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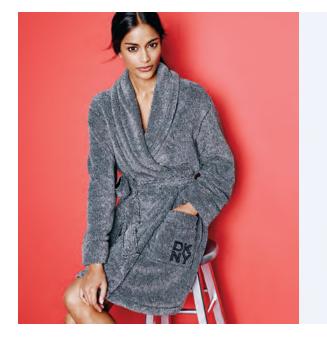












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BEAUTY MATH

Radiant skin paired with bright red velvet lipstick adds up to a look we love



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Actor Christina Hendricks went for simple yet bold makeup at the 2014 International Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Awards held in New York City. Accentuate the eye area and lift the complexion to new dewy heights by applying a liquid-pearl highlighter with fingers above the cheekbones and brow bones. (This creates the illusion of a mini facelift.) For a high-impact focal point, generously swipe on an -Natasha Bruno

TALKING POINT



1990s LOVERS

What's with the '90s obsession? Ultimate grunge girl Chloë Sevigny said it best to Elle in June, explaining why millennials can't get enough of the decade. "We were the last kids who had to connect, physically, to music or fashion, because if we didn't have a mixtape or a magazine, it wasn't like you could just Google it." The trend shows no signs of abating: Dr. Martens, slip dresses (think Louis Vuitton et al.) and pastel hair colours (hello, Nicole Richie!) all seem to be sticking. So do brown Twin Peaks-esque lipsticks, like Runner from the new M.A.C x Nasty Gal collection. Recreating the era is as much about serendipity, though, as it is about fashion. Next time you're at a concert, in a museum or on the street, peel your eyes away from your phone and just let things happen. - Denise Balkissoon







From slick and sophisticated to loose and wispy, a super-high bun adds effortless allure whether worn for a hit of night-time glamour or as a casual weekend go-to. 1. Messy and undemanding at Marissa Webb

After applying a liberal amount of volumizing mousse and rough-drying locks with fingers while lifting at the roots, Tresemmé hairstylist Jeanie Syfu back-brushed hair and loosely pulled strands into a high ponytail with an elastic. She then backbrushed the pony, twisted it into a relaxed bun and fastened it with large pins, leaving the ends out.

2. Sleek and sculptural at Jean Paul Gaultier

Redken Creative Consultant Guido applied a strong sculpting gel with a finetoothed comb to dry hair before gathering it into a high ponytail and twisting it into a tight knot, wrapping some strands around the base of the pony. He then secured the style with pins and sprayed it with a firm-hold hairspray. —Natasha Bruno



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BFFs Cara Delevingne and Kendall Jenner scored a steamy Love magazine cover and closed Chanel's Métiers d'Art show.

John Galliano

The designer presented Anna Wintour with an Outstanding Lifetime Achievement award at the 2014 British Fashion Awards.

STYLE THERMOSTAT Reitmans

The Canadian retailer will close 107 Smart Set stores, but 76 will be transformed into other stores within the company portfolio.

Cyber Monday

Following years of double-digit growth, the online shopping holiday's numbers slowed as retailers offered deals for the whole week.

Brad Goreski

This season, George Kotsiopoulos is out and Brad Goreski is in at Fashion Police, where the Canadian is the panel's newest judge.



FRAGRANCE

Scents remixed

Sometimes you find a fragrance you love in the form of a shampoo or face oil, rather than a perfume. Beauty companies have taken note and launched scents to match

BY KRISTEN VINAKMENS

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Twenty years after it launched, Donna Karan's sheer, floral musk Cashmere Mist fragrance has become a bestseller, spawning countless limited-edition versions. The latest, Liquid Cashmere, adds a layer of juicy mandarin to the original's mix of jasmine and sandalwood. But where the process is usually perfume first, body products second, this one only came along after women called, wrote letters and even approached the womenswear designer on the street asking for a fragrance to accompany her bath and body line of the same name. (Karan herself was "obsessed with the body lotion.")

This anomaly speaks to a deep-rooted passion for scent, no matter the medium, and the desire to be surrounded by it all the time. Many people gravitate products, after years of customer requests. "I have wanted to launch a fragrance for some time because I personally wear fragrances a lot and am inspired by them," says

toward a "head-to-toe" experience when it comes to fragrance, says Marian Bendeth, fragrance expert with Toronto-based Sixth Scents. "You're basically washing your hair with the same scent, bathing in it, putting on a lotion, a cream, a mist, a perfume and building it up," she says. "It's about adding on new lines or products to complement different parts of the body."

