves and legs by up to 2 inches as needed.

CANADA GOOSE GRIZZLY SNOWSUIT, \$495, CANADA-GOOSE.COM



for the trusty babysitter

COSMETICS COUNTER This mega-palette, with over 130 colours, will keep her (and all her friends) occupied for months.

SEPHORA COLLECTION MAKEUP ACADEMY BLOCKBUSTER PALETTE, \$59, AT SEPHORA AND SEPHORA.CA



STYLE PHILOSOPHY

COZY AND STATEMENT-MAKING HOLIDAY SWEATERS

BY CARRIE KIRKMAN

One of my favourite things about the holidays is the opportunity to cocoon myself in layers of knitwear. Thankfully, there is no shortage of options when it comes to sweaters this season. Whether bold or whimsical, chunky or fine-knit, knitwear was featured prominently on the runways for Fall/Winter 2013, providing plenty of choices.

While you can always treat yourself during the holidays, sweaters also make the perfect gift for anybody on your list, whether you decide on something understated or a piece that makes a strong fashion statement.



Cozy sweaters are about staying warm, of course, but they also exude warmth in a less literal way. These knits are perfect for lounging and relaxing in, for wearing at the cottage or the ski-chalet, or just curled up by the fireplace watching a movie or reading a book.

While informal in structure, relaxed sweaters can be elevated with modern details, like graphic patterns and colour blocking, textures like cabling or waffling, and embellishments like faux leather, zips and buttons. We've also seen the sport trend trickle into this category of knitwear this season. But these sweaters aren't only perfect for hibernating indoors: Try a voluminous shape with a pencil skirt or a leggings. Slim-fitting sweaters look great paired with softer, fuller bottoms. It's all about playing with proportion.

Cozy Sweaters (From Left): Jones New York Signature Buffalo Check Jacket, \$139. Half-Zip Mock Turtle Neck Pullover, \$79. Zip Front Cardigan with pockets, \$99. Drop Shoulder Striped Pullover, \$99. Raglan Boat Neck with snaps, \$79. Raglan Novelty Stitch Pullover with placket details, \$99.



There's always license to bring out the sparkle over the holidays and knitwear is the perfect vehicle for a little bit of shimmer.

Statement sweaters are a huge trend this season and with so much choice, you can find a style to suit every personality on your gift list. Bold graphics, feminine lace, sequin embroidery and velvet are details that can make a standard sweater standout.

If you're shopping for someone whose style is more classic, look for subtle, delicate embellishments. A cream Jones New York Collection sweater provides holiday shine in a more subdued way.

Alternatively, for someone who isn't afraid to be bold or playful, our sequined Anne Klein sweater is a great choice—and in this season's striking cobalt shade. Polka dots or other graphic patterns look as good with a dress pant as they do paired with your favourite jeans. Don't be afraid to inject some excitement into your winter wardrobe.

Of course, sweaters are a pragmatic choice this time of year. As temperatures drop, nothing keeps us warmer than a great knit. But they also offer an opportunity to explore different textures and create a new kind of silhouette. Just because their structure is relaxed, don't think that knitwear can't be dressed up for the holiday season. Play with texture and colour, pattern and embellishment—the humble sweater has come a long way.

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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MARC JACOBS BEAUTY SHOWSTOPPER COLLECTION, \$107, AT SEPHORA AND SEPHORA.CA



for the husband who's a secret

MUST-HAVE MOUNTIE Cashmere shouldn't be reserved for cardigans. Give him the gift of gorgeous knit, wrapped up with a little Canadian pride.
ARBORIST SWEATER, \$175, AT THE DRAKE GENERAL STORE AND DRAKEGENERALSTORE.CA

for the artistic niece

MAKEUP MUSE Package this palette with a few images from your favourite fashion magazine (ahem...), and recreate the beauty looks after the family feast.
SMASHBOX WONDER VISION MEGA PALETTE, \$58, AT SHOPPERS DRUG MART AND PHARMAPRIX



for the teenybopper daughter

HIGH NOTE Quick, while she still cares—share your love of music and present these fuzzy headphones with an iTunes gift card and a suggested playlist of your favourite songs.
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for the on-trend aunt

WHAT A GEM This golden nail-art set from Dior is bold and dazzlingly beautiful—just like the woman who taught you how to do a decent DIY manicure.
DIOR DIORIFIC JEWEL MANICURE DUO, \$40, THEBAY.COM

for the dapper uncle

DYNAMITE DUO You know how much he likes his bow ties, but this one is extra-special. Not only is it decorated with tiny basset hounds, but it also comes with a matching pocket square.
TOMMY HILFINGER BOW TIE & POCKET SQUARE SET, \$60, TOMMY.COM



for the long-suffering older sister

LIQUID GOLD Doesn't she deserve to be spoiled after all the times you raided her closet? This bright, floral fragrance and matching hand cream are a little luxury, every day.
L'Occitane FLEUR D'OR & ACACIA HAND CREAM AND FRAGRANCE, \$12 (30 ML) AND \$75 (75 ML), LOCCITANE.CA



for the budding romantic

LIL' LITERATURE Now that she's nearly mastered walking, it's time to move her onto the classics.
ROMEO & JULIET: A COUNTING PRIMER; SENSE AND SENSIBILITY: AN OPPOSITES PRIMER; WUTHERING HEIGHTS: A WEATHER PRIMER; JANE EYRE: A COUNTING PRIMER; \$11 EACH, INDIGO.CA



for the classy grandmother

KATE KEEPSAKE Let her know you remember all those years you trimmed the tree together with a heartfelt note tucked into this locket-like ornament.
KATE SPADE SURPRISE BALL, \$25, AT HUDSON'S BAY AND THEBAY.COM



for the perfectly punctual mom

TIME FOR STYLE Neat and chic, this tortoiseshell watch makes an impact. The retro pattern and light weight couldn't be easier to wear every day.
SWATCH ECAILLE WATCH, \$75, SWATCH.COM



for the nonno

SOFT & SOPHISTICATED As the temperature drops, he can wrap up with this cozy plaid cashmere blanket that's made in Italy (of course).
HOMESENSE THROW, \$180, HOMESENSE STORES



for the trendy teen

LADYLIKE TOUCH Graduate her from schoolgirl knapsack to a womanly purse. Designed in Canada and made with woven black leather, this is the perfect starter handbag.
ONE FATED KNIGHT ARCHBISHOP BAG, \$198, ONEFATEDKNIGHT.COM



for the neighbour who's always baking

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FINGER FOOD
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FLOWER POWER
Forget the winter blues, things got bright and floral at the Sears spring 2014 media preview.



NOT JUST FOR SEPTEMBER
We drooled over these ultra soft Aquazzura heels from Canadian luxury shoe e-tailer The September.



TAKE A BROW
When Benefit sent us these funny frames to celebrate its Brow Bars, Colleen Henman and Alex Laws became a be-spectacle.



PRETTY RINGS AND THINGS
Alex Laws visited her homeland to scope out the Thomas Sabo spring 2014 collection in London, U.K.

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