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WHY SHE
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miuccia PRADA

A style icon for more than 30 years, Miuccia Prada long ago designed her own uniform: *luxe* skirts paired with *classic* tops, statement shoes and just the right amount of *sparkle*



| LIVE IN SKIRTS |

Bold Bottoms

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- (1) ANNE FONTAINE cotton blend blouse, \$250; annefontaine.com for stores.
 (2) SUZANNA DAI beads and chain on silk-ribbon necklace, \$382; suzannadai.com.
 (3) RAFAELLA cotton blend skirt, \$58; belk.com.
 (4) PRADA hemp and polyvinyl chloride sandals, \$720; prada.com for stores.



| MAKE A STATEMENT |

Textural Accessories

Prada uses chunky hardware and embellished extras to great effect. She might layer on a striking textural piece, like the gladiator tunic above, or go the delicate route, adding sparkle in the form of a diamond-encrusted brooch, a gem-dipped hairpiece or a neckload of chains.

GLITTERY TOTE

Prada is legendary for combining materials in a surprising way. This carpenter-style tote is hemp topped with crystals.

- (5) PRADA hemp with crystal bag, \$2,650; select Neiman Marcus stores, 888-888-4757.

- (6) STRENESE viscose top, \$450; Mr. Ooley's, 405-879-0888.
 (7) ADAM embellished dress, \$1,395; shopadam.com.
 (8) COLE HAAN patent leather belt, \$48; colehaan.com.
 (9) TALBOTS silk blend skirt, \$129; talbots.com.
 (10) CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN leather peep toe heels, \$995; 212-396-1884.

“I DON'T WANT my women to look like caricatures—simple as that,” designer Miuccia Prada has said. “For me the goal is to be sexy in a different way.” The Prada look has been described by fashion insiders as brainy beauty, and although it is highly designed, it's also body friendly: Styles are covered up, shapes are forgiving (almost boxy), and colors are unusually combined. “Daring to wear something different takes effort,” Prada has said. “Being elegant isn't easy. You have to study it, like cuisine and art.”

Prada didn't plan to work in the fashion business. Born and raised in Milan, she studied political science before joining her grandfather's fledgling leather-goods business in 1978. Her breakout design was a plain black nylon backpack with an inverted triangle logo, which attained worldwide cult status, and slowly she grew the brand with the help of her husband and business partner, Patrizio Bertelli. Shoes were introduced in 1985; her first clothing collection followed in 1988, and a men's line in 1994.



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