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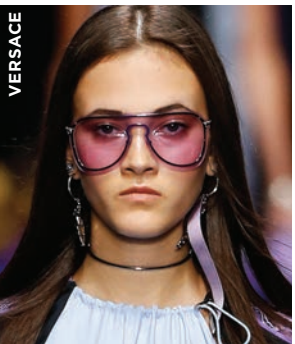


MOST WANTED

Juicy shades

The only thing more like-worthy than a sunny destination's crystal clear waters? A pic of you wearing these technicolour sunnies in those crystal clear waters. We knew that plastic frames—with matching mid-century cellophane lenses—were headed on a one-way trip to necessary accessory territory when they hit the Gucci, Roberto Cavalli and Balenciaga shows. Consider them the poppiest way to throw shade this spring. —*Jillian Vieira. Photography by Hamin Lee*

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HOT DATES

Where to get your fashion, arts and culture fixes in Toronto this month



MARCH 9

The Toronto Fashion Incubator is turning 30 this spring. To celebrate, it's bundling a TFIXXX Gala and the New Labels competition and fashion show into one riotous bash at Waterworks. And, ahem, there's an open bar. 505 Richmond St. W.



MARCH 13

Everyone's author crush Zadie Smith kicks off TIFF's Books on Film series, discussing Merchant Ivory's *A Room with a View*. (Other screenings include Canadian gem Sarah Polley talking *Away from Her*.) 350 King St. W.



MARCH 16

For more author love—because #bestlove—catch the brilliant Roxane Gay discussing feminists and difficult women (not the same thing, obvs) at the Toronto Public Library's Bram & Bluma Appel Salon. 789 Yonge St.



MARCH 8

J.Crew partnered with the ROM on a collection of whale-stamped bandanas and T-shirts in honour of the museum's Blue Whale exhibit opening on March 11. Fifty per cent of sales goes back to the ROM's Blue Whale Project. 100 Queens Park



ALL MONTH

To celebrate Rouge Coco Gloss, Chanel is hosting a café-themed pop-up-plus-nail-bar at Holt Renfrew for the month of March. Don some pearls and leave the chicest lip-gloss print on a coffee cup around. 50 Bloor St. W.

ONE-MINUTE MIRACLE

Dear Clarins 4-Colour All-in-One Pen: How fun are you?! You're just like those multi-coloured pens that were so exciting when I was a kid, except you're makeup. Click: lip liner! Click: eyeliner! Click: brow filler! But you mean business, too: Your razor-sharp black, brown and bright navy pencils are inky and saturated and last all day. And your auburn-rose lip liner is a perfect neutral when mixed with a little balm. All this beauty in one handy pen would make you an excellent travel companion. What do you say to a little weekend getaway? *Excitedly, Eden Boileau*

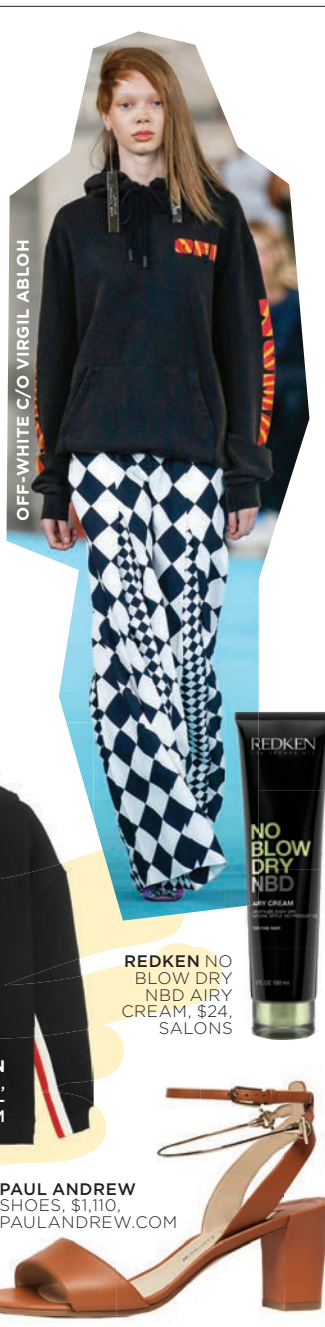
CLARINS STYLO 4 COULEURS 4-COLOUR ALL-IN-ONE PEN, \$44, SHOPPERS DRUG MART

THE KIT LOVES MODERN FRENCH GIRL STYLE

The Kit's fashion editor, *Jillian Vieira*, falls for the new wave of Parisian dressing

