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# Editor's LETTER



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This issue, we're celebrating the biggest night in Hollywood's calendar – aka the Academy Awards. And the glittering, jaw-dropping red carpets they bring with them. Remember the word “glittering” – it will all make sense once you see Jennifer Lopez and Brie Larson's Oscars gowns!

It was a bittersweet Fashion Month, as along with the brand new Autumn/Winter 2019 collections (which are breathtaking, by the way!) came the heart-breaking news that Karl Lagerfeld had passed away. In his honour, we've dedicated some pages to his last ever Chanel collection, which was as exquisite as always.

And to top it all off, we have an Oscars after-party red carpet look for you to steal, as well as a fabulously flamboyant feather edit of the new season's hottest trend.

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# Get Camila Mendes

## Vanity Fair Oscars Party red carpet look

As shameless Academy Awards enthusiasts, it was only natural for us to pick a look from one of the biggest nights in Hollywood to emulate.

While getting our hands on most of the Oscars red carpet dresses might be a little bit tricky – not to mention the fact that there wouldn't be anywhere nearly glamorous and high profile enough to wear them – the same fortunately doesn't apply for the after parties.

Getting an invitation to the Vanity Fair Oscars party in Los Angeles is a huge deal, as anyone who is anyone seems to make an appearance on the red carpet. And it goes without saying that such a highly anticipated event comes with a glittering, no expense-spared, no holds barred dress code. The A-list attendees pulled out all the sartorial stops, as the red carpet was flooded with enviable style hit after enviable style hit. One of the ladies whose look inspired us was 'Riverdale's' very own Veronica Lodge, i.e. actress Camila Mendes. And if we can copy Camila Mendes' look, we will definitely copy Camila Mendes' look.

Make no mistake!

Camila Mendes sashayed onto the red carpet in a dress that ticked all of our red carpet boxes. It had a playful silhouette, a bright colour, a bold print, and even a daring neckline. (A seductive slit also gets points – but remember the golden rule when going for classy glamour: one or the other, but never both.) She even went one step further and accessorised with some of the sparkliest pieces of jewellery we have ever seen, and of course a statement red lip. What else?

Here is everything you'll need to channel the gorgeous Ms Mendes at the Vanity Fair Oscars party...



### Charlotte Tilbury Hot Lips Lipstick 'Tell Laura'

Camila's red lipstick was a key feature of this look – so much so that we couldn't possibly even begin to consider recreating it without a powerful red lippie to hand. A selection of red lipsticks ranging from bold to deep to dark should always be in your make-up bag, and we suggest reaching for one of your brightest Camila-inspired shades to make this look pop. Charlotte Tilbury's iconic Hot Lips Lipstick in the shade 'Tell Laura' would work wonderfully with this look. And so many others...

Charlotte Tilbury Hot Lips Lipstick 'Tell Laura', £23, available at Net a Porter



### Lela Rose silk midi V-neck dress

Camila Mendes instantly grabbed our attention – not an easy feat when Hollywood A-listers including Jennifer Lopez and Oscar-winner Lady Gaga were also in attendance – at the Vanity Fair party, and we know that her dress had a huge part to play in that. We highly encourage snapping this dress up and reserving it for your most glittering party; the party in which you want to command all of the attention and get people talking. We adore the subtle drama of the semi-voluminous silhouette, and think it's one of the things that made the dress stand out as much as it did. Lela Rose silk midi V-neck dress, £2,710, available at Moda Operandi



### Clean Origin 1CT 3 Prong Martini Set Diamond Stud Earrings

Keen to not let anything overshadow her dress – even jewellery – Camila Mendes went for subtle (but by no means any less blinding!) sparkle. And her Clean Origin diamond stud earrings were the perfect choice! Clean Origin 1CT 3 Prong Martini Set Diamond Stud Earrings, \$1,060, available at Clean Origin



### Clean Origin Classic 5CT tennis bracelet

Camila was loyal to the Clean Origin brand for the Vanity Fair Oscars party, and the dazzling tennis bracelet complemented her entire look with ease. Of course, you don't need to be invited to an Academy Awards party to drench yourself in diamonds, so go forth and wear this tennis bracelet the whole year round! Clean Origin Classic 5CT tennis bracelet, \$4,500, available at Clean Origin



### Jimmy Choo Holly 120 platform sandals

We don't need an A-lister to convince us to purchase yet another pair of Jimmy Choos, but weirdly enough, it makes us feel slightly better. Having said that, there is no guilt or shame when it comes to shoe shopping, and even less so when the shoes in question have a Jimmy Choo label attached to them. Camila Mendes knew she was onto a style winner with her Holly 120 platform sandals, as they have been one of the brand's most popular and sought after styles – not only in black but in an array of equally must-have colours. (The burgundy velvet ones are also quite glorious!) We know that one of the biggest reasons for the Holly shoe's popularity is the super-chunky heel, making it extremely comfortable to stand, mingle, and of course, dance the night away in. Jimmy Choo Holly 120 platform sandals, £313, available at Jimmy Choo



# 10 of the Best SNEAKERS!

We make no secret of our love for every single member of the high heel family. From the ankle-flattering, leg-slimming stiletto to its slightly more comfortable cousin, the platform heel, to their swimming-pool-ready bestie, the wedge; we have equal amounts of love for everything that gives us that supermodel-worthy height.

However, high heels – in all their devilishly tempting variations – aren't the only shoes that have our pulses racing right now. Flats are becoming increasingly more popular as the seasons go on, be it flat ankle boots to knee highs to ballerina pumps and all else-in-between. However, those flats don't harbour nearly as much excitement – or comfort – as the beloved sneaker, which is exactly what we're here to talk about.

Although this is always one of our most glamorous issues of the year thanks to Hollywood's awards season red carpets and a brand new autumn/winter collection to lust after, we've forgone the stereotypical high heel obsession (temporarily, of course!) associated with glamour and turned our attention to sneakers instead. They may not be as glamorous as a sleek and slender pair of Manolo Blahniks, but they're certainly equally as en-vogue and covetable. Trust us on this! Not only are sneakers the shoes the majority of A-listers change into after they make their red carpet entrance, but they are the shoe of choice for 99.9% of off-duty models. And you can bet that the most in-demand catwalk models are hopping from show to show in the most stylish – yet comfortable – sneakers on the market. Who doesn't want to look like an off duty supermodel? We have shoe envy, and for once it's a shoe that we can walk all day and all night in!

So, taking inspiration from the world's biggest supermodels, and of course remembering that athleisure is still one of the hottest trends of the moment, we've rounded up ten of the best sneakers that we think deserve a place in your ever-expanding (and most likely, overflowing) shoe closet...



Absolutely everyone seems to have a pair of Gucci sneakers these days – at least that's what social media leads us to believe. Gucci sneakers are having such a huge style moment right now, with influencer, supermodel and of course, Hollywood A-list fans alike. These Ace watersnake-trimmed embroidered leather sneakers are among our favourites, as they can be dressed up or down with ease. We've seen them teamed with the failsafe jeans and tee combo, as well as with dresses and skirts (both maxi and mini, thank you very much! Perhaps even midi too!) and all else-in-between. Minimal enough to wear with a host of outfits, yet distinctive enough to gain style prowess points. Win, Win! Gucci Ace watersnake-trimmed embroidered leather sneakers, £445, available at Net a Porter



Gone, but never forgotten. The best way to pay homage to the visionary that is – or should we sadly say, was – Karl Lagerfeld, is to don a pair of sneakers from his eponymous label. Even better if they have the whimsical Karlito embroidered onto them! RIP, Kaiser! Karl Lagerfeld Kupsolo Karl Ikonik sneakers, £135, available at Far Fetch



The iconic Valentino Rockstud collection has taken quite a sizeable chunk of our hard-earned money over the years, and the chunk is only getting bigger by the day. Of course we weren't going to try and hide the fact that Valentino has made Rockstud sneakers – we would never be so cruel – and these white and gold ones are just as covetable as the rest of the accessories in the Rockstud family. Valentino Rockstud low top leather sneakers, £515, available at Harrods