Skincare company Caudalie recently released Parfum Divin, based on the floral-woody smell of its popular Divine Oil, while hair guru Oribe's new Côte D'Azur Eau de Parfum captures the floral scent of his brand's hair-styling products, after years of customer requests. "I have wanted to launch a fragrance for some time because I personally wear fragrances a lot and am inspired by them," says

Oribe. "Scent is such an important aspect of who we are and how we respond to things."

Aveda recently launched Shampure Composition, a multi-purpose aromatic oil based on the scent of its popular Shampure shampoo (it has also been infused into conditioner, body wash and body lotion). The aroma, developed in 1989, is based on a blend of 25 flower and plant essences including organic lavender from Bulgaria and ylangylang from Madagascar. "The

flowers are hand-picked at dawn to ensure the perfect potency," says Guy Vincent, Aveda's head perfumer. "Aroma is one of the main purchase drivers for body care. It, especially, can change how you feel, whether it be to calm, invigorate or relieve stress."

Such was the case for fans of the cult favourite Rodin Olio Lusso face oil, created by fashion stylist Linda Rodin in 2007. The skin-nourishing elixir combines 11 botanical oils, including neroli, jasmine, apricot and almond. Its heady, addictive scent seemed readymade for a fragrance to match. As a result of the face oil's success, Rodin followed up with body oil, hair oil, hand and body cream, a candle and an actual perfume in 2012. "I created the perfume because to me the scent was so wonderful and unique that I wanted to be able to 'wear' it all day," says Rodin.

That said, it's not easy translating a bath or body product into a full-fledged perfume, says Bendeth. "Lighter fragrances are used in bath products—they're much softer, not as pungent, and the longevity isn't as strong." To produce a completely pure, concentrated fragrance, "you need different facets to build it up," she says. "It's challenging both ways."



Miranda Kerr

Collections starting from \$95



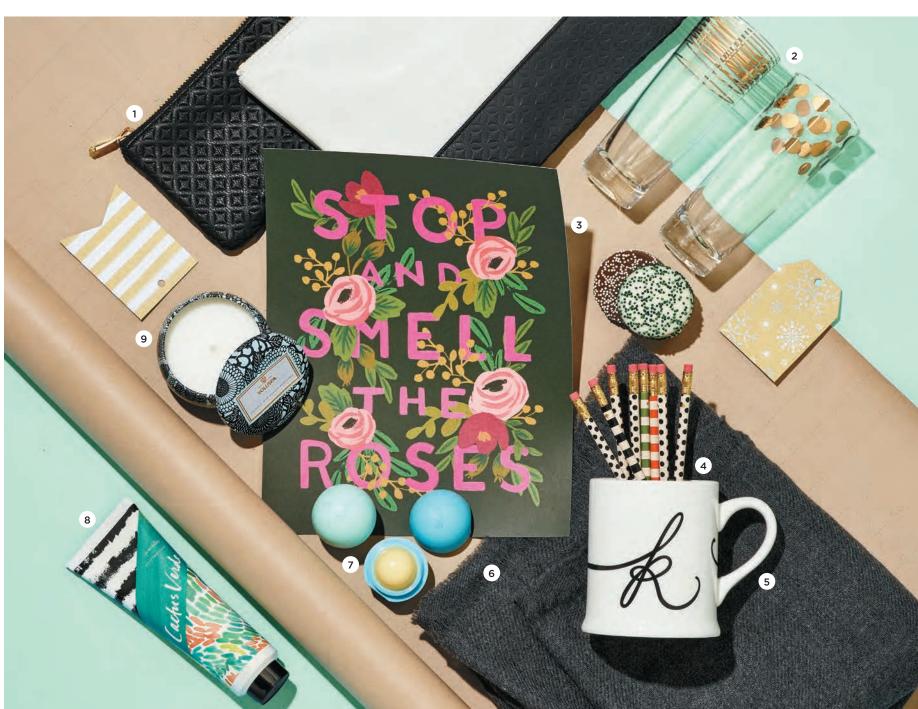
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HOLIDAY SHOPPING

The last-minute gift guide

Down to the wire doesn't have to mean overpriced and under-imaginative. Check out these easy-to-find, in-store-now selections

BY VANESSA TAYLOR AND JESSICA HOTSON



There's more to the festive period than lining up in malls (mulled-wine sipping; crafty wrapping) but leaving your shopping to the last minute can result in paying a premium. You end up spending more than you intended, or bulk-buying the same gift sets, leaving your presents lacking in originality. Don't let the idea of holiday shopping stress you out! We went to three major stores and picked out 27 items that can be given separately or bundled together to create a perfectly personal present.

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3. FOCAL POINT

Add a whimsical touch of colour to any room. Rifle Paper Co. print, \$20.