One mention of Paris and someone somewhere will undoubtedly wax poetic about the city's style: the unattainable ease, the enduring icons, the ubiquitous Breton stripe. Yes, my fashion mood boards will forever feature the likes of Brigitte Bardot and Françoise Hardy effortlessly sporting marine caps and going braless in cotton blouses, but the passing of more than a half century has given way to a whole new style approach I'm currently trying to cop. It's one that's simultaneously low-key and deliberate and it all starts with a new all-star crop of French girls I'm following.

In the model-cum-muse category is Paris-born, California-based Camille Rowe whose closet of graphic tees and skater flares fits in with her coastal blonde and swipes of that perfect, slightly-better-than-your-own lip balm. I'm also into Jeanne Damas, a front-row fixture and designer in her own right, whose grandpa blazers, high-waisted denim and loonie-sized hoops give off a vintage vibe attributed to her ultra-chic predecessors. Newest to the pack is Toulouse native Tina Kunakey, she of the hoodie and fur topper predilection, who, along with her beau, actor Vincent Cassel, has the makings of the next Birkin-Gainsbourg romance (in the Instagram age, of course). What do all three fashion insiders have in common? They deviate from the clichés and have redefined the cool girl classics in the process. Sign me up!



TRAVEL SPECIAL

Escape in style

Jet set fashion, easy beach hair and hot nail looks—our getaway guide is guaranteed to put spring in your step



Our super-talented associate art directors, Sonya van Heyningen and Kristy Wright, constructed this adorable Palm Springs diorama.



ACCESSORIES MATCH POINT

Rebecca Minkoff picks a polish to set off the accessories you'll want to wear this spring

BY CARLY OSTROFF

"I used to be the person who only ever had one shade that I would always go to," says Rebecca Minkoff, the New-York-based fashion designer who recently took on the role of Essie's global colour designer. "Now it's like, you know what? I'm getting a new manicure next week!" And though she's personally gravitating toward shades of pink for spring and summer, when it comes to choosing colours for the rest of us, she's throwing caution out the window. "I think you should explore," says Minkoff. "We're seeing so many novelty accessories, and I think it's about having your nails be a really great anchor. It's just that hint that you know what's up." To help you put together a complete look with perfect details, we challenged Minkoff to pair up the hottest spring accessories with the standout nail shades of the season, so your mani matches your clutch and your toes set off your slides.

PERFECT YOUR AT-HOME PEDICURE

Rita Remark, global lead educator for Essie, shares her top five D.I.Y. tips

Arrange yourself comfortably pre-pedi. "If you can't reach your feet, prop them up. Don't crouch into a fetal position trying to polish your toenails," says Remark.

When it comes to toenail shape, health comes first. "If they are short and square, they won't develop ingrowns, and they will be less likely to chip."

Start with clean nails. "If there's oil on the nails, I can guarantee they will chip within three hours," says Remark. She suggests wiping nails with polish remover or soap and water and drying them off quickly.

Never skip base and topcoat. "It's not just for the protection of your nails and the lasting effect, but also because nail polish only looks good with base and topcoat."

Always apply SPF when wearing sandals or slides. "Don't forget to put sunscreen on your feet, or you're going to have a mosaic of skin tones by the end of summer."

1. Shearling sandals + blush

Statement shearling sandals demand all the attention, and you should let them have it. Minkoff recommends sticking to neutrals for a clean palette that won't compete with heavy embellishments.

BROTHER VELLIES SANDALS, \$1,001, [NORDSTROM.COM](#). **NAILS INC NAIL PURE POLISH** IN LONDON COURT, \$16, [SEPHORA.CA](#)

2. Leather bucket bag + burgundy

Offset the natural tone of this mini handheld bag with a statement nail colour. "I think that the almond and the burgundy really complement each other," says Minkoff.

