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Here's to yet another issue bursting – overflowing, even - with exciting, head-turning and most importantly, page-turning fashion.

We put the A-listers under the microscope and dissected their Awards Season red carpet outfits in minute and sometimes unforgiving detail - anything that was needed to find our ten all-time red carpet winners. And boy, do they deserve their First Avenue style crowns.

And speaking of style, we take you through the most stylish and the most talked-about trends from the Autumn / Winter 2018 collections of Fashion Month, and also obsess over one of our all-time favourite trends - Millennial Pink! (Your bank accounts won't thank us, but your wardrobes sure will!)

And in case the cover didn't give it away, we're pleased to tell you that we also have the one and only Bella Hadid and some of her biggest style victories to date to gaze jealously at. Add all that to a highly fashionable LBD update, and one of the most enchanting 'Get The Look' features to date, and you've got this issue all wrapped up.

Phew - we need to sit down!

Myles Mellor

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Get LUCY HALE'S

amfAR red carpet look

The first few months of the year are pretty stylish for the A-listers. They need to bring their A-game to a multitude of red carpets, and there's seldom room for sartorial slip ups. As well as all the awards ceremonies and the highly sought after Fashion Week front rows, celebs also have the glittering amfAR Gala to look forward to. Read: dress up for. While anything goes on the front rows, the amfAR Gala dress code dictates a more traditional aesthetic, complete with floor sweeping gowns and wow factor dresses. Both of these perfectly describe Lucy Hale's super-stunning red carpet look, which stole the show for us, making her our undisputed best dressed celebrity of the entire evening. Lucy Hale proved that you don't have to flash the flesh to make heads turn on the red carpet, opting for a highly sophisticated Jenny Packham gown from the Autumn/Winter 2017 collection. The Pretty Little Liars



actress (quite rightly) made it all about the dress, forgoing an attention-grabbing voluminous hair-down style and going for a simple messy up-do instead. A bodice that intricate needs all the attention! She definitely made the right choice with her hair, and the same goes for her lipstick, which perfectly complemented the sexy scarlet hues of the dress. This is old Hollywood glamour on modern day red carpets done right. For your next event with a "go big or go home" or even "wow factor" dress code, channel Lucy Hale and go for a lady in red look. Heads will turn! Here are the simple things you need to get Lucy's spellbinding, chic and sophisticated red carpet look...



Jenny Packham embroidered tulle and satin gown

What can we say about this gown that it doesn't already scream at you? It was one of the highlights of the Jenny Packham Autumn/Winter 2017 collection, which as a result made Lucy Hale an instant favourite on the amfAR red carpet. This is the dress that just keeps on giving – from crystal embellishments, to lace, to tassels adorning the cap sleeves, no corner was left unturned in the designing process. The back is also a pretty big deal too, offering just the right amount of sheer material to add some sexiness to the proceedings. There are many floor sweeping red dresses in the world, but there really is only one Jenny Packham. Did you know that this dress, as well as some of the other pieces in the AW17 collection, was inspired by Royalty? It's no coincidence that Duchess of Cambridge Kate Middleton chooses the designer time and time again, which is instantly reflected in the design and structure of this dress and all her other pieces. This gown is a real show-stopper! Jenny Packham embroidered tulle and satin gown, £3,080, available at Net a Porter



Antique Edwardian spinel and diamond ring

Lucy kept her accessories to a minimum, instead, choosing one or two high impact accessories to complement her sophisticated look. Her 18k gold 'Antique Edwardian' spinel and diamond ring was both high impact and sophisticated, and definitely caught our attention – as well as the attention of all magpies in the vicinity. GIA certified, this is one piece of jewellery that will never go out of style.

Antique Edwardian spinel and diamond ring, £2,757, available at Beladora



Jimmy Choo 'Lauren' red suede pouch

You can't see it in the pictures, but we have it on good authority that Lucy Hale accessorised her look with a simple Tyler Ellis pouchet in a matching and complementary shade of red. (You'll just have to take our word for it.) This version from Jimmy Choo also matches the Jenny Packham dress perfectly, which means it's a must-buy if you want to do the look justice. Just the right size to fit in all the essentials: red lipstick for emergency top-ups, and mobile phone for capturing the magic by way of a sneaky selfie. Jimmy Choo 'Lauren' red suede pouch, £375, available at Jimmy Choo

Gucci iconic red matte lipstick

Lucy's hair may have been simple, but her make-up was anything but. We see that she (or more accurately, her well-informed glam squad) couldn't resist the opportunity to wow the crowd with a striking scarlet shade of lipstick. It

complemented the hues of the dress wonderfully, and also made Lucy Hale look like a true, vivacious vixen on the red carpet. Although there's never a bad time for red lipstick, this really was the perfect moment for it. Choose your go-to shade of red lipstick to match the dress and exude confidence with every step you take. (Side note for all those who think they can't wear red lipstick because it "doesn't suit" them –you just haven't found the right shade. We urge you to experiment with different brands and shades, because once you find the right one, your life will never be the same. There's no going back!) Gucci 'iconic red 300' matte lipstick, £29, available at Gucci



millennial pink

Trend to try

You've probably heard of the word "Millennial" being thrown around more and more over the past few years, but nothing has taken the world by storm more so than the "Millennial pink" colour. Okay, the fashion world at the very least, but that's the world we live in, is it not?

Millennial pink has dominated the catwalks for many seasons now, and fortunately comes in various different hues of pink, which means there's a shade out there for everyone. From regal rose gold to pretty pastel pinks, Millennial pink is a dreamy fashion trend that shows no signs of going away any time soon. And we're pretty excited about it, because this edit alone proves just how mesmerising Millennial pink really can be.

Whether you add just one simple piece to your outfit or go the whole hog and dress head to toe in it, the fashion world is applauding your well-informed decision with pride and more than likely a little jealousy. Take a look at some of our favourite pieces available for you to shop right now.



