

EMPORIUM | AUTUMN

Essential luxuries for home, life & leisure

Edited by Lynnette Peck Bateman

For her

A HANDLE ON STYLE

This season there is a return to classic handbags – such as the Brea GM by Louis Vuitton, shown here in Monogram Vernis leather. Available in four shades and inspired by the traditional doctor's bag, it is large enough to carry a laptop. Made to last, the Brea GM will be around longer than just one autumn. Buy one in classic black or lipstick red to ensure it matches every outfit.



**BREA GM HANDBAG IN
POMME D'AMOUR | LOUIS
VUITTON | £1,190 |
LOUISVUITTON.COM**

This autumn it's all about black and deep reds – with a splash of grey, says fashion writer Lynnette Peck Bateman



Fashion and beauty are going over to the dark side for autumn/winter with black and shades of deep red making a come-back.

Yes, we are back to black in the world of fashion – again – and you could arguably say, 'black is the new black'. Of course the very wearable 'camel' shade is still a huge fashion colour story and has moved from taupe summer shift dresses to molten-toffee coloured winter capes, as seen at Celine, but dark-dark is more daring. One clothing brand are calling their new season pieces 'Dark Nouveau' and a new beauty range for autumn is called 'Black Velvet Collection'.

But there is a touch of colour there too, with red making a bold appearance. Think red and burgundy lipsticks from the 'Vintage Christmas' collection at Givenchy, silk and cashmere scarlet scarves at Liberty and red and black frocks at Prada and you have a modern take on 1940s style. This is all about nostalgia and a harking back to a time that is now perceived as more rose-tinted than ours. This summer there was a vintage festival for the first time called Vintage at Goodwood and popular singers such as Katy Perry and Christina Aguilera dressed in vintage-style. If a neutral palette is more your style then grey is all a go, too, and if you mix a grey silk evening dress from Suzannah with some grey pearls, a slash of red lipstick and throw on a black cape, you too can be the season's fashion goddess.



GOLD PLATED HAMMERED BIRD CUFF
WENDY MINK | £120 | LIBERTY.CO.UK

For her

BROWN DIAMOND & BLACK KASHI PEARL EARRINGS
CELIA WEINSTOCK | £19,035 | LYMEFINEJEWELLERY.COM



RED PAISLEY EMBROIDERED CASHMERE SHAWL | KRYSTALL
BY MS DESIGN | £490 | KRYSTALLMSDESIGNS.COM



VINTAGE CHRISTMAS COLLECTION | GIVENCHY
FROM £12.50 | GIVENCHY.COM



'VANESSA' BLACK SHOES | GWENDOLYN CARRIE | £415 | GWENDOLYNCARRIE.COM



ONE-SHOULDER BALLOON HEM DRESS IN SLATE | SUZANNAH | £425 | SUZANNAH.COM

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At home



THE BITTERN WALLPAPER
GRAHAM & BROWN
£30 PER ROLL | GRAHAMBROWN.COM

SQUIRREL & DOVE WALLPAPER IN TEAL/RED
SANDERSON | £36 PER ROLL | SANDERSON-UK.COM

BIRDCAGE WALK WALLPAPER | FABRICS & PAPERS | £40.87 PER ROLL | FABRICSANDPAPERS.COM

TROPICAL BIRDS FROM FRONTIER COLLECTION
COLE & SON | £65 PER ROLL | COLE-AND-SON.COM

UP, UP AND AWAY

Birds are flying around in the world of interiors this year and range from doves to swallows to even birdcages printed on furnishings and walls. So, opt for some luxurious wallpaper to brighten up any room in the house. Here are four of the best bird-printed wallpapers to keep you singing all winter long.

At night

COME DINE WITH ME

It is time to dress up smart with these classic, yet still on-trend, pieces that deserve to take pride of place in any gentleman's wardrobe – with some of the best designers, all in the latest materials and in just about any shade imaginable.