SIMON MILLER HANDBAG, \$773, [BARNEYS.COM](#). **NARS NAIL POLISH** IN CHINATOWN, \$25, [HUDSON'S BAY](#)

3. Denim bag + aqua

A patchwork denim cross-body bag is "obviously eye-catching," says Minkoff. Go matchy-matchy with a pale blue polish.

REBECCA MINKOFF HANDBAG, \$405, [REBECCA-MINKOFF.COM](#). **ESSIE POLISH** IN STRIKE A POSE-ITANO, \$10, [MASS RETAILERS](#) AVAILABLE MARCH 21

4. Floral slides + peach

Minkoff recommends pulling a colour from the tones in an embellished sandal. To pick up on the peach in these floral slides' embroidery, select a similar sun-kissed shade.

ROCHAS SLIDES, \$1,140, [LEIFSHOP.COM](#). **ESSIE POLISH** IN EXCUSE ME, SUR, \$10, [MASS RETAILERS](#)

5. Straw bag + hot pink

A straw tote is perfect for warmer weather, and Minkoff advises choosing a mani colour based on how tanned you are. Deeper tans will pair well with shocking pinks, she says, while pale purple will suit lighter skin tones.

ELIZA GRAN TOTE, \$128, [LEIFSHOP.COM](#). **PERFECT FORMULA GEL COAT** IN RUBY PINK, \$38, [SEPHORA.CA](#)

6. Blue heels + bronze

It can be tricky to pick the perfect pedi polish for a coloured shoe. "If you want to be on the safe side, do a nude," says Minkoff. But if you're looking for something more daring, she advises trying an earthy brown or metallic.

CALL IT SPRING HEELS, \$60, [CALL IT SPRING](#). **DIOR VERNIS NAIL LACQUER** IN 618 VIBRATO, \$33, [HOLT RENFREW](#)

Chasing the beach hair dream to its



I've been obsessed with fabulous, free-flowing waves since the day I learned how to say "hot rollers." But, alas, my naturally straight Asian hair, too smooth to curl (and stay curled), has always stood in my way.

I still suffer from PTSD from the devastating hair trauma of eighth-grade grad. As both a first-generation Hakka Chinese-Canadian and an avid reader of teen mags *YM* and *Seventeen*, I was determined to have bouncy waves just like supermodel-du-jour Niki Taylor. I used hot rollers, hot sticks, curling ribbons, Velcro rollers and a curling iron one after another in a teenage panic (the most severe kind) until I achieved a semblance of curl. By the time I arrived at the ceremony in a fit of stress sweats, the luscious waves I'd envisioned had already fallen into a limp crimp.

In my 20s, my natural-looking-wave obsession evolved into a series of waxy bed-head styles when I became accustomed to having my hair professionally styled as an MTV news reporter. It took about a decade for me to fully shampoo out all of that pomade. Now, in my 30s, I'm freshly assimilating to a new life in Los Angeles, the sun-kissed land of "I just woke up like this" beach waves, and my obsession has been sparked anew.

The hairstyle that's become as synonymous with the L.A. lifestyle as yoga pants and green juice is often cut, coloured and

styled (and to be fair, by the duo of hair cutter Anh Q. Ramirez and Traci Ramirez). It's become a flatter crown, a couple of V-shaped waves, and a flatter crown.

"By the time I arrived at the ceremony in a fit of stress sweats, the luscious waves I'd envisioned had already fallen into a limp crimp."

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EDITOR'S PICKS

HERE COMES THE SUN

Kick it poolside with these seriously fun treats selected by beauty director Rani Sheen

1. More is more You're on vacation: Bring a two-tone lipstick, just for fun.

LISE WATIER BICOLOUR LIPSTICK IN NAKED GLOW AND BLUSHING GLOW, \$25, LISEWATIER.COM

2. Sun-seeking scent This sweet, spicy fragrance serves up ginger, orange blossom and jasmine with Chantilly cream on top.

JEAN PAUL GAULTIER CLASSIQUE ESSENCE DE PARFUM, \$138 (100 ML), HUDSON'S BAY

3. Come correct This cushion compact houses two lightweight, blendable colour correctors: green to blur redness and yellow to ditch dark circles.