Whether you wear it as a cross-body or tote it proudly, the Mulberry mini zipped Bayswater is a classic that no accessories closet can do without – especially when it comes in the must-have shade of Millennial pink. Suitable for all weather types and styling combos, it isn't hard to see why we've fallen in love with it. Mulberry pink peony small classic grain mini zipped Bayswater, £895, available at Mulberry

You only have to look at this shirt to see how far pink has come over the years. Gone are the days of overly girly, Barbie-esque pieces, as the time has finally come for sleek and sophisticated silhouettes instead. Chic and on-trend in so many ways, this Rochas concealed button shirt is a definite must-have. And how much do you love the intricate beading on the sleeves? Talk about attention to detail! Rochas concealed button shirt, £842, available at Far Fetch



Who can honestly resist a timeless yet stylishly on-trend pair of sunglasses? Sunglasses are just one of those things you can buy hundreds of pairs of without truly ever having enough, which is why it would be practically criminal not to add a rose gold pair to your collection. These cat-eye beauties from sunglasses-guru Linda Farrow are just as fetching as you would expect from the designer, and come complete with a dusty pink acetate front and gold-tone metal. Add these cat eye rose gold sunglasses to your collection pronto! Linda Farrow acetate front cat eye sunglasses, £505, available at Lane Crawford



Victoria Beckham never fails to deliver chic pieces, and this organza pencil skirt is a prime example. Look the epitome of class in this two-tone knee length pencil skirt in the colour of the season. Go chic and pair it with a fitted shirt, or take advantage of the romantic feel of the skirt and go for something loose and flowing. Work or play, this skirt won't let you down! Victoria Beckham organza pencil skirt, £895, available at Moda Operandi



A more tranquil shade of Millennial pink, but by no means any less beautiful. Sophia Webster never fails to wow us with her powerful yet wonderfully dreamy designs, and these 'Evangeline' sandals are no exception. Transporting us into a magical, fairy-tale place that we never want to escape from, these silver-winged sandals will make a whimsical addition to any outfit combination.

Sophia Webster 'Evangeline' leather sandals, £425, available at Net a Porter



Prepare yourselves for the true show-stopping piece of this Millennial pink edit. You may even need to sit down for it, because you're going to be blown away by it. So stunning that the Oscars red-carpet almost seems unworthy for this Reem Acra tulle-trimmed silk and wool-blend gown. Choose it for your most decadent occasion, safe in the knowledge that you will walk away with the fictitious best-dressed accolade. Not only is this a Millennial pink trend, but it is a style triumph that goes above and beyond any trend fathomable.

Reem Acra embellished tulle-trimmed silk and wool-blend gown, £8,670, available exclusively at Net a Porter



Add this simple Emilia Wickstead cable knit sweater to your winter wardrobe for an instant style lift. Team it with your trusty winter warmers when the weather is at its chilliest – may we even suggest a fur (faux or otherwise) gilet to give the look even more dimension? This sweater would also work alongside more summer-ready ensembles such as a long maxi skirt in a complementary shade of pink. What say you?

Emilia Wickstead cable knit sweater, £650, available at Harrods



Taking the floral theme in an inspiring new direction is this ethereal laser cut lace dress from Lela Rose. The masterpiece turned heads on the autumn/winter 2017 catwalk, and it isn't hard to see why. This ruffled dress was cut from the finest blush guipure lace, and is the perfect piece for all those romantic occasions you have coming up. A real head-turner to make you feel like a true princess!

Lela Rose ruffled guipure lace dress, £1,350, available at Net a Porter



Of course Christian Louboutin wanted to dip his toe in the Millennial pink water, and this offering from the shoe maestro ticks all the boxes for us. They're perfect for glamming up a pair of cropped or skinny jeans, and also act as the delicious cherry on top of more dressy outfits too. Leg elongating and statement making, the designer's iconic 'Decoltish pumps' have become iconic for a reason, and these pastel-pink suede beauties are a shoe closet must-have.

Christian Louboutin Decoltish 100 suede pumps, £495, available at Net a Porter



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Edgy meets feminine courtesy of these Valentino Rockstud patent leather pumps. Made from glossy pastel pink leather, these shoes prove that you really can have the best of both worlds, and retain your femininity while adding an edge to your ensemble. Who doesn't love a bit of attitude? You probably already have the nude and black versions stacked neatly in your shoe closet, so adding the pink versions to your collection to keep up with the Millennial pink trend would make this purchase a no brainer.

Valentino Rockstud patent leather pumps, £650, available at Net a Porter



If you're not sure how to accessorise the Millennial pink trend, then this Roksanda dress does all the hard work for you. Teamed with bold royal blue and teal shades, this dress is a high impact, low effort wardrobe must-have. The 'Margot' sleeves are a pretty exciting feature of the dress too – we know they haven't gone unnoticed – and if you're as obsessed with them as we are, we urge you to check out the designer's capsule collection with Net a Porter to find more enticing pieces.

Roksanda colour block silk-satin dress, £745, available exclusively at Net a Porter

What do you get when you cross the most in-demand brand collection with the most in-style colour? A pink leather Gucci Marmont backpack, of course. The Gucci Marmont collection was the most coveted – and the most searched for – collection of the whole of 2017, and its popularity doesn't seem to be waning. This stunning quilted backpack also comes in black and cream, but neither pop as much as the pink version does.

Gucci Marmont quilted leather backpack, £1,260, available at Net a Porter



If you're looking for something fun and playful, then you'll love this Marc Jacobs fringed skirt. Inspired by female rock-stars of the 50s and 60s, this scalloped fringe skirt has plenty of attitude and movement. Perfect for exuding confidence while strutting your stuff, as well as for dancing the night away.

Marc Jacobs fringe mini skirt, £645, available at My Theresa



Style crushing on...