Will we instantly have more street cred if we wear these sneakers? Who can say? The one thing we can be sure of though is that these sneakers will ignite the green-eyed-monster in all of our fashion-forward friends and family members. Plus, due to their monochrome nature, we know that they will go with the majority of our outfits too. And thanks to the bold Givenchy logo, as well as the iconic 4G logo, it's not going to be hard for people to know that we are championing the fashion house that was quite deservedly crowned Designer of the Year 2018 at last year's prestigious Fashion Awards. Givenchy Urban Street logo-jacquard leather slip-on sneakers, £525, available at Net a Porter



Presenting another pair of sneakers that scream "style maven" as opposed to "gym bunny", which is totally okay with us. Nike has once again teamed up with Comme des Garçons (not surprising due to the stellar success of their last collaboration!) to create a must-have sneaker based on its popular Cortez silhouette. Now to address the elephant in the room; the platform sole cannot be ignored – which we think was the point! – and will provide almost 3 inches of height to anyone lucky enough to wear them. Adding height and comfort to an off-duty look is a huge selling point, as is the "goes with everything" monochrome colour combination. Comme des Garçons x Nike sneakers, £512, available at Far Fetch



Is it a trainer, is it a boot? It's a trainer boot! Trainer boots – also known as high tops – are a great piece of footwear to ease you into the sneakers game, if you're not quite ready to wear sneakers when you're not working out. Sneakers don't really get more luxurious than these canvas Louis Vuitton ones with the brand's iconic monogram print emblazoned on them. We're in love!

Louis Vuitton Stellar trainer boot, £575, available at Louis Vuitton



We hold our hands up – we wrongly told you that sneakers weren't as glamorous as stilettos, and we apologise. We were wrong, because we totally forgot about these sparkly Jimmy Choo beauties and the instant glitz and glam they will bring to our lives. And now that we have remembered them, they're etched in our memories forever! What event will you be wearing your glittery Jimmy Chos to? Because we're confident that they're not going to be your running shoes...

Jimmy Choo 'Raine' glitter sneakers, £550, available at My Theresa



Forget wearing your heart on your sleeve, Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana have declared that wearing your heart on your feet is the next big thing. It's hard not to love these Dolce and Gabbana Portofino sneakers, and not just because love is plastered throughout by way of hearts and cute words and phrases such as, "LOVE", "Ti Amo", "4 Ever", "Heart" and "TVB" (an abbreviation of the popular Italian saying, "ti voglio bene.") Dolce and Gabbana Portofino leather sneakers, £695, available at My Theresa



Marni's Big Foot sneakers have made quite a mark on the fashion world since their debut, and it's not hard to see why everyone is intrigued by them. They come in a variety of different textures and colour combinations, meaning there's a Big Foot sneaker out there for everyone. Our favourite part of these shoes? The platform sole that gives us extra height without compromising on comfort at all! We'll take one in every colour. Marni 'Big Foot' suede and mesh sneakers, £343, available at My Theresa



If you want to channel the infamous Cardi B and don "those Balenciagas, the ones that look like socks", then who are we to stop you? The Grammy Award winning artist isn't the only person to fall in love with this Balenciaga design, and as a result, they are now available in an array of different colour combinations. Black and white and hot pink are both equally mesmerising; what say you? Balenciaga Speed sock knitted sneakers, £525, available at Far Fetch



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## Trend to Try

# Feathers!

As always, Fashion Month didn't disappoint, as we saw both brand new trends and the revival of some beloved old trends hit the Autumn/Winter 2019 runways. (Be sure to flick to our dedicated Autumn/Winter 2019 roundup feature, to get the full lowdown on all of the biggest trends of the brand new season.) But the one trend that excited us the most was the, you guessed it, feather trend, which is why we couldn't wait to start frantically searching for anything feather-laden we could get our hands on. We didn't even wait for New York Fashion Week (the first of the four cities) to be over before we began our search – and we're not even sorry!

You can't don a feather without looking and feeling a little bit eccentric – not to mention without making an entrance – which is why this trend is definitely not for the 'less is more' type of dresser.

However, because we do like to think of everyone, we have also included some slightly more subtle pieces in our feather edit, for anyone who wants to try the trend without going completely overboard. You're welcome!

Take a look at some of our favourite feather pieces available to snap up right now. From subtle accessories to the most luxuriously flamboyant evening gown you've ever seen, there's something here for everyone...



Ruffles and tulle and feathers, oh my! Dolce and Gabbana have done it again, blurring the line between elegant femininity and red hot seduction. Calling this a show-stopping dress would be doing it an injustice. There are no words to describe this high octane, high drama Dolce and Gabbana dress, so it's a good job we've provided a picture to do all the talking. We have nothing more to say... Dolce and Gabbana ruffle trimmed tulle and feather gown, £5,650, available at Matches



Balmain embellishment at its finest! Olivier Rousteing never fails to deliver at Balmain, which is why this is so much more than a simple black skirt with some feather accents. The attention to detail on this Balmain skirt is exquisite, so accessorise with cropped tops and bodysuits to let the skirt have its well-deserved moment. All-black styling would add some token Balmain ferocity, although adding a pop of colour would also work well. Balmain feather embellished skirt, £1,989, available at Far Fetch

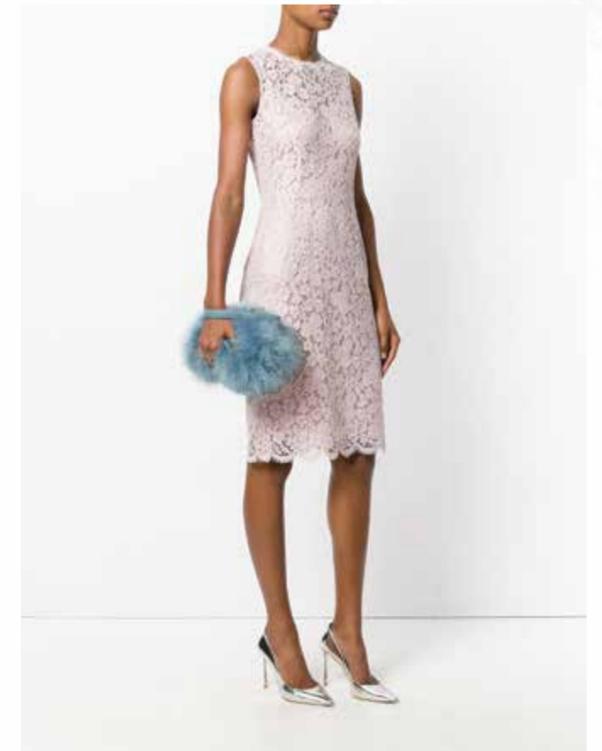
Getting a piece of the feather action couldn't be simpler thanks to a pair of low maintenance feather earrings. And these beauties from Ranjana Khan are just the ticket! Featuring swan feathers and mother of pearl, these earrings add just the right amount of elegance and drama – plus the colour combination is to die for! And best of all, they're clip-ons, which means they're suitable for absolutely everyone! No painful piercings necessary!

Ranjana Khan swan feather crystal clip on earrings, £490, available at Net a Porter



Dolce and Gabbana have brought their signature drama to the feather trend by way of this voluminous clutch bag. The ultimate wow factor bag to jazz up all monochrome or slightly lacklustre outfits in an instant, this light blue turkey feather and calf leather Vanda clutch – complete with crystal embellishments no less – is utter perfection. We wouldn't expect any less from the dynamic duo!

Dolce and Gabbana 'Vanda' clutch, £2,550, available at Far Fetch



A striking colour teamed with feather embellishments? These stunning cobalt blue stilettos are the work of the one and only Gianvito Rossi, and we simply cannot go on without them! They give us serious Carrie Bradshaw vibes, and we can picture wearing them with our finest cocktail dress on our next girls' night out. (We have a feeling that boyfriends and husbands might not appreciate these as much as likeminded fashionistas will, so we would save them for fashion aficionados to fawn over as opposed to wearing them to date night.)

Gianvito Rossi Thais feather-trimmed suede sandals, £680, available at My Theresa



Here's something for those of you who might be interested in a slight nod to the feather trend, without committing to a full Big Bird reminiscent wardrobe. And you have Miuccia Prada to thank for it! We knew we could rely on Prada to bring something chic, subtle and totally tempting to the table, and it doesn't get much better than this feather embellished crepe dress. It features a relaxed silhouette in everyone's favourite dress colour – black, of course – with light pink feather embellishment on the hem. Accessorise with some black strappy heels – or pink to match the feathers – and an elegant clutch bag. Prada feather embellished crepe dress, £690, available at Matches

Be still our beating hearts! Rachel Gilbert's Nisha mini dress is everything we have been searching for in an Autumn/Winter party dress, all rolled into one sparkly and feathery package. We will always have a soft spot for sequins, and we can't part with our credit card details fast enough. (But who are we kidding, our payment details are already saved for speedier transactions...)