4. PARTY PENCILS Cheerful designer pencils

perk up any workspace. Kate Spade pencil set, \$20. 5. MUG SHOT

For the assistant who never

forgets your morning latte. Cursive mug, \$8. 6. LUXE LOUNGING

This is part scarf, part comfort blanket, all cozi-

7. ONE FOR ALL Colourless lip balms are sweet treats. **Eos** lip balm in sweet mint and blue-

ness. Cashmere scarf, \$99.

berry acai, \$6. 8. GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT

Hand cream packed with nourishing avocado oil, and rich coconut and mango butters. Cactus Verde Hand Crème, \$20.

9. RELAX & REFRESH

This coconut-wax candle gives off a soft lavender and lemon-verbena scent. Voluspa French Cade lavender candle, \$10.

THE DRUGSTORE (RIGHT)

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10. SEQUIN SPLASH

A festive party-sized purse. Quo clutch, \$15.

11. SPECIAL EYES

The key to a beautiful everyday eye is wearable neutrals and pops of purple. Stila in the Moment palette, \$50.

12. MISTLETOE-READY

This non-drying creamy gloss stays put for hours. Smashbox Be Legendary long-wear lip lacquer, \$28.





13. BEST BLENDER

This genius little sponge flawlessly blends foundation and concealers. Quo Blending Sponge, \$5.

14. SPA IN A BAR

A relaxing scent and skin-softening shea butter; more than a soap. L'Occitane lavender extra gentle soap, \$14

15. PRO MANI ON-THE-GO This portable LED lamp cures

gel manis in minutes. Orly Smart Gels LED lamp, \$85. 16. SENSUAL SPRITZ

Warm musk with notes

of iasmine and orange blossom. Narciso Rodriguez for her. Musc Collection, \$117.

17. PARTY SPARKLE

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18. FASHION CLASSIC

This chic cobalt cross-body is an everyday essential at an everyday price. Merona bag, \$30.

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Poppy corals provide a welcome flush on the cheeks and lips. Pixi lip & cheek tint, \$18. A matte stain + zero-fuss applicator = a fave new item. Pixi lip Blush, No.1

Youth, \$18. 20. TRENDY TIMEPIECE

The season's hot hues: rose gold and matte grey. Check, check. Mossimo watch, \$20.

21. BRIT BAG

Orla Kiely's signature quirky prints liven up cosmetics cases. Orla Kiely for Target

makeup bag, \$10 22. HAPPY HANDS Citrus and green verbena

notes are uplifting and refreshing. Sonia Kashuk Alluriana eau de toilette. \$20. hand cream. \$7.

23. NIFTY NECKLACE A statement maker for any

classic button-up shirt. Clio necklace, \$15. 24. LOVELY LAYERS Dainty necklaces designed

to be layered. Triniti designs,

\$15; Elements wishbone necklace, \$13.

25. PRETTY PLATE

Precious pieces should be put on display. Threshold jewellery dish, \$13. **26. READY FOR ACTION**

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27. RETRO PURSE

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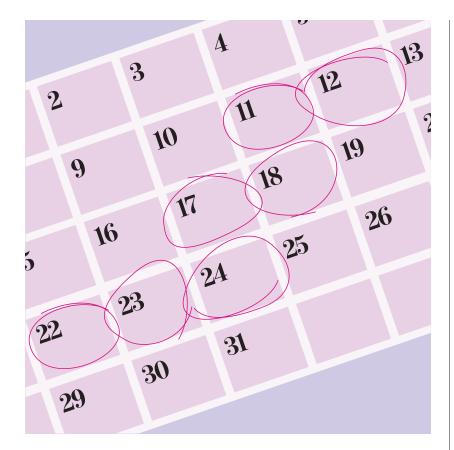






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BY DILARA KURTARAN

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BY VERONICA SAROLI

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Keep heads cozy and warm during winter flurries with cashmere toques for him and her. CASHMERE HAT, \$39, JOEFRESH.COM

2. Stylish script

The rise of Roy Halston Frowick from milliner to revered emblem of chic American style is recounted by Halston's niece and confidante and through interviews with his contemporaries.

HALSTON: INVENTING AMERICAN FASHION, \$75, CHAPTERS.INDIGO.CA

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5. Man's best friend

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LARGE CHEW TOY, \$15, DOGFATHERANDCO.COM

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FROM THE STARS AT
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BY CARLY OSTROFF



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BY NATASHA BRUNO





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CANADIAN-MADE

JON DE PORTER

The Montreal-based jewellery designer is proving that pearls aren't just for grandmothers

BY MARYAM SIDDIQI

"Pearls are a fashion accessory," says jewellery designer Jon De Porter. "I try to take the elitist approach out of them to make them accessible to everybody ... and the formula seems to be working well." The key? De Porter is giving the smooth gem some edge. While classic strands do exist in his collections, pearls also adorn large medallions on long chains and share space around necklines with man-made crystals or natural gemstones. And his pieces, sold in Toronto at his downtown studio and via bridal boutique Kleinfeld at Hudson's Bay, are found as often on young brides-to-be as they are on mature fashion mavens.