BELLA *hadid*

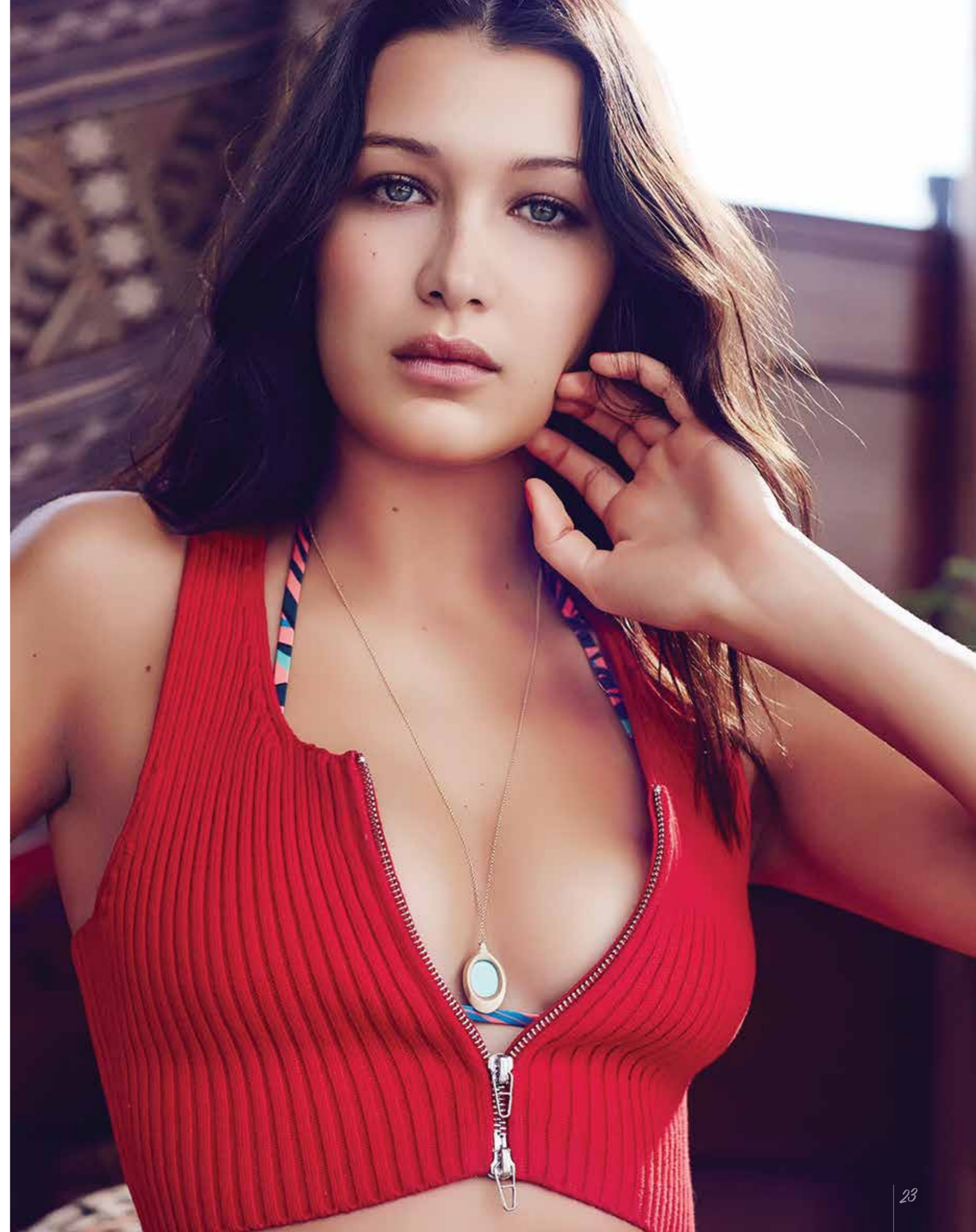
The Hadids are slowly but surely becoming the new and improved Kardashians, with impeccable style and fashion finesse running through their veins.

Gigi Hadid is without a doubt one of the most in-demand models of the world, with leading photographers and designers desperate to work with her so she can add to her already extensive and extremely impressive resume. And younger sis Bella Hadid isn't far behind, with her own bold and unique style formulation that leaves us wanting more every time we see her. Both sisters – who have each walked away with the coveted 'Model of the Year' accolade – bring their own signature styles to the table, but it's clear to see that their good looks and enviable style prowess runs in their genetically gifted family.

From runway to red carpet to the streets of New York to her very own social media pages, Bella Hadid has us well and truly hooked, as we are unashamedly desperate to fawn over her next style triumph.

Perhaps the best way to prove a model's versatility is to monitor their turns on the catwalk. Bella Hadid has had some pretty bold and daring looks thrown at her on the runway, but she seems to take everything in her stride and come out on top. She even manages to make wardrobe malfunctions work for her, which is a skill perfected only by the most professional of pros.

We'll be dissecting some of our favourite recent Bella Hadid style hits – from her lavish red carpet appearances to catwalk looks to her "off duty" street style, we've left no corner unturned.



STREET *style*

■ As our last issue stated, tartan is one of the hottest trends of the season, and we aren't in the least bit surprised to find Bella Hadid already out on the streets of New York effortlessly rocking the trend in a stunning Burberry coat. She added edge to her look by way of some ripped jeans, Dr Martens boots and stylish red cat eye sunnies. And it doesn't matter whether the beanie was to hide unwashed hair or keep out the Big Apple chill, because she looked fierce and fabulous, and we love it!



■ We spy you under there! You can't see her face thanks to her strategically placed conductor hat, but Bella Hadid's body and attitude make her instantly recognisable. And good news if you want white knee high boots to make a comeback, because we think Bella Hadid just made that happen. She went about her business in New York in a casual plaid "Undeclared" shirt dress by Leo, and went for clashing prints by way of a cute leopard print bag. Casual, but make it fashion!

■ Bella was snapped in NYC in an attention-grabbing red jumpsuit (standard Bella!), while toting her iced coffee (standard supermodel/A-lister going about their business!) and handbag with equal dedication. Diva-like oversized sunnies and white ankle boots completed her look. So simple, yet so effective. We're shopping for all of these pieces pronto!



■ Bella Hadid is walking proof that you can look stylish on the streets in scorching temperatures. Both Gigi and Bella are big fans of off-duty street style, often seen in super-casual clothing or athleisure. This is one of Bella's many looks that demonstrate how you can look effortless while maintaining ultimate comfort. Off-White cut-off shorts, a simple white tank, Nike trainers, and a yellow sweater draped over her shoulders for a simple pop of colour is all it took to make this a great look.



■ We love this look as it proves that you can team in-demand high end pieces with casual but still chic clothing. Bella wore the extremely coveted black Giuseppe Zanotti mesh corset booties and teamed them with the loud Chanel duffel bag of our dreams, and rather interestingly, a tracksuit. The Mr and Mrs Italy tracksuit in navy and light shades of blue is the perfect tracksuit to combine style with comfort, so we can't fault a single part of Bella's outfit. Well played, Ms Hadid.