Rachel Gilbert Nisha feather mini dress, £1,520, available at Harrods



We've had feather detailing at the back, so now it's time for a stiletto with feathers in the front. Because you can never have too many feather stilettos! Charlotte Olympia's Salsa 110 sandals are the nude heels with a difference – perfect for wearing with an abundance of different outfits. Wear with anything that needs some fun and glamour injected into it, or with something equally as vivacious for top to toe glam factor. Akin to all Charlotte Olympia footwear, there's nothing not to love about these sandals!

Charlotte Olympia Salsa 110 feather-trimmed suede sandals, £495, available at My Theresa



Miuccia Prada strikes again, this time for her Miu Miu label! These powder blue straight leg trousers are hot off the Resort 2019 catwalk, and have been on our wish-list ever since they made their debut. Choose footwear wisely, to ensure that the heel is the perfect height to complement the feather trim at the bottom of the trousers.

Miu Miu feather trimmed tech-jersey pants, £1,060, available at My Theresa



A true hero piece worthy of the biggest awards season red carpets, is this fuchsia tulle and feather ballgown from the goddess that is Monique Lhuillier. The designer never fails to deliver wow factor dresses, and this tulle and feather creation is certainly no exception. As well as the striking hot pink colour and unmistakable feather detailing, this dress also features a flattering sweetheart neckline (which means that wearing your most dazzling diamond necklace is a must!) and an extended train for maximum wow factor. Buy this dress now and save it for your biggest event of the year!

Monique Lhuillier fuchsia tulle and feather ballgown, £14,327, available at Far Fetch

What does a chic, romantic, summery dress adorned with feathers look like? Valentino imagined, and then delivered this stunning peacock print feather trimmed silk dress for us to lust after and pack in our summer holiday suitcases for the rest of time. This design has the capability to work in a number of different categories, but nothing evokes delicate and feminine charm quite like the pink hues used here. A relaxed and playful summer must-have to wear to pool parties and rooftop parties alike, with a killer pair of wedges and an oversized pair of sunnies.

Valentino peacock-print feather-trimmed silk dress, £3,700, available at Matches



A subtle yet striking take on the feather trend thanks to Jimmy Choo. This understated clutch bag comes in blush pink as well as black, both of which would complement any evening outfit perfectly. We are slightly more drawn to the pink version though, just because of the romantic and feminine vibe it gives off. Jimmy Choo ballet pink 'Cloud' clutch, £1,495, available at Jimmy Choo



Hot off the Autumn/Winter 2019 runway – and we really do mean hot off it – is the piece that initially grabbed our attention at New York Fashion Week and inspired this entire feature. Yes, we're talking about the Prabal Gurung Karaj Raglan oversized feather coat, and it's already available to pre-order! This coat is everything we love about fashion in a voluminous, technicolour package. Lucky shoppers can get their hands on it as early as July, so let's cross our fingers and toes that we are first on the waiting list!

Prabal Gurung Karaj Raglan oversized feather jacket, £6,834, available at Moda Operandi



Feather trends may come and go, but a feather bolero is forever! Boleros will always have a place in our hearts, as well as our wardrobes, because of their class and functionality at all VIP events. They tick all the boxes when it comes to accessorising with our finest, red-carpet-worthy evening dresses, especially when there might be a very slight chill in the air. Keeping us warm yet maintaining the utmost class and style prowess? That is the power of a hardworking bolero, and this Isabel Sanchis silk reversible feather bolero is one of our favourites out there.

Isabel Sanchis silk reversible feather bolero, £6,099, available at Far Fetch

Style crushing on...

# NICOLE *Kidman*

Let's all bow down to Queen Kidman – red carpet royalty.

There's no two ways about it, Nicole Kidman is fearless when she walks a red carpet. What with her statuesque body and enviable supermodel figure, it's no wonder that she is every designer's dream to dress. And she certainly does every piece she wears justice, always bringing her A game to each and every occasion. Although her style is always evolving, we know what we can expect with Nicole Kidman. We know that the sartorially savvy actress will give us elegant, demure, clean, fashion forward, and age-appropriate looks worthy of even the most selective of best dressed lists. Timeless style from a timeless

A-lister – young Hollywood has a lot to learn from her!

There are red carpet dresses that will go down in history. Elizabeth Hurley's safety pin Versace dress in 1994, Jennifer Lawrence's Dior gown that she wore when she picked up her Oscar for 'Silver Linings Playbook', Jennifer Lopez's plunging Versace dress from the 2000 Grammys, Lady Gaga's infamous meat dress from the 2010 MTV VMAs... and you can bet that Nicole Kidman's strapless Dior ballgown from the 2013 Cannes Film Festival is up there too. And speaking of unforgettable dresses, who can forget her embroidered dress from the 2017 Cannes Film Festival which took a whopping 1,000 hours to make? As you can tell, this selection of Nicole Kidman's style victories is going to be epic!

Nicole Kidman is a seasoned pro, not just on the red carpet, but in her acting field too. We've never been able to resist Nicole Kidman on the silver screen, but we were even more thrilled when she came into our living rooms onto the small screen in, let's face it, one of the most successful television shows of the past few years. We are of course talking about 'Big Little Lies', for which Nicole Kidman put in a sensational, award-winning performance as Celeste Wright. (Yes, the red Calvin Klein dress she wore to accept her Emmy for her role is in here... how could it not be?)

As the show is returning to our television screens in just a few months, we thought that now would be the perfect time to fangirl over the actress – in particular her recent red carpet victories. Of which, as you can imagine, there have been many!

Let's take a look at just a few of our favourite stand-out Nicole Kidman red carpet moments...



## ■ *At the 2017 Screen Actors Guild Awards in Gucci*

When Nicole Kidman does colour, she REALLY does colour! This stunning green sequin and fringe dress from Gucci was screaming to be worn to an awards season red carpet, and Nicole Kidman couldn't have been a better choice for it to get its well-deserved outing. It's safe to say that Nicole Kidman stole the show in Gucci's parakeet dress, complete with a daring plunging neckline and a dramatic train. The dress needed someone of Nicole's statuesque frame and fearless red carpet presence to pull it off; and she certainly didn't disappoint. We don't remember who won what at the SAG Awards, but we will always remember this glorious red carpet moment.

