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## SPOTTED

# VER LININGS AVRONK

Create a luminous, silvery glow with eyeshadows in pewter-, slate- and stone-greys. Chanel's creative director of makeup, Peter Philips, blended silver eyeshadow from lids to brows on models this spring, inspired by Karl Lagerfeld's new studio floor. Shade, highlight or line your eyes to create a luminous make up statement that hardly needs an introduction. -NATASHA BRUNO



#### MISTAKE-PROOF

Take the guesswork out of shadow selection. Almay's user-friendly threeshade palettes help you craft the perfect smoky eye for your skin and eye colour. Almay Intense i-Color Smoky-i Kit: Smoky-i for Hazels, \$10, at drug stores and mass retailers nationwide



challenging days—and nights—that never end, with this super-blendable and long-lasting cream-gel eye shadow. Maybelline New York Color Tattoo Metal By Eye Studio in Silver Strike, \$9, at mass drugstores and retailers, maybelline.ca



### ALL THAT GLITTERS

Apply this vivid shadow dry or with a dampened makeup brush for amped-up drama. Nars Single Eyeshadow in Night Life, \$28, at sephora.ca, narscosmetics.ca



### MIX & MATCH

Reitmans viscose-blend jacket, \$54,

reitmans.com

Blend and mix this quartet of metallics or go full-on silver. CoverGirl Eye Enhancers 4-Kit Shadow in Mirror, Mirror, \$7, at mass drugstores and retailers, covergirl.ca



## FIT FOR A QUEEN

Jo Malone's latest collection is inspired by British high tea and offers us colognes flavoured with sweet indulgences: Elderflower and Gooseberry, Lemon Tart, Redcurrant and Cream (all shown here), plus Ginger Biscuit and Bitter Orange and Chocolate. What a treat!

-DEBORAH FULSANG \$70 (30 ml) each, at Holt Renfrew stores, jomalone.com

## THE BUDGET CHALLENGE

A hot-hued blazer that works with everything in your wardrobe—and won't break the bank



Hergie

CASUAL MEETS COLOURFUL When paired with neutral basics, this long boyfriend-style blazer is sleek and sophisticated and can be dressed down for weekends



NIPPED IN This fitted lemon-yellow blazer perfectly complements Rhoda's printed blouse and the zipper embellishment is instantly slimming



Padma Lakshmi

CLASS IT UP Easily dress up even the simplest short-and-blouse combinations on warmer-weather days.

# what we want this week

Look great at the office with the help of these desk-drawer essentials



1. TIP-TOP Fix snagged nails on the spot to keep your nails looking polished and chic. Tweezerman Matchbox Itty Bitty Files, \$5, sephora.ca 2. MINI ME French fashion house Chloé makes freshening up 9-to-5 easy with miniature bottles of the brand's signature scents, like this classic warm, powdery floral. Chloé My Little Chloé, \$48 (20 ml), at select The Bay, Sephora and Murale stores 3. LIFE SAVER Stash a pair of these foldable flats for when your stylish boardroom-meeting heels cause notso-fashionable foot pain. Damn Heels Faux Leather Flats, \$55, damnheels.com 4. TWO-IN-ONE This pocket-sized brushand-mirror compact let's you sweep back messy fly-aways and keep a check on your makeup throughout the day.

-NATASHA BRUNO/PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADRIAN ARMSTRONG

Awaken tiered eyes. Made with soothing vitamin F and apple seed extract this concealer stick works double-time to hydrate skin and mask dark circles. Benefit Cosmetics Fake Up Crease-Control Hydrating Concealer, \$29, benefitcosmetics.com 6. LUSCIOUS LIPS Keep clients focused on the words coming out of your mouth with a flattering power-boosting lipstick. Stila Colour Balm Lipstick in Betsey, \$25, Shoppers Drug Mart, Sephora, Murale 7. SHINE STOPPER Suffer from oil-prone skin? Mattify and remove unwanted shine with these

Goody Compact Mirror, \$5, goody.com 5. FRESH FACE natural-fiber won't-clog-your-pores blotting sheets. Proactiv Oil Blotter Sheets, \$14, getproactive.ca



"Toronto fashion week is here and I'm dressing up. I love classic pearls but they can look too conservative. What are fresh and fashionable ways to wear them?"—Caren

#### DEAR CAREN:

Happy to hear that fashion fever has taken hold. You must have an appreciation for the finer things in life if you have a penchant for pearls. In centuries past, pearls were a real status symbol, reserved for the aristocracy and wealthy upper class.