BEHOLD *hadid*

RED *carpet*

■ Bella Hadid put the “red hot” in red carpet when she arrived at the premiere of her mama’s new Lifetime show, Making A Model With Yolanda Hadid. She channelled a rebellious rock-star in a leather Situationist coat that she wore as a dress. Racy! The Gianvito Rossi ‘Laura’ boots, a sky high pony and heavy eye make-up added to her rock ‘n’ roll vibe. Ten out of ten from us!



■ The model really brought her A game when she came to Dubai to celebrate Bulgari opening the Bulgari Resort Dubai. Bella stunned on the red carpet in a yellow satin ‘Abito’ dress from the Fendi Resort 2018 collection, and accessorised with a bold Bulgari necklace and contrasting navy blue Bulgari clutch bag. Bold and attention-grabbing, it isn’t hard to see why this look has ranked so highly for us.

■ We think both Bella Hadid and older sister Gigi wanted to showcase their red carpet versatility at the Glamour Women of the Year awards. While Gigi went for a more traditional red carpet dress, Bella really shook things up and brought some edge to the red carpet by way of a sharp white Cristina Ottaviano suit. The model made sure that she outshone the other guests (quite literally) by adding some bedazzling jewellery alongside the blindingly sparkly corset!



■ There’s so much to love about this look. If you’ve been toying with going for the chop and getting bangs cut in, we have a feeling this look from Bella Hadid will give you the courage to reach for the scissors. But it wasn’t just Bella’s sharp fringe that we loved about her CFDA Fashion Awards appearance. Her bright pink blazer dress from the Off-White AW17 collection ticked a lot of boxes for us, as it proved that you can be both chic and sophisticated and sexy all at the same time. Although with supermodel legs like Bella’s, any short hem is going to exude sexiness.

BELLA

hadid



Red is quite clearly Bella's go to colour when she wants to ensure all eyes are on her – and we don't blame her because she never fails to wow when she goes for those scarlet hues. A prime example is her appearance at the Victoria's Secret Show viewing party – not to be confused with the after party where she also wore a, you guessed it, red dress. But her viewing party look was our clear favourite, thanks to her voluminous blow-out, and the confidence needed to rock a skin-tight latex dress with a thigh high slit. Not many people could pull this dress off, but Bella Hadid more than managed it!



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UP-CLOSE WITH CHEF DEVIN ALEXANDER



How did you develop your love for cooking and when did that love turn into a fine art of healthy 'n' tasty cooking?

I had an Italian Grandmother who taught me how to cook as a kid and made me fall in love with it. I had planned to be a screen writer, but fell into cooking after moving to LA – some celebrities figured out that I could make amazing healthy food and wooed me to cook for them.

What influenced you to break away from a regular cooking style and carve a niche for yourself?

I weighed 200 pounds as a 15-year-old. Desperate to lose weight when I was being bullied, I figured out how to cook my favorites better. And shed the pounds. I love helping others see that they too can be healthy AND happy!

We are aware of your success in maintaining your 70-pound weight loss for so long. What has motivated you to pursue your long-term goal over all these years?

I was so stuck when I was overweight. I really believed that I'd be miserable forever because I'd either be overweight or extremely deprived. When I realized there was a better way, it was EASY. I wanted to reach as many people as possible with that understanding. That's why I so passionately do what I do!

Eating healthy doesn't mean completely depriving oneself of their favourite food. What do you have to say?

"You Can Have It"! :) You really can have your favorite foods. You just have to be strategic about it, and I can help - and so can my

book(s) and my website; www.devinalexander.com!

What's your secret tip to budding chefs when it comes to conjuring up some of the best healthy meals?

It's all about making sure you have proper (yet basic) cooking techniques and then using the right ingredients. It takes work and a lot of trial and error. My life is glamorous...AND a TON of work!

We live in Dubai - a city that's a melting pot of world cuisines and cultures. There are a lot of quick service restaurant chains as well.

People across cultures particularly the adolescents like fast-food. In your opinion what can we do to win them back to a healthy eating habit?

All of the cooking shows in the U.S. have changed that in recent years. A lot of people are cooking more, and both those and the delivery meal kits that are like cooking lessons in a box.

Could you share some tips to make home cooked meals based on regional cuisines (Like Arabic, Indian or other Asian cuisines) healthier?

A lot of people think that you need tons of better, salt, fat, etc. to make anything taste good. When I'm making Indian dishes, I rarely use the jarred curries and when I do, I combine them with healthy ingredients. When you use the spices and make your own curries, they can be out of this world and healthy. Same with Asian cuisines. Hoisin sauce is loaded with salt, sugar and, often, MSG, but you can get amazing flavor from using Chinese 5 spice powder. Now, you have to combine it with other ingredients properly – it's not like you can drop one for another, but it's totally doable. Again, it all comes down to ingredients and getting the right recipes.

What smart cooking tips would you give people struggling to lose weight?

Just Cook! :) When you eat out you're at the mercy of restaurants who do things like soaking green beans in sugar water to make them sweeter, put a wad of butter on top of your filet mignon (beef tenderloin) which is otherwise relatively lean, or when you get a burger or chicken sandwich they often load the bun with butter or oils that you won't taste anyway after you add the ketchup, pickles, onions, etc. When you make salads at home, make sure you dry all the salad components well. You'll never have a restaurant quality chopped salad if it's soggy!

You only need about 1 teaspoon of oil per pound of meat (chicken, fish, steak) to make it amazing in a grill or nonstick pan. Oil isn't what gives that amazing caramelization you get in restaurants, it's the (basic) technique of cooking at the right temperature and not overcrowding your pan!



On the other side spectrum, what about those who are seeking ways to increase their weight in a healthy way?

I wish I was one of those people! Ha! They're few and far between, but in those cases it's best to eat foods that are high in calories and low in saturated fat and sugars. Nuts, avocados, salmon are great examples. Snacking on nuts, particularly pistachios and almonds, is great for anyone. However, some (including me) have trouble "stopping," but if you're trying to gain, that's not a problem. Dried fruit is another calorie dense item, but on that one you don't want to overdo the sugar (though it is natural sugar if the dried fruit is unsweetened).

Finally, how could people stay focused and motivated while trying to maintain their weight loss?