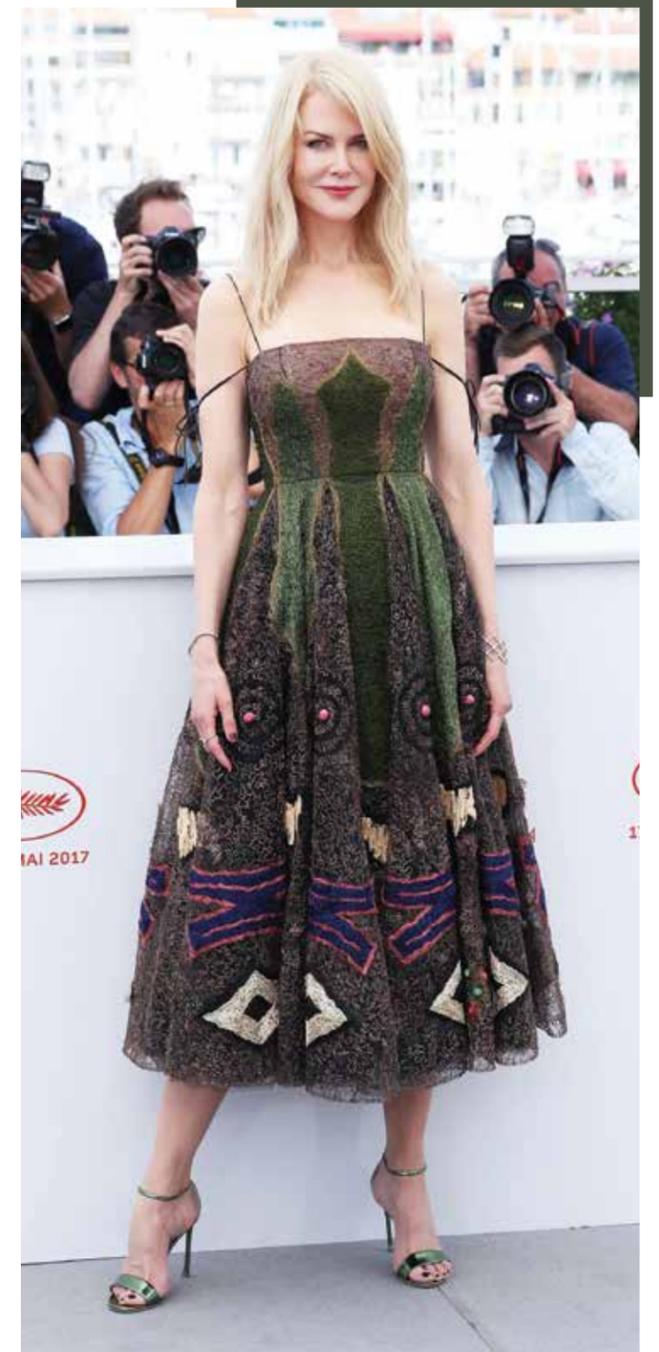


## ■ *At the 2013 Cannes Film Festival in Dior*

This look may now be over five years old (time really does fly, doesn't it?) but it still takes our breath away every single time we look at it. We still feel that same rush of excitement that we did all those years ago! One of the most iconic red carpet dresses not just in Nicole Kidman's timeline but in history. Looks like this are why we love the Cannes Film Festival so much, and Nicole Kidman has never let us down! The beauty of the Dior dress was enhanced even more by the fuchsia heels – there could have been no better footwear choice! – and her sleek yet bold hair and make-up choices completed the look perfectly.

## ■ *At the 2018 Oscars in Armani Prive*

On a red carpet of gold, silver and subtle hued dresses, Nicole Kidman's striking blue dress was exactly what was needed. There was so much to love about her Oscars 2018 look. As well as her bold, cobalt blue dress which came complete with voluminous peplum detailing in the shape of a bow, her hair and make-up was also a big hit for us too. The slicked back hairdo isn't one we are used to seeing on big awards ceremony red carpets these days, but perhaps Nicole Kidman's effortless execution might make stars change their minds for coming events. Either way, this look was something pretty spectacular!



## ■ *At the 2017 Cannes Film Festival in Dior*

This was the dress that everyone was talking about throughout the entire Cannes Film Festival back in 2017. And it's cropped up in many a conversation ever since. Nicole Kidman's sensational dress which she wore to the 'The Killing of a Sacred Deer' photocall took no less than 1000 hours to make – and we know it was worth every single second. Everyone involved in the construction of the embroidered raffia and pearl dress can hold their heads up high with enormous pride that their hard-work will go down in fashion and Hollywood history!

■ *At the 2017 Cannes Film Festival in custom Calvin Klein*

Not many women who are nearing their fifties (yes, you read that right!) would brave a ballerina inspired look, for fear of looking childish and age-inappropriate. However, Nicole Kidman laughs in the face of fear, especially when it comes to the red carpet. We couldn't be happier that Nicole Kidman is so fearless on the red carpet and took this sartorial risk, because it will undoubtedly go down in history. Raf Simons knew exactly what he was doing when he designed this heavenly dress, and Nicole Kidman was the ultimate star to showcase it. The slicked back poker straight hair was the perfect accompaniment, as was her staple bold red lip. And as for the leather heels which toughened up the otherwise romantic look? An inspired decision! We have chills just writing about it!



■ *At the 2018 Academy of Country Music Awards in Michael Kors*

Nicole Kidman gave us some truly mesmerising looks last year, proving that like a fine wine, her style may very well be getting better with age. The actress went for gold at the 2018 ACM Awards, in terms of dress colour and wow factor. Her neck-high glittering golden dress certainly got people talking, as it was modest and conservative in the front, yet left little to the imagination at the back. We love a red carpet risk, and this dress certainly is the epitome of a red carpet risk. It definitely paid off – we are still talking about it for all the right reasons!



■ *At the 2017 Emmys in Calvin Klein by Appointment*

This is the dress you came here for. This is the dress that instantly came to our minds the second we were tasked (we say tasked, but we really mean gifted) with writing about Nicole Kidman's latest style hits. We are of course referring to the red hot Calvin Klein dress that Nicole Kidman wore to the Emmy Awards in 2017; made even more memorable thanks to her highly deserved Emmy win! This highly glamorous Calvin Klein by Appointment dress seemed to have it all. The bold colour (it doesn't get much bolder than red, does it?), the ultra-feminine silhouette that stood out from a sea of structured shapes, and of course the almost blinding sparkling chain detailing – we really were spoiled! And to top it off, pink Calvin Klein sandals – which may or may not divide people who are against the colour clashing – and \$2 million worth of Harry Winston jewellery.



■ *At the 2018 Screen Actors Guild Awards in Armani Prive*

Nicole Kidman's mesmerising Screen Actors Guild Awards dress may have been one of our favourite Nicole Kidman red carpet looks of the year, and we know that we don't have to work too hard to defend our opinion. She dazzled onto the red carpet in her golden, glittering Armani Prive gown, complete with bold red lips and a Hollywood screen siren hairdo. But her sartorial victory was just the beginning, as she also picked up the award for 'Outstanding Performance by a Female Actor in a TV Movie or Limited Series' for her role in 'Big Little Lies'. Victory on and off the red carpet, Nicole Kidman can do no wrong!

■ *At the 'Beguiled' screening at 2017 Cannes Film Festival in Michael Kors*

Nicole Kidman didn't really give anyone else a chance at the 2017 Cannes Film Festival, with one flawless outfit after another. She knocked it out of the park with her jaw-dropping ensembles each and every time, and the 'Beguiled' screening was most certainly no exception. Nicole Kidman went flapper chic for the screening, and at the same time, encouraged us to channel our inner flapper girls too. We were stunned, yet again, when we saw her arrive on the red carpet so effortlessly. We love that she went back to her usual slim and slender silhouette, but with an added twist thanks to the fringe detailing which no doubt made for some magical movement. Simply stunning!



■ *At the 2019 Critics Choice Awards in Armani Prive*

Ethereal, dramatic, and completely awe-inspiring. We will never stop gushing over Nicole Kidman and the red carpet power she possesses. Or should we say blue carpet for the Critics Choice Awards? The figure-hugging – and in Nicole Kidman's case, figure-flattering – Armani Prive dress was pure perfection, and the interesting curved silhouette was what really made the look pop. The dress made its debut on the AW18 runway, and it needed someone of Nicole's stature and presence to do it justice. The actress is never afraid to flaunt her figure – and this dress was the perfect way to do it while also adding drama and movement.

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## AUTUMN/WINTER 2019

### *The Biggest Trends of the New Season!*

Forward-thinking, directional, powerful, electric, eccentric – these are just some of the words that are associated with the Autumn/Winter 2019 season. This season seemed to wrap up a lot of trends and notions that the fashion world has been experimenting with over the past few years, while paving the way for an exciting new decade ahead. The first collections of 2020 are only a few months away after all, and you can bet that designers are already dreaming up their experimental new season pieces!

But enough about what's to come, as the current Autumn/Winter 2019 season was more than enough to get our pulses racing. Powerful was one of the first descriptions of the new season, and for good reason, thanks to a slew of power suits that strutted down the catwalks. If women didn't feel empowered before...

As well as sharp suits – and a fair selection of deconstructed, relaxed ones too thanks to a number of slits and cuts – there were many other exciting trends to take over the Autumn/Winter 2019 catwalks too. Purple, teal and super-bright neons are the undisputed colours of the season, which means we can bid adieu to the drab browns and greys more commonly associated with a toned down winter wardrobe. Eccentricity is at its finest thanks to a catwalk infusion of feathers, while the cold will be kept well and truly at bay thanks to leather on leather looks and oversized fur coats.

Oversized coats and voluminous silhouettes may be the new trend, but that doesn't mean that the waist should be ignored either. Cinching the waist has never been more important, as this season provided us with belted coats to give us warmth without losing that feminine silhouette, as well as a host of outfits teamed with waist defining belts. Best of all, there's no need to splash out on a new outfit to be AW19 ready – make your belt your best friend and evoke new-season style by adding that one simple accessory to your existing staples. Easy!