PHYSICIAN'S FORMULA MINERAL WEAR CUSHION CORRECTOR + PRIMER DUO IN YELLOW/GREEN, \$20, DRUGSTORES

4. Bit of cheek Use a creamy blush and highlighter duo to practise your blush draping (i.e., the new way to sculpt that's soft and rosy, not harsh and stripey).

BOBBI BROWN CHEEK GLOW PALETTE IN PINK OPAL AND HOMECOMING PINK, \$60, BOBBIBROWN-COSMETICS.CA

5. Think pink Add a personalized flush to lips and cheeks with this neon-tinted gel that reacts with your skin's pH.

GUERLAIN LIPCHEEK UNIVERSAL TINTED GEL, \$35, GUERLAIN.CA

6. Brighten up Reveal brighter skin with this toner packed with exfoliating glycolic acid, energizing ginseng and soothing aloe vera.

PIXI GLOW TONIC, \$20, SHOPPERS DRUG MART

7. Stick it to 'em Eminently packable, these cute sticks smooth over large pores on the T-zone or add a hit of dewy moisture on the cheeks.

THE FACE SHOP PORE SMOOTHING MULTI-STICK AND MOISTURE COOLING MULTISTICK, \$15, THEFACESHOP.CA

8. Lip luxury This glam lip palette brings the luxury to your statement lip.

TOM FORD SHADE & ILLUMINATE LIPS IN AUTOMATIC, \$60, HOLTRENFREW.COM

9. Cool down Grey-toned pastel polishes bring subtlety to your spring mani.

ESSIE GEL COUTURE POLISH IN AT THE BARRE AND CLOSING NIGHT, \$14, SALONS

10. Are you buff enough? A new-school buffing brush will ensure your foundation melts invisibly into your skin.

SAPPHO BUFFER BRUSH, \$24, MYSAPPHO.CA

11. Lacquer up A rainbow-bright liquid lip lacquer will score you a high-shine shot of colour.

MAKE UP FOR EVER ARTIST ACRYLIP IN 201, \$29, SEPHORA.CA

12. Carry concealed This smorgasbord of concealers blends to achieve the perfect blemish-obscuring shade that you can adjust to your (very minimal, we're sure) tan.

ESSENCE ALL I NEED CONCEALER PALETTE, \$7, SHOPPERS DRUG MART



L.A. BLACK BOOK

We asked five celeb beauty pros to share their favourite places in La-La Land to eat, shop and play

Good eats

"Cecconi's (8764 Melrose Ave.) has this whole cauliflower and kale sprouts with shishito peppers that I'm obsessed with. They also have delicious lemon meringue and good rosé. What else could you want?!"—*facialist Olga Lorencin*

Retail therapy

"Madison (8745 W. 3rd St.) is very well curated. I love the brands they carry." —*facialist Gina Mari*

Cocktail o'clock

"I'm a girl who loves a good margarita. El Coyote (7312 Beverly Blvd.) is an old-school place. It's not fancy but it's a fun place to bring a group of girlfriends. Ask for the Scratch margarita. It's all-natural, so there's no syrup." —*facialist Kate Somerville*

Sweet indulgence

"I love a good Sprinkles chocolate cupcake (735 S. Figueroa St.). Owner Candace Nelson is a client of our salon and she was a judge on the show *Cupcake Wars*." —*hairstylist Leanne Citrone*

Culture fix

"We have some of the most beautiful museums here like the amazing Getty (1200 Getty Center Dr.)." —*facialist Mila Moursi*



FASHION

WHAT TO WEAR ON VACATION

Got a getaway booked? These curated packing lists will suit your itinerary whether it calls for Nordic minimalism, mountain-appropriate cottons or put-together beach separates —*Jillian Vieira*

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK



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ELA BAG, \$375, ELABYELA.COM. REISS TOP, \$285, REISS.COM. ANN TAYLOR PANTS, \$129, ANNTAYLOR.COM. ARIELLE DE PINTO NECKLACE, \$308, ARIELLEDEPINTO.COM. ELLERY SHOES, \$1,930, FARFETCH.COM. BY MALENE BIRGER COAT, \$1,095, BYMALENEBIRGER.COM