Do it with a friend or get the whole family involved. It's really really hard to be a lone ranger in weight loss/fitness. I have friends who love eating healthy and love working out. If all my friends wanted to go to the pub and then a movie, I'd have a lot of trouble maintaining my weight loss. I'm part of a community of people who play beach tennis and my closest girlfriends all like to walk or workout. The thing that I most love about this new book is that it celebrates friendship! You'll note that there are photos of me and friends enjoying the food while socializing and playing beach tennis. There's a whole chapter of "Party Fare and Savory Snacks," which people wouldn't expect in a "healthy" cookbook, but it's so important to me to deliver not just amazing food, but to create a community of love around food! These recipes will be loved by fit people and by their loved ones who are struggling. My hope is that the people struggling will suddenly realize, like I did when I started losing weight, that health is MORE enjoyable than being overweight when you find recipes that satisfy your cravings!



Awards Season RED CARPET *highlights*

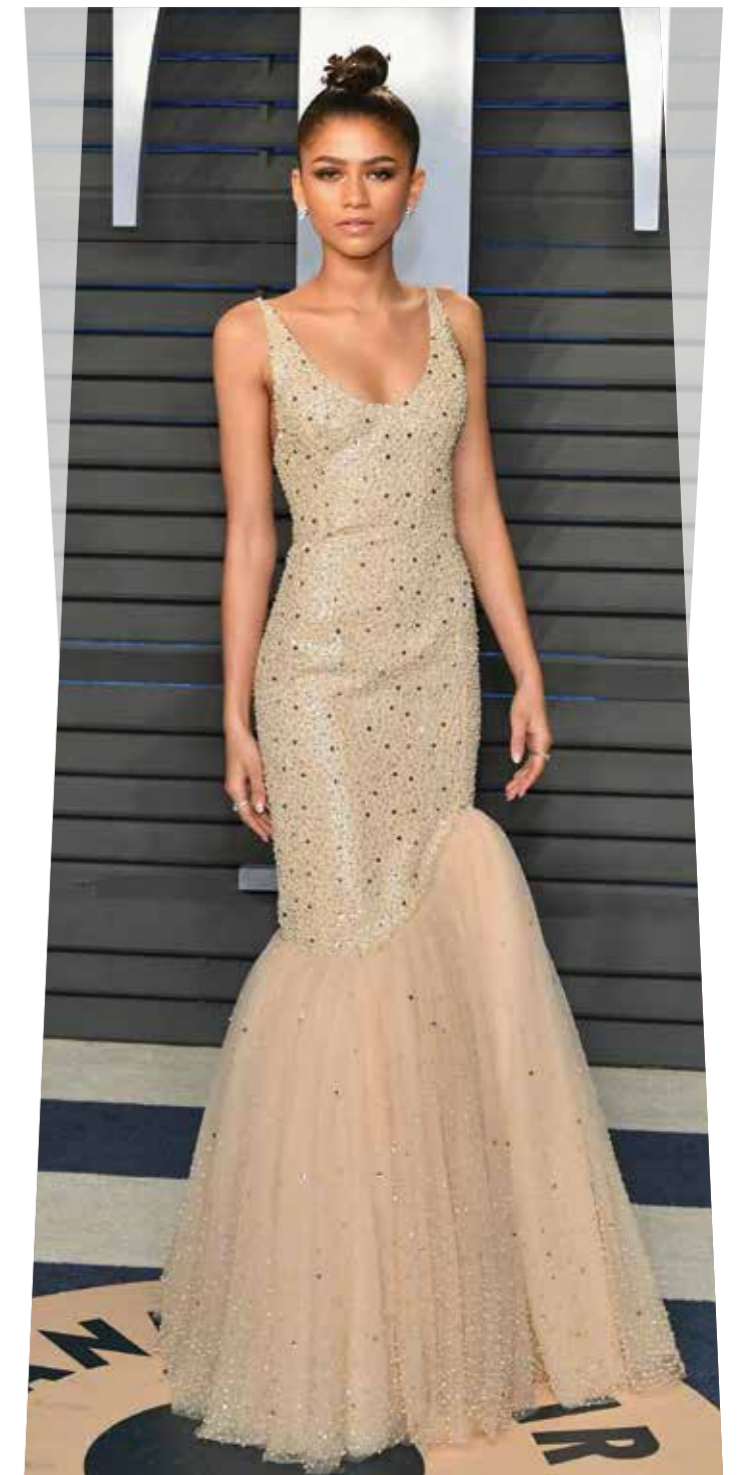
The highly anticipated Awards Season is finally over for yet another year. It may be over, but the world's most stylish A-listers made sure that they left lasting impressions on the red carpet that we're sure will see us through the entire year.

Some of the biggest names in entertainment rocked the red carpet at big award shows such as The Golden Globes, The Screen Actors Guild Awards, and of course the biggest one of all, The Oscars, with their jaw-dropping, floor-sweeping (in most cases) gowns. There were a lot of red carpets for us to sift through (we don't mind, honest!) and we've finally selected our true highlights from Awards Season 2018. Our very own awards, if you will. And let's face it, no golden statue means as much as being crowned "best dressed" – are we right?

Make sure you're sitting comfortably, and prepare to be wowed by some of the hottest red carpet appearances of the year. Which A-lister gets your best dressed vote?

Gal Gadot in Givenchy Haute Couture at the 90th Annual Academy Awards

Wonder Woman certainly lived up to her name on the Oscars red carpet, as she was literally dripping in diamonds courtesy of her wonderful Givenchy Haute Couture dress. Gal Gadot has had many style hits over the years, especially while on the Wonder Woman promo trail, but this might be one of our favourite looks to date. Shimmery, sparkly, light-reflecting and attention-grabbing – it's exactly what the biggest red carpet of the year calls for, and Gal Gadot definitely delivered with this highly stunning top to toe look.



Zendaya in Michael Kors at the Vanity Fair Oscars After-Party

The Greatest Showman star definitely had the word "show-stopping" on the brain this entire awards season. And although we didn't think anything could top her floaty, feminine Giambattista Valli Couture Oscars dress, we were proved extremely wrong when she turned up to the Vanity Fair Oscars party in a truly sensational Michael Kors mermaid dress. This look proves that less is definitely more, as Zendaya stuck with her effortless top knot from the Oscars red carpet, and kept jewellery and accessories to a very bare minimum. It takes a pretty special person to pull off such a muted look, but this is understated done right!