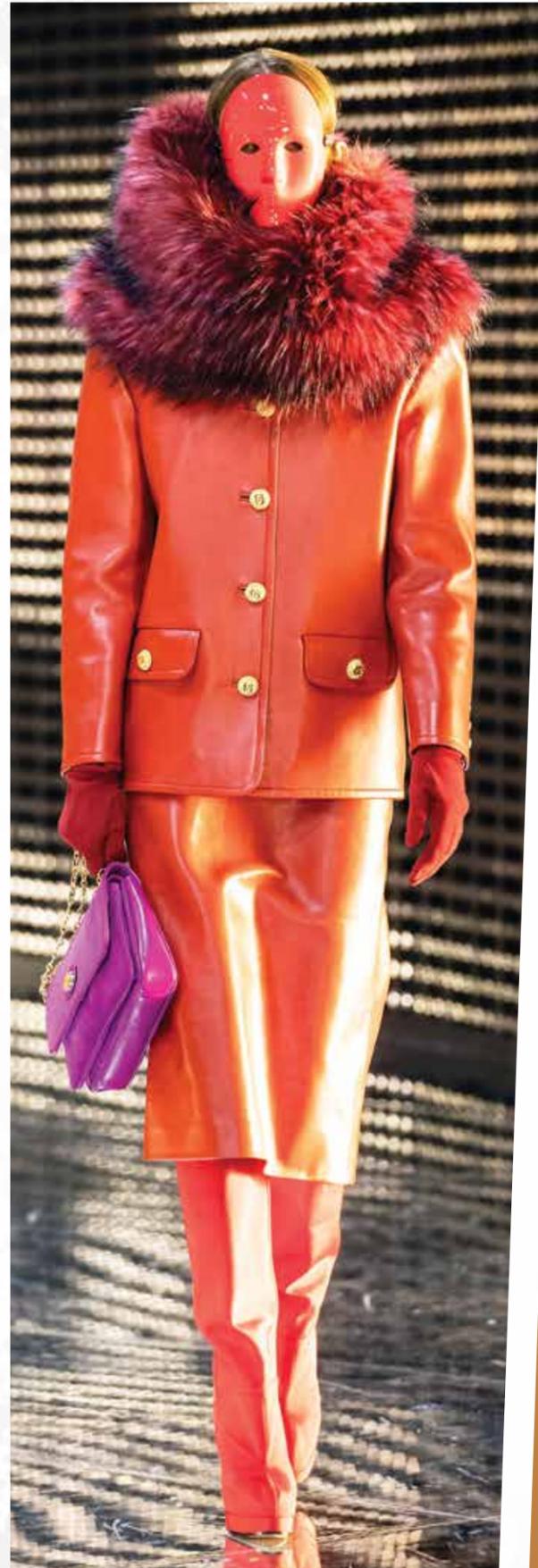
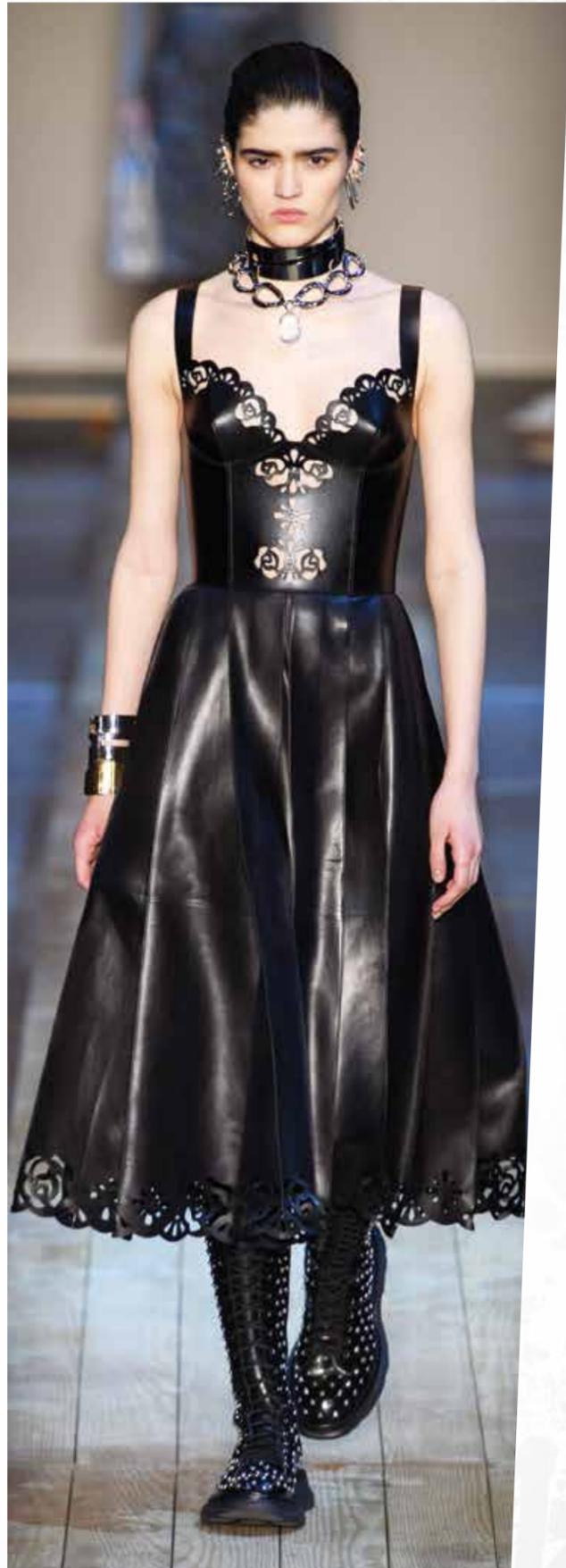
Let's take a look at some of the hottest trends of the AW19 season...

### *Leather on leather*

Forget double denim, because the new season is all about double leather. Triple and maybe even quadruple leather if you want to push the boat out. Leather is the must-have fabric of the season, and AW19 is about going so much further than a slightly rebellious pair of leather trousers, or a fierce leather jacket. It's all about teaming your leather with, well – leather, and no other accompaniment will suffice!

Leather lovers have the likes of Zimmermann, 3.1 Phillip Lim, Cushnie, Sies Marjan, Acne, Altuzarra, Chanel, Celine, Dior, Ferragamo, Gucci, Hermes, Off White and Alexander McQueen – to name just a few – to thank for the trend.