GINGERBREAD HILL, MONTERRAT



ESTEBAN CORTAZAR



ARAKS SWIM TOP, \$230, ARAKS.COM. ANCIENT GREEK SANDALS SHOES, \$775, ANCIENT-GREEK-SANDALS.COM. J.CREW SKIRT, \$358, JCREW.COM. LELE SADOUGH EARRINGS, \$250, LELESADOUGH.COM. LAMBRECHT SURFBOARDS SURFBOARD, \$2,200, LAMBRECHTSURFBOARDS.COM. BILLABONG WETSUIT, \$150, BILLABONG.COM

VALLE DE LA LUNA, CHILE



PHILOSOPHY DI LORENZO SERAFINI



MULBERRY BAG, \$1,125, MULBERRY.COM. REBECCA MINKOFF DRESS, \$351, REBECCAMINKOFF.COM. ZERO + MARIA CORNEJO SHOES, \$695, ZEROMARIACORNEJO.COM. POPPY FINCH NECKLACE, \$795, POPPYFINCH.COM. GIGI BURRIS HAT, \$555, ARCHIVES, TORONTO. STANLEY CANTEEN, \$79, MEC.CA

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TEST DRIVE

Heat wave

logical conclusion in L.A. leads Sharlene Chiu to a surprising realization



trademarked as Lived In hair) of colourist Johnny Ramirez and Co Tran of Beverly Hills salon n, whose bleached and textured ng admired on Instagram. "It om beach hair," says Tran, who agic on notable non-blondes g and Demi Lovato. "I think a universal look because o e want to emulate that Cali-yle." Celebrity stylist Leanne Citrone, who co-owns the Andy Lecompte Salon in West Hollywood, concurs: "L.A. is all about natural beauty because at the end of the day, we're at the beach," she says. "People go to restaurants in flip-flops!"

In an effort to immerse myself in Californian casualness via those much coveted waves, I make an appointment to see Citrone at her salon, frequented by Jessica Alba, er and Heidi Klum. She starts blunt cut and then snips into r texture, adding soft layers "for movement and room to her other Asian clients, I have n, so Citrone advises me to use elcro rollers on top to "over-di-wn" and add volume. tly applies her signature styling (Get the Look") and just like the beach waves of my dreams.

I maintain this "effortless" look for a few weeks, but then I start thinking about something Citrone told me before I left the salon. I asked her what the next big thing in hair would be, and she replied, "I love really straight, beautiful, shiny, sleek hair. It would be great for you—flat-iron the ends, add a little oil and call it a day." My instant response was "No! I don't want what I have!" But I'm finally thinking that maybe I do. It's no secret that Asian beauty expectations are extremely high, and I've been trying to mimic white-girl looks for decades because that was all I saw growing up. Maybe my change in perspective is me truly embracing the effortless L.A. lifestyle, but I'd like to think that it's also me learning to love myself a little more. I may never look like Niki Taylor, but I'm learning to be more than okay with looking like Sharlene Chiu.



GET THE LOOK

If you want to go wavy, styling can be minimal when you have a great cut. Here are hairstylist Leanne Citrone's five easy steps to beach waves:

1. Split hair into two sections.
2. Wrap each section around your finger into a bun shape, then hold them up against your head and blow-dry over your hand.
3. For a little extra wave, take a curling iron and wrap a few pieces around it away from the face.
4. Back-tease the crown for extra volume if necessary.
5. Work some dry shampoo or texturizing spray into the ends.

TOOL KIT



FATBOY PERFECT PUTTY, \$28, FATBOYHAIR.COM. AG HAIR CARE TOUSLED TEXTURE, \$24, CHATTERS.CA. L'ORÉAL PROFESSIONNEL FRENCH GIRL HAIR FRENCH FROISSÉ, \$24, SALONS. HERBAL ESSENCES BIO:RENEW DRY SHAMPOO VOLUME IN WHITE GRAPE-FRUIT AND MOSA MINT, \$8, DRUGSTORES

TREND ALERT

BRIGHT SIDE

These creative Toronto friends show off how to wear spring's coolest wide-legged pants

BY DESIGN

These pals have the artistic spectrum covered: Gillian Mapp, 27, works as a portrait photographer and singer-songwriter, while 28-year-old Meredith Jay's CV includes titles like multidisciplinary artist, creative director and curator. These days, the duo work together on a music and arts collective called the Build, which aims to highlight local female talent. "With everything that's going on in the world, we want to bring the focus back to women and the support needed for those who continue to be oppressed," says Mapp.