Olivia Wilde in Roberto Cavalli Couture at the Vanity Fair Oscars After-Party

Olivia Wilde didn't need the Autumn/Winter 2018 catwalks to tell her that high shine is in this season. Already one step ahead of the trends, Olivia emulated a disco ball in her stunning Roberto Cavalli Couture dress at the Vanity Fair Oscars After-Party, i.e. the most stylish place to be after the ceremony. We love how she showed off her toned and sculpted-to-perfection body with the dress's subtle cut-out detailing, proving that it is indeed possible to show off some skin and still exude class. Barely there accessories and a must-have cropped hairdo finished her look off beautifully.



Alicia Vikander in Louis Vuitton at the 75th Annual Golden Globe Awards

The new Tomb Raider actress is used to being a strong, empowered woman with an undisputed killer body. (Anyone who's seen her as the new Lara Croft should know what we mean. If that isn't motivation to stick to our gym routine, we don't know what is. We digress!) However, she went for a much more demure, lady-like Victorian inspired look for the Golden Globes 2018 red carpet, and we can't seem to get enough of it. While Alicia Vikander could easily have thrown on a figure-hugging, slinky black dress, we adore how she took a high fashion risk and went for something so different. It was a bold move, but one which certainly paid off, making her one of our best dressed ladies from that red carpet and Awards Season as a whole. We're obsessed; can't you tell?

Lupita Nyong'o in Ralph & Russo at the 2018 Screen Actors Guild Awards

We were torn between Lupita Nyong'o's golden Versace dress that she wore to The Oscars and this Ralph & Russo beauty, but we went with the latter because of the impact and pure wow factor it had on the Screen Actors Guild Awards red carpet. We're used to seeing Lupita in bold and bright colours – we don't blame her as she wears them so well – so it was extremely refreshing to see her rocking something so different. Modern yet ethereal, this Ralph & Russo dress predictably floated down the red carpet, and we can't imagine anyone better to rock it. And after receiving compliments all through the night (we imagine), we know why she opted for yet another metallic dress for The Oscars. She's going to love this season's high shine trend!



Dakota Johnson in Gucci at the 75th Annual Golden Globe Awards

This year's Golden Globe Awards had an unofficial – yet strictly adhered to – all-black dress code to protest sexual misconduct in Hollywood, so standing out in a sea of black must have been an interesting challenge for everyone. And to say that Dakota Johnson absolutely nailed the “stand out from the crowd” brief would be a severe understatement. We adore this look, and really hope that Dakota Johnson would have chosen to wear this Gucci masterpiece regardless of the dress code. Teamed with a youthful, feminine low pony, Dakota Johnson's dress really spoke to us, especially with the exquisite sparkly detailing at the back and the all-over glitter that encompassed the entire dress. Truly mesmerising.

Eiza Gonzalez in Ralph Lauren at the 90th Annual Academy Awards

Baby Driver actress Eiza Gonzalez brightened up the Oscars red carpet with her to-die-for yellow Ralph Lauren dress. But it wasn't just the splash of colour which she brought to the red carpet, as she also brought sexiness thanks to the suggestive cut-out detailing at the back, as well as sophistication by way of her timeless subtle Hollywood waves and iconic red lipstick. Business in the front and party in the back – Eiza Gonzalez certainly got people talking on the red carpet, and we cannot fault her radiant look.



Angelina Jolie in Ralph & Russo at the 2018 Critics' Choice Awards

We haven't seen Angelina Jolie look this polished and pristine on a red carpet for years, so imagine our excitement when she emerged in this dreamlike Ralph & Russo dress at the 2018 Critics' Choice Awards. The A-listers made a point to bring the colour – or anything other than black – to the Critics' Choice Awards following the Golden Globes blackout, and this was the perfect dress for Ms Jolie to make her mark. An elegant half up-do and her unmistakable trademark red pout rounded off her award-winning look.

Brie Larson in Gucci at the 2018 Screen Actors Guild Awards

Although there have been a lot of embellished dresses this Awards Season, Brie Larson's Gucci number from the SAG Awards was in a world of its own. The dress brought as much glitz as it did glamour, and former Oscar winner Brie Larson shone brighter than any diamond we've laid eyes on. We were also introduced to floral print in a way we never even dreamed possible. Additionally, we're in love with the infusion of deep colours mixed together in the dress – we don't think we've seen a look that blends charm, femininity, power and sparkle quite like this one. How could we resist putting this look in our Top Ten?



Jenna Dewan Tatum in Pamella Roland at the Vanity Fair Oscars After-Party

Slinky and seductive, Jenna Dewan Tatum's Pamella Roland dress turned heads on the Vanity Fair Oscars After-Party red carpet. The scarlet dress looked like it was made especially for Jenna's enviable frame; it fit her like a very smooth and very covetable glove, but could have easily resulted in a wardrobe malfunction if placed on the wrong body. We're just saying, you may have to proceed with caution with a slit that daring! It isn't just the dress we fell in love with though – we couldn't help but obsess over her hair which was flawlessly cut into an asymmetric straight bob. Timeless Hollywood fashion; perfect for one of the biggest nights of the year.

BIG^{the}GEST

Autumn/Winter 2018 trends of Fashion Month!

We hope you weren't too attached to your newly acquired Spring/Summer 2018 wardrobe, as it's time to give it yet another overhaul to make room for some of the biggest trends of the Autumn/Winter 2018 season. Hey, we never said keeping up with fashion's fast pace was going to be easy – but we promised that it was always going to be worth it.

If you're a fan of monochrome, in particular bright colours, then this is going to be your season. And speaking of bright – now's the time to ditch your dull hosiery and safe animal prints, because vibrant hues and over the top prints are dominating the runways. There's no room for shyness this season, as it's all about being seen and being heard!

Take a look at some of the biggest trends to come from New York, London, Milan and Paris for the highly anticipated AW18 season.

Wallflowers need not apply!

Hot pink

We may have obsessed over Millennial pink this issue, but hot pink is just as in demand as its softer and more delicate cousin. As far as making a statement goes, hot pink is where it's at – and you have the likes of Alexander Wang, Valentino, Tory Burch, Christian Siriano, Cushnie et Ochs, and Prabal Gurung to thank for it. Whether you choose to wear your hot pink item in chic blazer form or in daring dress form, rest assured that all eyes will be on you and your decision to wear one of the boldest colours of the season.