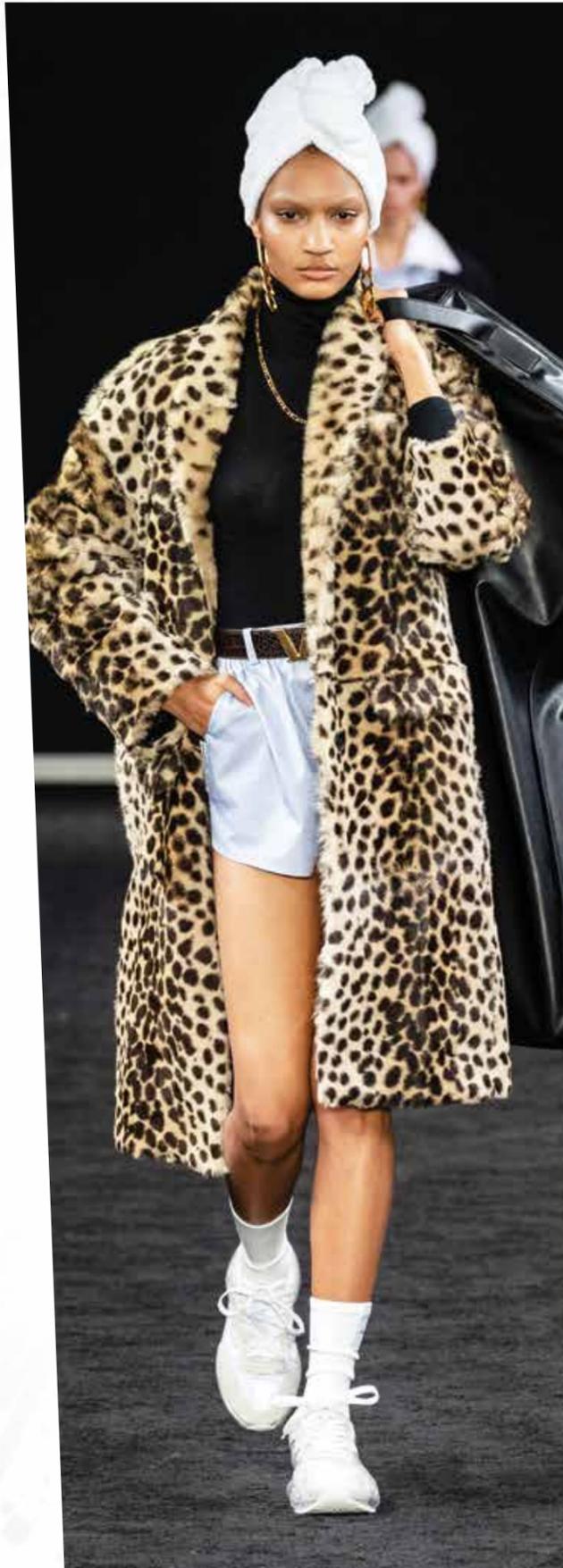




## *Welcome to the jungle*

Animal prints got even wilder this season, thanks to a whole host of zebra print, tiger print and leopard print pieces that emerged on the catwalks. The new season's dramatic animal print pieces are sure to get you noticed, so wear as you dare! Proenza Schouler, Mary Katrantzou, Balenciaga, Kate Spade, 3.1 Phillip Lim, Zimmermann, Coach and so many more contributed to the wild animal trend, so you know exactly where to start shopping to get your new-season pieces before everyone else!





## *Suits you*

As we mentioned earlier, suits were absolutely everywhere this fashion month, with crisp, sharp and expertly tailored creations aplenty; with some relaxed pieces thrown in for good measure too. Skirt suits, trousers suits, suits in all shapes, fabrics and sizes made appearances on the runways. No suit is a bad suit! Givenchy, Dolce and Gabbana, Balenciaga, Alexander McQueen, Tom Ford, Saint Laurent, Gucci, Chanel, Proenza Schouler, Alexander Wang and Giorgio Armani all gave suits their stamps of approval, and did so in their unique and distinctive ways. The office is about to become a lot more exhilarating!





## *Turn up the volume*

Rodarte, Marc Jacobs, Alexander McQueen, Erdem, Mary Katrantzou, Dolce and Gabbana and Brandon Maxwell are just a few of the big names to go big this season. Just when we thought silhouettes couldn't get any more voluminous, designers around the globe have pumped up the volume to give us some of the most gargantuan pieces we think have ever hit the runway. We aren't even exaggerating – although as you can see from the pictures, the same can't be said for these new Autumn/Winter 2019 pieces...





## *Fab fur*

Fur coats – faux or the real deal – are once again going to dominate the outerwear field next season. Whatever your preference, real or otherwise, there is no shortage of fur/fur inspired pieces to keep out the chill and make a huge entrance at the same time. Head to Max Mara, Michael Kors, Shrimps, Off White, Stella McCartney – who undoubtedly is in the faux fur camp – Lanvin and 3.1 Phillip Lim to get you started!





## *Feathers*

There was no shortage of plumage on the AW19 catwalks, which means they will find their way into our new season wardrobes rather imminently. Ruffle a few feathers and do drama the AW19 way! From Studio 54 inspired feather accents at Michael Kors, to luxurious ball gowns at Marc Jacobs, to subtle decorations at Erdem, and even some feathery footwear at Giambattista Valli and Saint Laurent, feathers were absolutely everywhere! You can choose to rock feathers any way your sartorial style dictates – be as flamboyant, as fierce or as subtle as you want. (Ps: you can get your feather fix by flicking to our 'Trend to Try: Feathers' piece, as we show you a very tempting selection of feather pieces that you can snap up right this very second!)





## *Purple and teal*

Are we cheating by including two colours here? We don't think so – and may we even be as bold as to suggest mixing and matching the two? Madness! In all four cities, purples and teals dominated the catwalks, which means that we don't need a crystal ball to tell us that the end of the year is going to be a colourful one. We won't be as heartbroken to say goodbye to summer thanks to the infusion of AW colours that await us.





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## *Modern tweed and revamped plaid*

Tweed and winter go hand in hand, which is why we are delighted to see it so abundantly this autumn/winter 2019 season. As much as we like changing the game with bright colours and new silhouettes, we also can't help but love the traditional trends too – and tweed is just that. And plaid – another winter fave – had a bit of a modern make-over this season too, and as a result, we got the best of both worlds! A very grateful round of applause to Victoria Beckham, Salvatore Ferragamo, JW Anderson, Lanvin, Chanel and Marc Jacobs to name just a few for always daring to do something new and make our wardrobes as exciting as can be!



Goodbye

# KARL LAGERFELD



This was a bittersweet season, as we lost one of the greatest visionaries just weeks before the start of fashion month. Chanel creative director Karl Lagerfeld sadly passed away at the age of 85 on February 19, breaking hearts around the world. He was immediately succeeded by his right hand, Virginie Viard. The new creative director was described as Karl Lagerfeld's "secret weapon" and his "most important person", which is why we are confident that his legacy will live on for years to come. The real test will be in October when the Spring/Summer 2020 Chanel collection will be unveiled...



We want to take a closer look at some pictures from the Chanel AW19 collection, the very last collection to be dreamed up by the German designer. Our former cover star Penelope Cruz walked the runway in one of Karl Lagerfeld's designs while holding a white rose in his memory, and getting emotional in the process. As did the majority of the models, who couldn't hold back their tears in remembrance of the designer. From Cara Delevingne to Kaia Gerber, all of the models were visibly shaken by his absence, as were FROWers such as Marion Cotillard, Naomi Campbell, Kristen Stewart, Ashley Benson, Claudia Schiffer and Janelle Monae, among others. Chanel will never be quite the same... Goodnight, Kaiser Karl – you will never be forgotten!



## Awards Season

# RED CARPET HIGHLIGHTS

## *(The Oscars Edition!)*

We whet your appetites for awards season in our last issue, as we fawned over the A-listers that graced the respective Golden Globes, Critics Choice Awards and Screen Actors Guild Awards red carpets. But it goes without saying that the Oscars – and all of the equally glamorous after-parties that follow – are the cherry on top of awards season, as the best is well and truly saved 'til last.

Apart from a no show from former First Avenue cover star Emily Blunt – was it because she and husband John Krasinski felt they were snubbed for 'Mary Poppins Returns' and 'A Quiet Place' despite many victories at other awards ceremonies? No one can really know for sure, but their absence was certainly felt – the Oscars didn't disappoint. Everyone we expected to show up and slay on the red carpet did just that, which is why we can't wait to get straight down to business and talk about this year's highlights.

You can expect appearances from First Avenue cover stars Lady Gaga, Jennifer Lopez and Emma Stone, among a whole host of other well-dressed ladies. And it goes without saying, but it was exceptionally difficult to narrow down our selection – don't be disheartened if your best dressed lady hasn't made an appearance.

Let's take a look at the Oscars ceremony and after-party looks that did make the cut...

### *Lady Gaga in Alexander McQueen at the 2019 Oscars*

We may be a bit biased because we've lost count of the amount of times we have seen – and cried during – 'A Star is Born', but Lady Gaga was top of our list when it came to anticipating the red carpet arrivals. Despite going for a simple black dress, which is extremely understated as far as Lady Gaga is concerned, the Oscar-nominated (and now Oscar-winning) singer turned actress simply glowed on the red carpet. We couldn't help but gaze at her in awe as she floated onto the red carpet in her elegant Alexander McQueen ball-gown, accessorised perfectly with elbow-length gloves and the biggest Tiffany & Co yellow diamond necklace we've ever seen. History lesson: the priceless necklace was previously worn by style goddess Audrey Hepburn on the 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' promo trail. What an honour!