Ever since pearls became widely accessible and ultra popular in the 1900s, with the advent of cultured pearls, they've been big fashion statements.

"A woman needs ropes and ropes of pearls!" Coco Chanel once enthused. And the way the legendary fashion designer piled on her beloved strands was the epitome of chic. That's still a very cool way to wear pearls. It creates a decidedly playful, slightly irreverent feel to a kind of excess that's always fun. Try this look with a trim little suit or classic black dress. Since pearls usually scream dressy they look particularly stylish when teamed with casual pieces.

I love mixing pearls with denim even a demure strand of pearls would look fabulous with a faded little denim jacket. It's also a cool idea to mix feminine pearls with funky metal chains, too.

But don't go overboard with pearls unless you're really craving a retro look. Matching pearl earrings and necklaces together can look conservative, though Grace Kelly made this classic look her glamorous trademark. She'd even wear a pearl bracelet to complete the look on occasion. "I favor pearls on screen and in my private life," said Kelly. And true to her word, she was rarely seen without them. Then again, as Jacqueline Kennedy once said: "Pearls are always appropriate."

Chanel staged a memorable underwater themed show for Spring 2012, in which Karl Lagerfeld riffed on pearls in a variety of ways. They were used to adorn hairdos, and even as nose and lip studs. Strands of pearls ran along waistlines and down backs. There was even an extraordinary shell clutch, covered in real pearls, which reportedly sold for \$48,000. A little too pricey for my tastes, but charmingly imaginative.

One of my personal favourites is a embroidered pearl vintage evening clutch that I've had since I was a young girl.

One of the sweetest pearl finds I've come across lately is a delicate pearl-encrusted Peter Pan collar that you tie around your neck with a simple little ribbon—very romantic and very chic.



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

wearing a pearl collar

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## LACOSTE DOES MANGA

Lacoste Live has teamed up with renowned Japanese manga team Tezuka Productions to create an exclusive capsule collection of polo and T-shirts inspired by the characters of Tezuka's fabled comic series. At Lacoste Live boutiques exclusively. Prices range between \$75 and \$165, at Lacoste boutiques in Canada May and July. Super kawaii! - Nadine Anglin

## *SELL YOUR CLOSE*

Is your closet a cemetery of forgotten trends and bursting with things you barely—or never—wear? Enter Canadian e-shop saviour: Trendtrunk. If you love selling stuff on Ebay and Kijiji, you'll love this Canadian-based e-consignment website. You set the price and keep 80 per cent of the sale. Once your item is sold, Trendtrunk collects the funds from your happy buyer and gives them to you when the item arrives. Transfer cash to your bank account, donate the money to charity or shop another member's closet! Visit trendtrunk.com — Glynnis Mapp



## NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK RETURN

The last time New Kids on the Block, 98 Degrees and Boyz II Men were seen together was in the dreams of adolescent girls everywhere. Now those dreams are finally becoming a reality as NKOTB kick off a summer tour—dubbed "The Package"—with pop and R&B heavy hitters 98 Degrees and Boyz II Men as special guests. With the band's album out April 2 and an exclusive deal with Universal Music Canada, NKOTB have come a long way from their 1980s haircuts and acid-wash jeans. All that's left to say now is that we call dibs on Donnie. -Kiley Bell

## MADONNA GETS NAKED

The original Material Girl is at it again, this time with a new fragrance. Madonna's latest perfume, Truth or Dare by Madonna Naked, combines top notes of honeysuckle and peach blossom with base notes of cedarwood and sandalwood. The super-sensual scent promises to be sexy and bold, and by the sounds of it, make you feel nothing Like a Virgin. The fragrance will be available this month at select retailers, including Shoppers Drug Mart, Murale, Katz and Jean Coutu. -K.B.



PATRIOTIC PRINTS

From butterfly wings to a splash of acid wash, designers coast-to-coast were never more partial to prints than with their Spring 2013 collections

BY INGRIE WILLIAMS



AREA CODE: 416 (Toronto) **GRAPHIC CONTENT:** 

A wonderfully winged print alights in numerous ways including a bralette top that opened the runway show and as a matching collared shirt with trousers

PRINT P.O.V.: "It's pretty, pink and playful," says designer Kimberly Newport-Mimran, above.