De Porter, who has been nominated for the emerging talent for accessory design prize at the Canadian Arts and

Fashion Awards, studied fashion design at La Salle College in Montreal, his hometown, but it was only after a couple false starts (menswear, high-end fashion) and a trip to Beijing that he found his design footing with jewellery. Based in Toronto and working as a flight attendant for Air Canada, De Porter took a trip to

China in 2007. At Beijing's pearl market he picked up how to knot—the classic method of stringing pearls. The visit sparked a new outlet for his knowledge, and when he wasn't flying, he devoted himself to perfecting knotting. "Now at my studio I work with other assembly techniques to keep things fresh," he says.

Though De Porter still regularly works in the skies, the goal is to design jewellery full-time. The 31-year-old collaborated with designer Sunny Fong for Vawk's Fall 2014 show at Toronto World MasterCard Fashion Week, with pieces influenced by the Islamic art and architecture he admired while travelling in Istanbul, and he showed his third collection, inspired by time spent in Havana, at Toronto fashion week this past October.



Securing the CAFA prize would mean De Porter can trade time in the air for more time in his studio and allow him to buy equipment, like a pearl drilling machine, but he's already seeing rewards from the nomination. "In jewellery, a lot of times you're seen as a craftsperson having a hobby in your basement if you're not working in diamonds and gold," he explains. When the nominations were announced, "all of a sudden people's looks shifted. Even if I don't win, just the nomination has improved the perceptions of my business." Part of a series on emerging designers nominated for a Canadian Arts and Fashion Award, the ceremony for which will be held on January 31, 2015. Visit cafawards.ca.

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Winging it

Bold, bright or smoking hot, the cat eye just got creative

BY EMILY MACCULLOCH

It was Cleopatra's go-to look, solidified sex-kitten status for Sophia Loren and continues to rule the runways: The cat eye has undergone more reinventions than Madonna. While the look is highly sought after, it's often maddening to achieve, as it requires precision and patience. "I believe a lot of people are afraid of this look because, in order to be beautifully done, it needs a perfect line," says Julie Cusson, a Montreal-based makeup artist for Chanel. So why put yourself through the stress? Because it's worth it. Winged liner does wonders for the face, appearing to elongate and open up the eyes. Lately, we've seen more variations on the cat eye than ever on the runways and red carpets. Here, the latest trends and how to achieve them, no stencils (or deep breathing) required.



SMOKY

The look: You've mastered the classic black wing and want something more dramatic for evening, or you find a precise line tricky to perfect. Championed by the likes of Kim K. and Nicole Richie, the smoky winged eye is the cat eye's sexpot sister.

How to get it: This trend is about a sultry smudge, not a precise line, and it's an easy way to transition from daytime definition to evening smoulder. New York-based makeup artist Beau Nelson, who's created buffed-out feline eye looks for Nicole Richie and Nina Dobrev, recommends using an eye pencil first and smudging it with a brush to soften the edges, then layering liquid or cream liner on top to add intensity.

To get the shape, draw along your top lash line beginning at the inner corner, extending past the outer corner. Then return to the inner corner and trace along the bottom waterline. Draw another line under the lashes, and blend. Tip: Focus all attention on the eyes. "Keep the face contoured in shades of taupe, and for lips I like a flesh-toned nude to balance the eye," says Nelson.

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JEWEL-TONE

The look: Take a cue from Chanel's fall runway and try a daring hue of liner like fuchsia or orange. Cobalt, as seen on January Jones, will add as much definition as classic black; a pastel shade like Kerry Washington's is softer but just as striking.

How to get it: "You don't have to restrict yourself colour-wise," says Amanda Bell, London, U.K.-based international makeup artist for Pixi. For a tone-ontone look, she advises trying navy if you have blue eyes, jade for green eyes and bronze for brown eyes. For more pop, go with a complementary colour such as copper for blue eyes,



eggplant for green or hazel eyes and navy for brown eyes.

Nelson has an expert trick for keeping coloured liner sharp and crisp: "To achieve the perfect flick, try using a pale eye pencil to draw a small dot as your target for the end of the liner. If you need to clean up the edges, use a stiff, flat synthetic brush dipped in makeup remover."