FAST FRIENDS

Introduced by Mapp's twin sister more than two years ago, the pair clicked and began collaborating on creative photo shoots. "The friends I surround myself with are important mentors," says Jay. "They're extremely talented individuals who hold me to a degree of inspiration, wisdom and stamina."

STYLE SETTERS

The two name-check big, bold fashion influences (Bianca Jagger, Grace Jones, Patti Smith and Buffy, of the vampire slayage) and shout out Toronto-based designer Hayley Elsaesser for her "bossy" aesthetic. "It's never been about brands and trends, though," says Jay. "Fashion has helped me find agency regardless of how much money I've had. It's about creation and individual expression. It's about me."—Jillian Vieira. Photography by Jenna Marie Wakani

Gillian Mapp (left) and Meredith Jay wear the pants (by Toronto designers Hayley Elsaesser and Michons Marigot, respectively) in Kensington Market.



T.O. BLACK BOOK

Perfect pampering
"The best place for nail designs in the city is Wow Wow Nails (802 Dundas St. W.). Ask for Nina." —Mapp

Vintage vinyl
"Cosmos West Records (652 Palmerston Ave.) is essential for deep listening." —Jay

Best cocktail
"The vegan bourbon sour from Planta (1221 Bay St.) rules. I'm told they use chickpea water for the egg white replacement, and you can't tell the difference." —Mapp

Green space
"I'll be yearning for Bellevue Square Park (5 Bellevue Ave.) this summer when it undergoes construction. Many late nights and early mornings have been whiled away in its confines." —Jay

Go-to boutique
"I love Oak + Fort (666 Queen St. W.) for its minimalist designs and elegant essentials." —Mapp

SHOP THE TREND



FROM LEFT: TWIN-SET, \$375, (514) 284-1733. CLUB MONACO, \$249, CLUBMONACO.COM. EXPRESS, \$70, EXPRESS.COM

Girl Power or Cafa



BEAUTY

Tiny travel essentials

Who says you have to downgrade your beauty regimen when you're carry-on only? Instead, fill your toiletry bag with these luxe minis.



CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: **RAHUA** VOLUMINOUS SHAMPOO, \$12 (60 ML), THEDETOXMARKET.CA. **TATCHA** POLISHED CLASSIC RICE ENZYME POWDER, \$19 (10 G), SEPHORA.CA. **KIEHL'S** TURMERIC AND CRANBERRY SEED ENERGIZING RADIANCE MASK, \$20 (30 ML), HOLT RENFREW. **DIPTYQUE** ROSES SCENTED CANDLE, \$44, NORDSTROM. **KERASTASE** FLUIDISSIME COMPLETE ANTI-FRIZZ CARE, \$12 (45 ML), KERASTASE.CA. **AVEDA** DRY REMEDY MOISTURIZING MASQUE, \$11 (25 ML), AVEDA.CA. **CONSONANT** THE PERFECT SUNSCREEN, \$16 (15 ML), CONSONANTSKINCARE.COM. **WELEDA** SALT TOOTHPASTE, \$4 (10 ML), WELL.CA. **LA MER** MOISTURIZING CREAM, \$110 (15 ML, PART OF MINI MIRACLES DUO), NORDSTROM. **BUMBLE AND BUMBLE** PRET-A-POWDER, \$16 (14 G), SEPHORA.CA



SHOPPING

EMBRACE THE NEW PASTELS

The South-Beach-worthy palette we're most excited about this season? Pairing sorbet hues paired with bold neons.



DIESEL TOP, \$198, DIESEL YORKVILLE, TORONTO. **BARBARA BUI** BAG, \$1,905, BARBARABUI.COM. **UNCOMMON MATTERS** BRACELET, \$735, ARCHIVES, TORONTO. **SPORTMAX** SHOES, \$780, MAX MARA, BLOOR STREET, TORONTO. **MARC JACOBS** PANTS, \$750, MARCJACOBS.COM

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