WINDSOR PEAK LAPEL VELVET JACKET | TOM FORD | £2,100 | HARRODS.COM

SILK SHIRT | BUDD OF PICCADILLY | £155

GROSGRAIN BOW TIE | DRAKES | £65 | DRAKES-LONDON.COM

TWILL SILK HAND-ROLLED POCKET SQUARE | NEW & LINGWOOD | £30 | NEWANDLINGWOOD.COM

SHAGRIN AND SHELL WITH BLUE TOPAZ 'SNAIL' CUFFLINKS | KIKI McDONOUGH | £1,800 | KIKI.CO.UK

BURGUNDY DOT BRACES | ALBERT THURSTON | FROM £45 | ALBERTTHURSTON.COM

As we approach the festive season, Mansel Fletcher, Executive Style Editor of Esquire gives his thoughts on Black Tie



ONYX AND DIAMOND SHIRT STUDS | HAMILTON & INCHES | £385 SET OF FOUR | HAMILTONANDINCHES.COM



MAYFAIR DINNER SUIT | HACKETT | £600 | HACKETT.COM



LONG SILK SOCKS | BUDD OF PICCADILLY | £27.50



SINATRA HIGHLY POLISHED CALF-SKIN SHOES | GAZIANO & GIRLING | £590 | GAZIANO&GIRLING.COM

Obviously every man ought to own a dinner jacket, but he really ought to own two. This is because of the dichotomy between the two arenas in which dinner jackets are worn. Work dos usually call for sober outfits, so an ideal jacket will be black with peak lapels, be double or single breasted according to preference, have matching grosgrain silk on the lapels (and down the seam of the trousers' legs), have, in addition to the breast pocket, two jetted hip pockets (without flaps) and cloth-covered buttons.

If you want to make an impression on private occasions, however, try a velvet smoking jacket. I'd suggest a shawl collar, again either double- or single-breasted. Claret red, bottle green, rich navy or even nearly azure blue will be eye-catching. Luckily the rest of the outfit needn't change with the jacket. The only tie to wear is a proper grosgrain black silk bow, not least because clip-on ties can't hang down either side of an open shirt collar after an energetic spell of dancing. The shirt should be in white cotton with a Marcella front and holes for shirt studs, but in winter a heavy cream silk shirt with a fly front is better; both should have soft collars and double cuffs.

The trousers, which never have turn-ups, must be high enough to ensure no shirt fabric is visible beneath the jacket's button when it's done up – a low-cut waistcoat is a better guard against this than a cummerbund. The socks, which are ideally silk, must be long, black and fine – the spell of elegance cast by the dinner jacket will be broken if you flash pale hairy ankles between the top of your socks and the hem of your trousers when you sit down. Bear in mind that you're going to be enjoying food, drink and dance in your suit; if you wear trousers with braces, the trousers' waistband can be worn comfortably loose. Shoes should be highly polished black calf leather oxford lace-ups, ideally whole cut and with silk ribbons as laces. However, if you're wearing a velvet jacket to a private party another dandyish touch is to wear black velvet Albert slippers, rather than shoes.

Either way the required accessories are a cream silk pocket square, shirt studs and cufflinks, a simple watch and a beautiful woman.



FLAT CAPS | BERNARD WEATHERILL | £105 EACH | BERNARDWEATHERILL.COM



PHEASANT WOOL AND SILK TIE | BERNARD WEATHERILL | £95 | BERNARDWEATHERILL.COM



SPORT FOR MEN | BURBERRY | £48 | BURBERRY.COM

For him

LEAGUE OF GENTLEMEN

Indulge with this selection of gentlemen's accessories for yourself or as a gift.

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'SOLO' HEADPHONES
| BEATS | £149.99 |
BEATSBYDRE.COM

INSPECT OUR GADGETS

From the ultimate noise-blocking headphones to the latest iPad accessories or Samsung's astonishingly thin (8mm) new TV, this autumn, there's technology to enjoy.



SKIN CLEANING SYSTEM
IN CHARCOAL GREY
| CLARISONIC | £175 |
HARRODS.COM



ALL-IN-ONE KEYBOARD CASE
& STAND FOR IPAD | CLAMCASE
| PRICE ON APPLICATION |
CLAMCASE.COM



M80 STEREO IN CHESTNUT
| MERIDIAN | £1,495 |
THEHOMECINEMACENTRE.CO.UK



9000 55" LED TV
| SAMSUNG | £5,999 |
SAMSUNG.COM/UK