Dressing in darker colours for the colder months is definitely a thing of the past!





Disco ball high shine

Much to our delight, Spring/Summer 2018 was all about sequins and sparkles, but the new season is taking things one step further by calling for high shine – and plenty of it. If it's reminiscent of a disco ball, then you need it in your wardrobe, stat! Chanel, Fendi, Simone Rocha, Paco Rabanne, Prabal Gurung, Tibi and Cushnie et Ochs were just a few of the big names who brought high shine to the world's biggest runways. Expect chainmail tops, reflective suits, and cocktail dresses so bright and shiny that sunglasses are actually advised. (We made that last bit up, but you see our point!)





Vibrant animal print

Animal print lovers, rejoice! Animal prints – from leopard to zebra – were in abundance on the AW18 catwalks; only this time they were more vibrant than ever! Black and white zebra print? Not this season! Rainbow hued animal prints dominated in all four major cities, as loud and attention-grabbing pieces made their way down the catwalks. Prints came in every single silhouette imaginable, meaning there's no shortage of tempting pieces for future wardrobes. From dramatic dresses at Adam Selman to matchy matchy suits at Tom Ford and wild but equally chic trench coats at Victoria Beckham, we're spoilt for choice! Jeremy Scott, Givenchy, Calvin Klein, Balenciaga and Zadig & Voltaire also gave us to-die-for animal prints, so keep an eye out for their pieces as soon as their new collections drop.





Statement head coverings

Now this is something we can definitely get on board with. Head coverings went a whole lot further than the traditional hat this season, with everything from UAE-friendly offerings at Lanvin to knitted Balaclavas at Calvin Klein to headscarf-meets-hoodie concoctions at Gucci. As well as all the headscarves trailing from models' foreheads on the catwalks, we also loved the 50s inspired head coverings Balenciaga had to offer too, and the romantic hooded cloaks at Valentino also had us well and truly mesmerised.





Tweed

The chic fabric is back for the Autumn/Winter 2018 season, and we couldn't be happier about it. Many designers took advantage of the "go big or go home" mantra of the season and debuted everything from extremely oversized tweed coats paired with none other than sleek leather skirts (yes Marc Jacobs, we're looking at you) to 80s inspired must-haves on the Miu Miu catwalk. And the tweed went a whole lot further than jackets and coats, as there was an abundance of covetable tweed skirts on the Louis Vuitton catwalk too. We'll take one in every colour for next season, please!





Check prints

Prints are having a moment this season, as alongside the animal print and tweed comes the highly fashionable check print. We were right to obsess over the check print in the last issue, as the print is bigger, better and more in demand than ever before! Calvin Klein, Erdem and Versace brought out some truly stunning tartan and check printed pieces on the catwalks, breathing new life into the traditional yet timeless print for yet another season.



Colourful tights

Forget everything you thought you knew about tights, because they have been given a serious, somewhat even futuristic, make-over for the new season. While you'll still be en-vogue in preppy traditional black or white tights teamed with your short summer skirts that you can't bear saying goodbye to just because the weather doesn't allow, it would be a crime not to make the most of the statement tights that will imminently be hitting stores. Coloured tights, print tights, textured tights, metallic tights, you name it, you'll find it on the AW18 catwalks. Adam Selman, Jeremy Scott and Tom Ford are just a few of the many big names to have us hooked – think of the colour you'll be able to instantly inject into your Autumn/Winter wardrobe!



Cowboy chic

Don't throw away your cowboy boots any time soon, as the western trend has well and truly returned. Cowboy inspired boots, hats and neckerchiefs all get a big tick for the new season, and you have the likes of Isabel Marant, Fendi, Emporio Armani and Calvin Klein to thank for it. If you don't want to commit to the trend 100%, then a check shirt (another big hit this season) might be just the thing you need for a subtle yet appreciative nod.





BEST OF HAIR AND BEAUTY

There was no shortage of stand-out beauty trends from this season's catwalk. And sometimes it wasn't even a case of standing out, but rather blending in with more subtle and understated looks too. From modern day glitter explosions at Giambattista Valli to the undisputed iconic red lip at Alexander McQueen, we had a number of beauty highlights from the AW18 runways.

And the hair didn't let us down either! With metallic hair ruling the runway at Thom Browne, gravity defying bouffants dominating at Miu Miu, and the return of 90s accessories from Chanel, Alexander Wang and Bottega Veneta to name just three – there's definitely a lot to talk about! Here are just a few highlights...



Glitter bomb

All that glitters is gold... and every other colour in the rainbow! Giambattista Valli took the love of glitter to daring new levels this season, and we can't help but want to recreate the glitter infusion. You don't have to go as far as Giambattista Valli has, but the lesson to be learnt here is that glitter is in. Go as bold as you dare!



Colourful lashes

False eyelashes are a thing of the past, because AW18 is all about coating your natural lashes in the brightest hues of mascara you can find. Although we predict it'll only be a matter of time 'til the false lash industry catches wind of the new trend and produce their very own colourful set of lashes. Thank you Dries Van Noten for this inspired idea!



Big hair

"Big hair don't care" – that was the mantra on the Miu Miu catwalk! If you're into the voluminous hair but can't quite handle the endless backcombing, then you're in luck as volume also came in perm form at Bora Aksu and Gucci to name just two. But seriously, who doesn't want to recreate those gravity-defying Miu Miu bouffants? We're bulk-buying hairspray as we type!



Classic red lips

In amongst the orange lashes, glittered faces and bejewelled liners were more conventional beauty looks, in particular the classic – iconic, even – statement red pout. Deep red, bright red, it doesn't really matter, as the wow-factor effect remains regardless. Alexander McQueen and Rochas are just two of the shows that laid on the red lippie.



Effortless updos

While big hair might be a lot of maintenance (we've lost many hours of our lives being slaves to the teasing comb!) the other hot hair trend of the new season might just be one of the most effortless yet. The updo. Top knots and messy "just got out of bed" or "just got back from the gym" hair is very much en-vogue right now, as is sweeping your hair back in a sleek and still very much effortless bun. Who are we to argue with the likes of Chanel and Prabal Gurung?