BEHIND-THE-SEAMS: "Signature prints are important to the direction of this collection. I was drawn to botanicals. The design and placement revolves around butterflies, metallics and colour."

WEAR IT WITH: "[This print] is a statement so wear it with confidence," says Newport-Mimran, who says her fashion muse is a self-assured woman in her sartorial choices. If you can't embrace a head-to-toe look, Newport-Mimran suggests pairing the shirt with black bottoms.











AREA CODE: 416 (Toronto) THE LOOK: A mosaic mashup graces a wide range of garments, from sharply tailored blazers and cropped pants to sweet

peplum dresses and major maxi hemlines. PRINT P.O.V.: "The entire collection was inspired by Morocco and its rich culture," says the man behind the eponymous label. "I wanted to bring the dream of

Marrakech to Toronto. I was inspired by the elaborate works of the mosaics and pottery, mixed with painterly BEHIND-THE-SEAMS: "Creating prints is an intimate experience for me. It is another level of fashion design. I start with a seed of an idea and it slowly develops into something I am not always aware of. yet still focused. Using prints is a lot more fun then just working with solid colours. I always tend to simplify the designs to offset the patterns if the prints are busier."

WEAR IT WITH: "Pair these prints with a solid neutral colour, or a pair of jeans. The blazers and tops have sold very well because they are so easy to wear in an office or casual environment."







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## REAMBOAT

dreamboatlucy.com

AREA CODE: 902 (Halifax)

THE LOOK: Moody washes of blue lend sophistication to a pant suit and streamlined maxi dress from this up and coming label.

PRINT P.O.V.: "Prints are fun! It was natural for us to incorporate them into our spring collection," says design duo and sisters Hilary and Louanna Murphy. "This one is watery and abstract. It says 'I'm feminine, fun and flirty.'

BEHIND-THE-SEAMS: "We were inspired by the beaches of P.E.I.—the colours and vibe of summer on the Island." And as finalists in the Toronto-based World Mastercard Fashion Week Mercedes-Benz Start Up competition, Dreamboat Lucy has set sail to conquer a larger audience with their edgy yet elegant designs.

WEAR IT WITH: "Keeping your prints within the same colour family makes mixing and matching easy. Any basic blouse or simple pullover paired with our printed trouser would create a chic but laidback look.'







AREA CODE: 416 (Toronto)

THE LOOK: Manipulated acid wash prints, precision crafted into textile masterpieces.

PRINT P.O.V.: "This collection has a variety of printing and dying methods," says Kale, "We fused it with lace, silk fringe, crystal dust, glass beading, laser burning and embroidery," he says. "Nigel Scott's 'Conversations With Blue' inspired the collection. Our prints were a departure, but his artwork was a

BEHIND-THE-SEAMS: "Working with prints is challenging. I use many nonchalant methods in order for the pieces to have a sense of effortlessness."

WEAR IT WITH: "Women should wear prints the way it makes them feel beautiful. Some feel comfortable in head-to-toe patterns, while others prefer subtle prints. Try something new!"







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# EORLOTS

If we handed you a budget for accessories, would you buy one dazzling showpiece or load up on bags and baubles? Here's what our editors chose watasha bruno, deborah fulsang & vanessa taylor



## BUDGET: \$1,500

Vanessa Taylor, Fashion Editor

SHOPPING LIST: A favourite at Givenchy and Valentino, Lucite adds a futuristic edge to classic pieces. Though the look is ultra-modern, your wardrobe doesn't have to be. Treat these accessories with any colour or print.



CLOCKWISE: CLEAR CUT. Seethrough panels turn this timeless heel into a super-sexy summer pump. Manolo Blahnik PVC pumps, \$645, Holt Renfrew FROM THE BOYS. The mix of Lucite and white enamel makes this menswear-style watch an ultra-feminine choice. Michael Kors acetate and stainlesssteel watch, \$335, 866-636-7745, michaelkors. SEEING 20/20. A Lucite frame softens a silhouette often seen in tortoise shell or black. Thierry Lasry Variety acetate and metal glasses, \$495, josephson.ca





BUDGET: \$500

SHOPPING LIST: Consider these sunshine-y pick-me-ups for early spring days. Wear bright accessories with print pieces à la J. Crew or, in a Saint Laurent-like way, with other orange, flame-red and fuchsia shades.