KIT PICKS: YSL EYELINER EFFET FAUX CILS IN SEA BLACK, \$34, SEPHORA.CA. URBAN DECAY 24/7 WATERPROOF LIQUID LINER IN WOODSTOCK, \$23, SEPHORA.CA





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SHAPELY

The look: Designers are constantly reinventing graphic black liner for their runway shows. This season, Dries Van Noten went with a heavy, thick wing hugging the upper lash line, while at Tanya Taylor we saw black-rimmed lids with the centre of the lower lashes left naked. Celebrities have seen the wow-factor potential and followed suit. "The fact that we are seeing a lot of redcarpet cat eyes now tells you that it's moving from the catwalk into something altogether more glamorous," says Bell.

How to get it: Be creative with your shapes for a high-impact effect. Kaley Cuoco shows off an elongated, curvy style with a long black line that extends beyond the typical small flick. Hailee Steinfeld's exaggerated shape starts low in the inner corner of the eye and extends outwards, amplified by a set of false lashes. Get crafty trying out new shapes and techniques, but remember one rule of thumb: "Never slant winged liner downwards," says Cusson.

KIT PICKS: REVLON COLORSTAY SKINNY LIQUID LINER IN BLACK OUT, \$12, DRUG-STORES. PIXI LASH LINE INK IN BLACK SILK, \$16, TARGET



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TURBAN OUTFITTERS

Costume or couture? We dive in head-first to find out

BY JULIA SEIDL

As somebody who has tried every dry shampoo on the market, I welcome any tool, product or accessory that helps delay my twice-weekly hair wash. That's why when I saw the turbanclad ladies on the Saint Laurent and Missoni Spring 2015 runways, I rejoiced.

Every few years, the turban re-emerges. When Miuccia Prada created jewel-toned headpieces for Spring 2007, I desperately wanted to sport a well-wrapped piece of duchesse satin but didn't feel brave enough. A few years later I did—but only for a 1970s-themed costume party. Visions of Bianca Jagger and Elizabeth Taylor danced in my head as I planned my headdress, but among oversized wigs and Farrah Fawcett curls, my turban wasn't even a conversation starter. It's only now that I feel ready to take the trend from the tickle trunk to the streets—after all, if Saint Laurent designer Hedi Slimane says it's cool, it's cool.

I turned to British hairstylist Paul Hanlon, the man behind the hair underneath the Zadie-Smith-inspired printed silk headgear at Missoni, for advice on making the look less costume, more couture. "There is a very fine line when you use turbans," he says. "We didn't want it to look hippie in any way; we wanted it to be grand and aristocratic." To that end, he wrapped pieces of furniture foam around topknots to create height beneath the vivid scarves. In real life, Hanlon suggests



1. ANTHROPOLOGIE, \$38, ANTHROPOLOGIE.COM. 2. NAMRATA JOSHIPURA, \$40, SHOPBOP.COM. 3. MISSONI, \$350, INTERMIXONLINE.COM. 4. BIBA (VINTAGE), \$705, FARFETCH.COM. 5. ASOS, \$30, ASOS.COM



using a hair doughnut for padding and leaving about two inches of hairline showing if you've opted to tuck all of your hair underneath.

There are turbans aplenty for sale this season, but I went the DIY route and picked up one metre of sequin-encrusted fabric. Cutting the piece in half diagonally, I placed the long end at the back of my head, bringing the two corners around to my forehead and twisting them at the centre, before wrapping them around the sides and tucking the loose ends under. A friend diplomatically advised that putting all of my long hair under it was not a good look for me, so I left it down, following the lead of hairstylist Gregory Russell, who sent Christina Hendricks down the red carpet in a yellow satin Stephen Jones turban over glossy waves in October. "Using a texture spray will add a feeling of effortlessness to your look," he says. If you have shorter hair, he suggests using a gel or wax to control its movement: "Keep it clean and off the face."

With such a bold headpiece, my face suddenly looked bare—I needed more makeup, stat. A softly smoky eye and glossy plum lips did the trick, and I kept the drama up top, offsetting it with a sleek black crop top and wide-leg trousers. Moments before leaving for a party, I showed my complete look to my husband, who responded with, "I won't be able to take you seriously all night!" Usually supportive, he went on to compare my turban to a bicycle helmet, while a male friend likened it to a swimming cap. This look doesn't compute for the opposite sex. My female friends, however, were much more into it. Comments included "quite festive" and "hipster-y" (I'm not sure if that was a compliment), and a few of them liked the sparkles. The extra attention and mixed reviews mean the turban probably won't replace my trusted dry shampoo but I'll still bring it out for the occasional party—costume or otherwise.



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