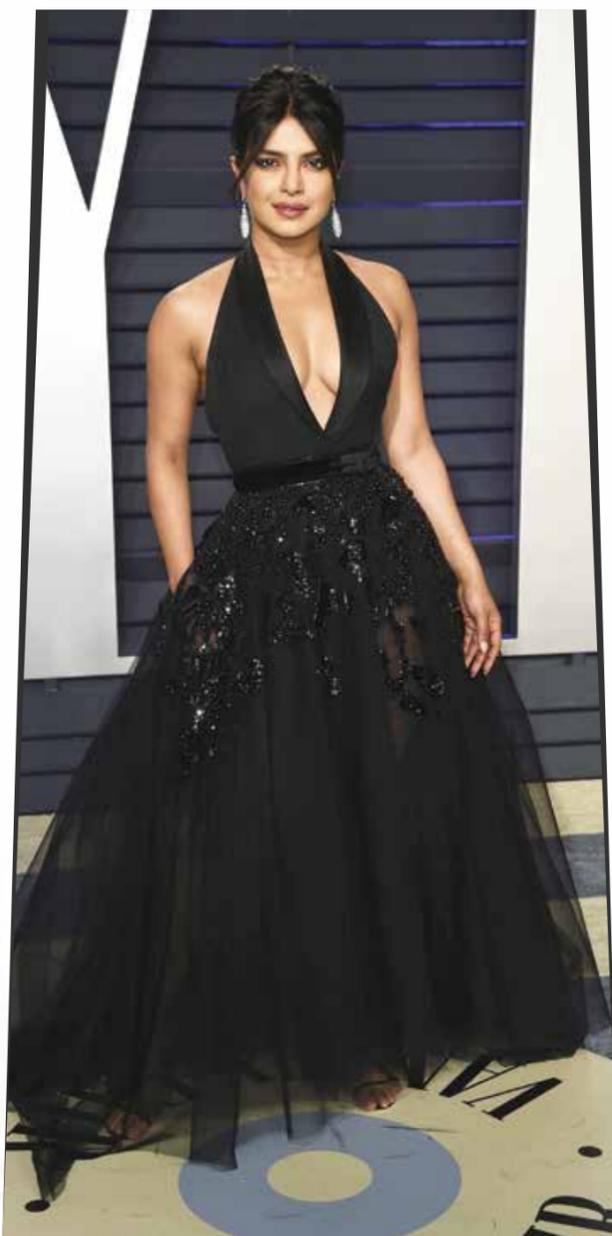


### *Brie Larson in Celine by Hedi Slimane at the 2019 Oscars*

Sparkles AND a daring slit? Now we're talking! Brie Larson knows how to get our pulses racing, and teaming sparkles with a slim, sexy silhouette and a daring thigh grazing slit is just the way to do it. The former Oscar-winning actress encompassed Academy Awards glamour perfectly in her metallic Celine gown, and we can't fault her timeless accessories and styling either. Great choice going for a high neckline to add some class to the otherwise daring dress – someone was clearly paying attention in style school!

## *Priyanka Chopra in Elie Saab Couture at the Vanity Fair Oscars after-party*

As far as red carpet couples go, they don't get any cuter than newlyweds Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas. And that's with stiff competition from the likes of John Legend and Chrissy Teigen, Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth, and Jessica Alba and Cash Warren. Priyanka Chopra glowed even more than usual as she attended the Vanity Fair after-party with her new husband. The stunning Elie Saab Couture gown that fit her like a glove definitely played a small part in it – how can it not? – but we think this particular red carpet appearance is all about inner beauty, and the radiance that shone through as she walked hand in hand with her beau. These two are the epitome of couple goals!

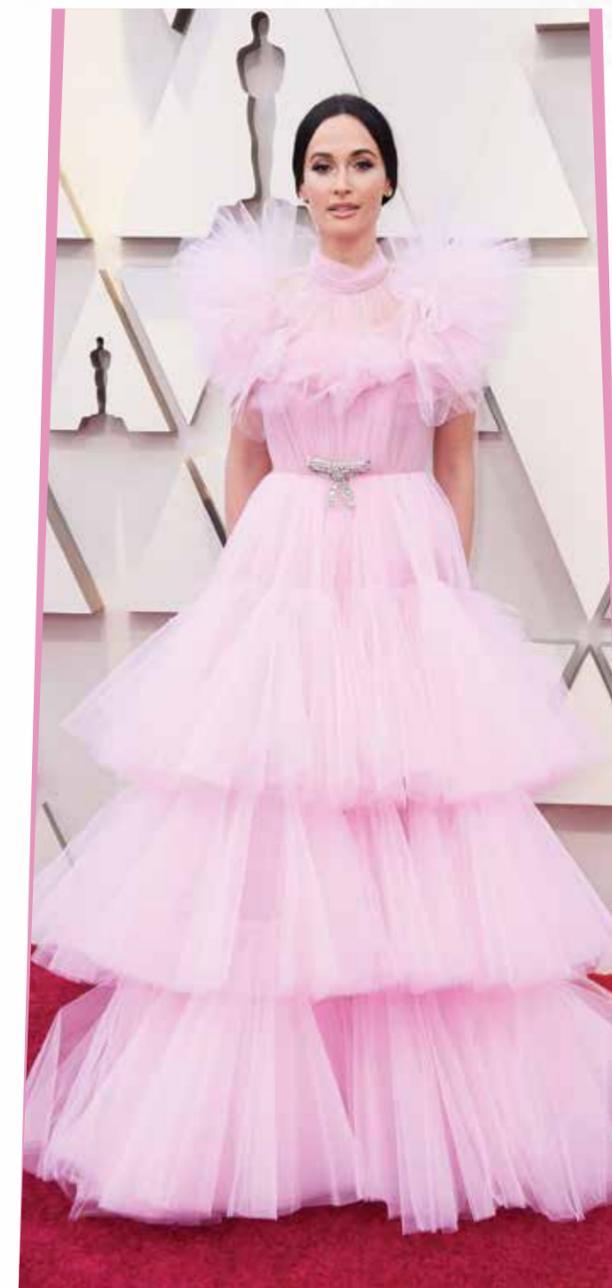


## *Jennifer Lopez in Tom Ford at the 2019 Oscars*

Tom Ford famously only dresses one woman for the Oscars – and this year, the honour went to Jennifer Lopez. Although based on how stunning she looked and how much attention the designer and his dress got, we feel the honour may have been his all along! Jennifer Lopez was the epitome of the glamorous Oscars dress code thanks to her embroidered mirror mosaic gown, made only more striking with the matching metallic Tyler Ellis clutch and her bold make-up. We love how she kept her hair simple; instead of going for an intricate up-do or a voluminous blow out, a side swept sleek and straight 'do was the perfect accompaniment to not overshadow the dress. Ten out of ten for effort and for execution!

## *Gemma Chan in Tom Ford at the Vanity Fair Oscars after-party*

If we had more pages, we wouldn't have hesitated to put Gemma Chan's voluminous bright pink Oscars ceremony dress in this list, as the Crazy Rich Asians actress looked impeccable. However, we also fell in love with her after-party dress too, and we had to make a decision between the two. And in most cases, any hint of sparkle comes out victorious (blame our inner magpies) which is why you are staring at Gemma Chan in her sparkly Tom Ford dress. Gemma Chan's Vanity Fair after-party look ticked all of our boxes in terms of red carpet glam and after-party glam. There's nothing not to love about her head-turning outfit!



## *Kacey Musgraves in Giambattista Valli Couture at the 2019 Oscars*

We always desperately long for someone to wear a strong Giambattista Valli Couture piece to the Oscars, and this year Kacey Musgraves made our dreams come true. We were somewhat emotional when the country singer floated onto the red carpet in her candyfloss coloured Giambattista Valli Couture dress, complete with a voluminous tiered skirt and more tulle than you could shake a stick at. The Oscars red carpet had its fair share of pink dresses, but it goes without saying that Kacey's pastel pink piece was pure perfection. We want Kacey Musgraves and her entire styling team to be in charge of dresses for the 2020 Oscars – someone please tell us that isn't too much to ask?

## *Danai Gurira in Brock Collection at the 2019 Oscars*

It's almost like 'Black Panther' star Danai Gurira had a sixth sense and knew that the movie would make history, as the actress went for gold on the red carpet. Providing us with unquestionably one of the best looks of the entire ceremony, Danai Gurira went for a stunning, romantic, even fairy-tale inspired foil Brock Collection ball-gown that undoubtedly turned heads the entire night. The dress, which was hot off the Brock Collection AW19 runway, was flawlessly styled, too – extra points for keeping her hair in braids and accessorising with a matching gold headband. We have chills!