CLOCKWISE: PURE PIZZAZ This happy-coloured clutch in leather sports a sassy tassel and lots of texture. Wear with jeans and a T-shirt or bring surprise to a cocktail shift dress. Coach Legacy leather clutch, \$168, coach.com WONDERFUL WEDGE. Heels over flats? Yes! We love this wedge sandal for its instep-saving design. Nine West Meliss cotton, leather and wood wedges, \$130, ninewest. ca SWEET TWEET. We nod to the spring runways' love of flora and fauna with this rose gold pick that shows off Marc Jacobs's signature insouciance, the perfect mix of classic and quirky. Marc by Marc Jacobs bird pendant necklace, \$140, at Holt Renfrew





## BUDGET:\$150

Natasha Bruno, Editorial Assistant

SHOPPING LIST: Sea blue, pale green, sky turquoise. Sea-glass coloured accessories can be mixed with everything from neutral separates to complimentary brights.



CLOCKWISE: WITHIN YOUR GRASP. Get rid of that oversized handbag and carry only essentials. This bright clutch is the perfect companion for a dinner party or night on the town. Gap leather pouch, \$35, gapcanada.ca STATEMENT PIECE. Get a cuff that's a conversation starter, then keep the rest of your jewellery simple. Cocoa Jewelry cuff, \$38, cocoajewelry.com BANGLE BEAUTY. Add a pop of pattern to the wrist. Wear this bangle alone or stacked with others. Cocoa Jewelry bangle, \$30, cocoajewelry.com IT'S A CINCH. This skinny belt updates a basic T-shirt-and-jeans combo or finishes a tunic dress. Joe Fresh pleather belt, \$8, joefresh.com





TOP TO BOTTOM: An adorable caricature of Mikita and Ferguson together; the two pose for The Coveteur camera: stylish sweater and home decor on a sturdy coffee table; a smart-looking Tie The Knot tie on Mikita; sharp vests and more great custom ties.



See more of Ferguson and Mikita's style on TheCoveteur.com

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"So I went to work scouring YouTube,

watching 'how-to' videos. I eventually made

a 'how-to' video of my own, but only learned

how to tie my first bow-tie hours before we





ESTING, TESTING

**BY** CERI MARSH

The warmer temperatures do as much to urge us on to make wardrobe changes as do chic window displays and gorgeous fashion editorials. "Colour," whispers the warm breeze. "Pattern," say budding flowers. "Lighten up," insists the sun. "Okay, okay," we answer, "We're on it."

But even if we're doing as we're told, the springiest of this season's trends can pose some challenges. Designers embraced various levels of transparency-from chic, discreet panels of net on shoulder and below the knee at Akris to "I see London, I see France" swathes of see-through at Donna Karan. Some designers, like Rick Owens, layered the sheer panels to create a more translucent than transparent effect. So, a woman must ask herself, what am I willing to put on display? Toned legs? A taut waist? What would be the riskiest reveal to test drive in the interest of fashion science? The contents of my handbag? Ding, ding, ding!

The insanity that dwells in my handbag-credit cards, lipstick and sometimes my child's My Little Pony figurine—isn't something I'm proud of but since it's almost always hidden behind leather and shut tight with clasps, who cares? Well, this new trend makes you care. The bag I decided to test drive is a great example of the trend, plus it reminds me of the jelly shoes I wore in grade school. In fact, its name is The Candy Bag by Furla. The lovelies at The Hudson's Bay let me take it out for a spin (you can also find the Charlotte Olympia clutch there, too).

I confess that I did not simply transfer all the items in my current bag over to the seethrough, cobalt blue doctor's bag by Furla. I just couldn't. But I did include my wallet, my iPhone, a couple of lipsticks and three tampons (because you can't fight city hall). The shine made it hard to see the items inside from some angles, clear as day from others. Sitting in a café having lunch with a girlfriend, I perched my tell-all bag on the table. "I see you have ze microfilm!" she smirked, referring to the corny tampon commercials of a few years back. I realized I could actually read my emails on a phone through the sides of my bag! But you would have to be taking a closer look. An elegant, grey-haired woman seated at the table next to us leaned over. "What a fun bag! What is it?" From even a foot away the effect is more sheen than sheer.

By the end of the day the contents became cluttered with receipts and all the daily detritus you can normally hide in your bag. You'd need some more restraint with a bag like this one. It all depends on what you're willing to reveal.

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Furla Candy bag, \$250, at select Hudson's Bay locations, thebay.com



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