

New Season Fashion Special

To coincide with start of the new season *Lucy Pridden* celebrates the best of British fashion, beauty and accessories



War Paint

Pop Beauty is a family run British business producing makeup in a wide range of vibrant hues to complement all skin tones. Founded by music legend Sara Strand, the brilliant Backstage Buzz make up kits hold everything you need to create the latest catwalk trend for sultry smudged eyes. The kit comes in two colour ways: Natural Soot focuses on soft greys mixed with gold for a glamorous edge, while Midnight Soot combines midnight blue and emerald green with heaver black and glitter liners.

Pop Beauty
Available from Top Shop
214 Oxford Street, W1
or online at www.popbeauty.co.uk

Bags of Style

Pringle of Scotland has turned their considerable talents to accessories with fantastic results. Taking inspiration from their knitwear there are five ranges of bags on offer. Created in butter soft nappa leather, the Cable bags come in three styles embellished with elaborate cable embroidery. The Knots line features oversized totes along with smaller bags with intricate lines of delicately woven knots in contrasting tones and Soft Pleats are made in gently pleated leather with a vintage turnlock closure. For evening, there are classic clutches and for less formal occasions the Jewel Studs range in patent leather add an urban feel for day or night.

Pringle of Scotland, 141 Sloane Street, SW1
020 7259 1660 www.pringleofscotland.co.uk



Head Girl

Gina Foster is the hottest new milliner in town. After an apprenticeship with legendary designer Stephen Jones, Foster launched her eponymous range in 2006. The colourful autumn-winter 2008 collection is aptly named The Sweet Shop as each hat is named after a favourite vintage sweet. Working from her designs, Foster will hand make a hat or headpiece to complement any outfit and advocates hat wearing not just for formal events but for walking the dog and doing the grocery shopping too. Get in quick as her collection is beautifully made and incredibly reasonably priced, but once word gets out she's bound to have long waiting list.

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Real Gold

For 20 years British Jewellery Designer of the Year, Alex Monroe, has been producing jewellery with an ethereal quality. Inspired by the simple beauty of nature each piece has a lightness and delicacy to it – as if a real feather or tiny flower has been dipped in gold. Monroe's love of the great outdoors and his passion for travel are evident in his designs. In the Enchanted collection tiny dragonflies are suspended as earrings and miniature golden snails hang from necklaces. Whilst the Calabria range, which mixes floral montages and swooping swallows, has been inspired by holidays in southern Italy. Alex Monroe's jewellery bypasses seasonal trends, his designs are beautiful, timeless and always much admired.

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