Bold and bejewelled eyeliner

Eyeliner has come a long way since the feline flick, with more dramatic trends than ever making their debut this season. From graphic eyeliner at Alberta Ferretti to bejewelled eyeliner (yes you read that right) at Prada, it's clear to see that eyeliner application will keep you on your toes the whole season.



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THE LBD *update*

Following the Golden Globes blackout – where every A-lister walked the red carpet in a black dress – our love of the go-to LBD escalated to new heights.

We've said it before and we will say it again – there is nothing quite as wonderful or versatile as a little black dress. Or as countless red carpets and Couture runways have proved, the long black dress too. We have so much love and respect for the LBD not just because it's the “go-to” thing to wear when you can't quite think of what to wear – although it does certainly tick that box – but because of how powerful and timeless the “right” dress can be. Just think of the iconic Givenchy dress Audrey Hepburn wore in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, and you'll know exactly what we mean.

Audrey Hepburn twinning aside, we can't fault the LBD for its ability to save us from all sartorial dilemmas. No other piece of clothing possesses the power of the LBD, which is why we bow down to it in gratitude. Picture this, and tell us if it sounds familiar. You have an exciting occasion to go to and are unsure of the dress code. You've emptied all the contents of your wardrobe onto your bed – some of which are even spilling onto the floor and slowly but surely piling up into one big, unrecognisable, unfashionable blur. You wonder when you will start to cry and proclaim that you “have nothing” to wear, to the point that you're even thinking about doing a no show. But then you remember the golden rule. What do you wear when you have nothing to wear? The failsafe, saver of all fashion woes, LBD.

Sleek, slimming, and totally attention-grabbing, we are quite rightly obsessed with LBDs and applaud the world's biggest designers for giving us more pieces to drool over season after season. The LBD has come a long way, but we are just as addicted to the zany new “think outside the box” creations that keep emerging on the catwalks as we are to the old classics that are classics for a reason. In other words, we will never get tired of the LBD, and we have some stunning pieces to show you that will bring you on side too. With LBDs like these, it's impossible to blend into the background and look anything other than extraordinary.



Oscar de la Renta

One of the best things about an LBD is its versatility. So versatile is this ODLR dress (and all its aforementioned accomplices) that it's the only thing you really need to think about when getting dressed for your big event. This is because, thanks to the colour or lack thereof, it's almost laughably easy to accessorise around it. Team it with white heels and a sparkly clutch for an on-trend monochrome look, or opt for some colour-popping bright hues like fuchsia or cobalt blue. The exaggerated sleeves are the key feature of the dress, so underplaying the accessories altogether is also another viable option.

Oscar de la Renta exaggerated sleeve dress, £4,503, available at Far Fetch

Tory Burch

Anyone who argues that a black dress is boring should immediately be confronted with this Tory Burch mini dress. We can't quite get over the intricate embellishments that adorn this dress, and are confident that we can't be the only ones utterly blown away by them. No need to boldly accessorise either, as the dress does all the hard work for you. Barely there strappy heels and a chic up-do are all you really need to complete your outfit.

Tory Burch Sylvia embellished crepe mini dress, £1,220, available at Net a Porter





Mary Katrantzou

You can always count on Mary Katrantzou, Queen of the graphic print, to put her own stamp on the classic LBD. The designer certainly doesn't do subtle, which is one of the many reasons we adore her and her creations. This gorgeous beaded dress even takes the hard work out of accessorising, as she's pretty much done it for you thanks to the adorable beaded embellishments. Team with subtle accessories to let the dress do its thing. We love the girly fit and flare silhouette too – just another thing to add to the never-ending list of reasons to snap it up. Mary Katrantzou fit and flare beaded dress, £1,350, available at My Theresa



Saint Laurent

A party-perfect dress to see you through the most glamorous of events, this Saint Laurent dress has remained in our minds from the moment it shimmered its way on to the AW17 runway last year. It isn't just the countless, blinding crystals that make this dress the true sensation it is, as the figure flattering silhouette also has a lot to do with it too. Saint Laurent have thought of everything when dreaming up this dress! Saint Laurent crystal embellished square shoulder dress, £4,280, available at Matche

Alexander McQueen

An LBD with attitude – that's exactly what you're getting with this fierce Alexander McQueen dress. The biker look is no longer reserved for leather jackets or trousers; go one step further and don a leather mini dress for the ultimate fierce look. (Ps: don't be put off by the heavy texture, the inside is beautifully lined with silk for a dreamy smooth fit.) Team with studded, pointy heeled ankle boots and a red bag to pull off that ultimate "look at me" vibe.

Alexander McQueen zip-embellished belted textured-leather mini dress, £3,345, available at Net a Porter



Alexander Wang

Going for something different doesn't mean going to extremes. Sometimes, a subtle bit of detailing can go a really long way, proven so expertly by this Alexander Wang dress. The open knit detailing on the sleeves has done enough to put this dress in a league of its own. A timeless LBD that will see you through a multitude of occasions.

Alexander Wang knitted dress, £745, available at My Theresa



Miu Miu

Sometimes a woman just needs her LBD to make her feel like a woman; and luckily among the sexy and even daring dresses you'll also find the ultra-feminine ones too. And that's exactly what this Miu Miu crepe dress is, thanks to one of the most enviable necklines we've ever seen. Gorgeously feminine thanks to the ruffles and embellishments consisting of sequins, beads, crystals and pearls, this is one of the most easy, feminine pieces to step out in. Accessorise with a lace clutch bag and some delicate heels for a true romantic look.

Embellished tulle-panelled crepe mini dress, £1,790, available at Net a Porter



Dolce and Gabbana

When only sparkles will do, grab this Dolce and Gabbana dress and dance the night away. Dazzling, crowd-pleasing and oh so easy to accessorise, there's nothing not to love about this long sleeved dress. Embrace the monochrome look and team with all-black accessories, or go bold and team it with your brightest clutch bag and heels in a contrasting hue instead. The choice is yours!

Dolce and Gabbana sequinned long sleeve dress, £1,575, available at My Theresa



Giambattista Valli

Now here is something you don't see every day. So, if it's an attention-grabbing dress that will get people talking even after your departure you're looking for, then we think you've found it. This Giambattista Valli dress, complete with voluminous bubble sleeves and feminine lace detailing, is all you need for a truly mesmerising, stand-out look.

Giambattista Valli lace dress, £1,255, available at Style Bop



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