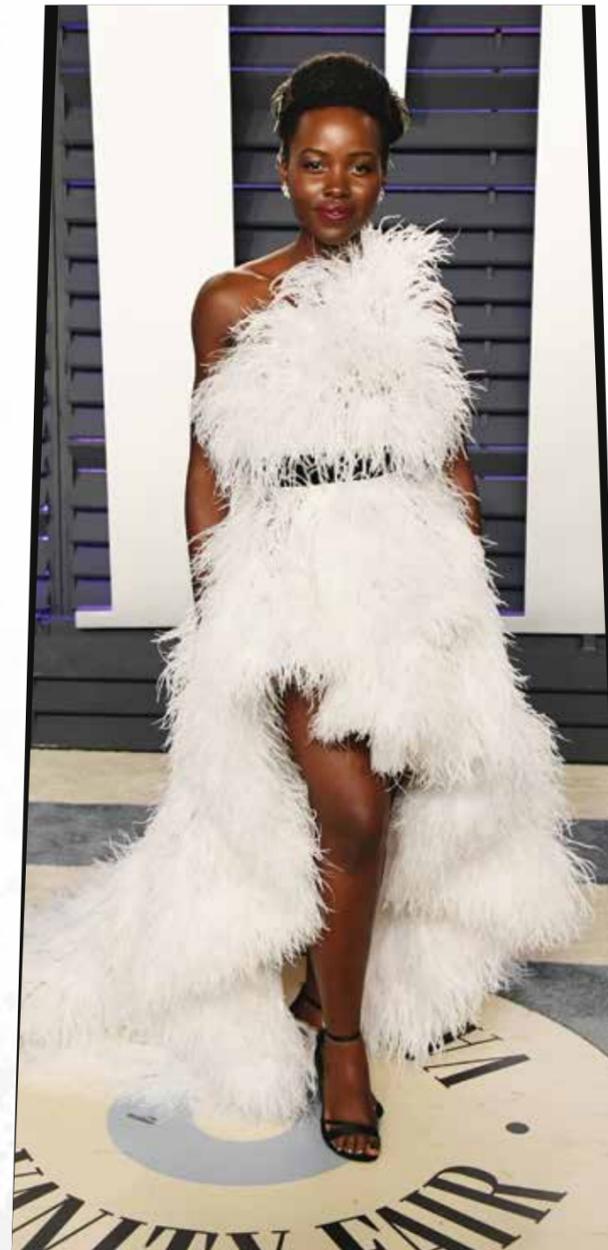


## *Amy Adams in Alexandre Vauthier at the Vanity Fair Oscars after-party*

She played it safe in Atelier Versace for the main ceremony, but Oscar-nominated actress Amy Adams turned up the volume for the after-party. Despite not winning the Oscar, Amy Adams had a lot to celebrate, so we totally understand why she chose to let her hair down (literally, too!) and let go for the after-party. We can't fault her daring Alexandre Vauthier dress, and the styling was beyond perfection. We want to see more bold looks like this on future red carpets!

## *Lupita Nyong'o in Oscar de la Renta at the Vanity Fair Oscars after-party*

'Black Panther' made history at this year's Oscars, but Lupita Nyong'o has been grabbing headlines from the moment she first burst onto the scene. As well as being an Oscar-winning actress thanks to her harrowing, emotional, spine-tingling performance in '12 Years a Slave' back in 2014, Lupita has made quite a name for herself as a fashionable force to be reckoned with. There isn't a single red carpet that she has walked that she hasn't completely rocked, and the Vanity Fair after-party was no exception. Feathers are the hottest trend of the new season, so what did Lupita do? Wear the trendiest feather dress on the red carpet! We rest our case; Lupita is in a league of her own. Untouchable!

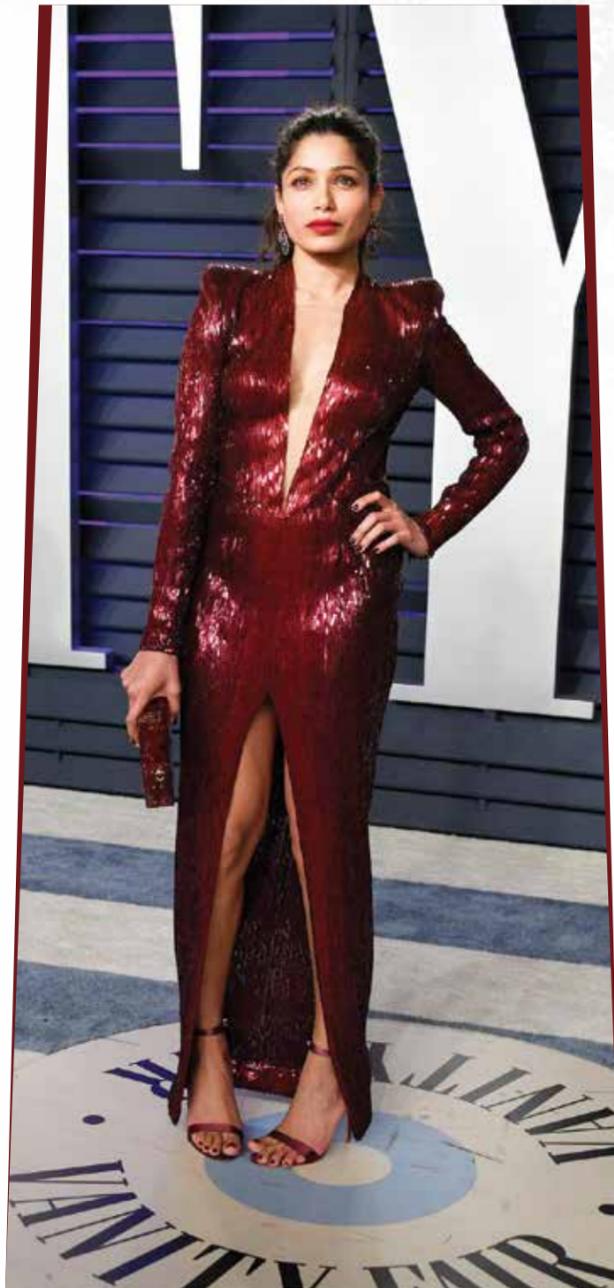


## *Emma Stone in Louis Vuitton at the 2019 Oscars*

Debuting a darker hair colour, Emma Stone rocked the Oscars red carpet. Although we were confident that she would wear Louis Vuitton due to her contract with the French fashion house, the choice of dress pleasantly surprised us. We had her down for a floaty and more romantic dress similar to the one she wore back in 2017 when she collected her 'Best Actress in a Leading Role' Oscar. Instead, she surprised us by going for something daring and fashion forward – the exaggerated shoulders were particularly inspiring – which makes us even more excited about what's to come with her LV partnership. Do you love this look as much as we do?

*Kate Bosworth in Nguyen Cong Tri at the Vanity Fair Oscars after-party*

Every red carpet needs a pop of colour, and for the Vanity Fair after-party, Kate Bosworth provided us with everything we were looking for; and more! We were treated to quite a few brights at the main ceremony thanks to Constance Wu's yellow Versace dress and all the various shades of pink thanks to the likes of Kacey Musgraves, Gemma Chan, Angela Bassett, Sarah Paulson, Helen Mirren and Julia Roberts, among others – but the after-party was lacking the same amount of vibrancy until Kate Bosworth came along. We love the cinched-in waist detailing (very AW19 if we may say!) and the attention-grabbing train too!



*Freida Pinto in Julien Macdonald at the Vanity Fair Oscars after-party*

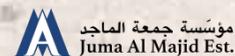
Talk about seduction! Freida Pinto left little to the imagination in a deep, scarlet Julien Macdonald gown with an extremely plunging neck-line and a dangerously high slit; yet still managed to maintain class and elegance on the red carpet. How did she do it? Perhaps it was the gown's long sleeves, or perhaps it was the effortless up-do. Then again, perhaps it was just because she is Freida Pinto, and she can do no wrong. She seldom puts a foot wrong on the red carpet, and the Vanity Fair after-party was no exception. There were so many well-dressed ladies at the after-party, but Freida Pinto grabbed and held our attention from the moment we saw her. Who can blame us?

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