

Spring trends

Nathalie Atkinson's seasonal cheat sheet on the essential trends that will update a gal's wardrobe this spring — for more, or less (next week: the guys get the goods)



1. The chic anorak

Dries van Noten and Lanvin brought the sporty anorak back into fashion, with upscale details like rolled collars, silk drawstrings and toggles.

Less Khaki military-inspired anorak (similar to the one pictured), \$148 at **Gap** (gap.com)

More A water-resistant anorak with rolled collar by Hilary Radley (also in black or beige), \$250 at **The Bay**

2. The turban

The fitted headdress is perfect for hiding a bad-hair day. Caution: Wear it casually to avoid any resemblance to Norma Desmond or Johnny Carson as Carnac the Magnificent.

Less Turbans and turban-knot headbands in taffeta, silk straw or raw silk, from \$80 to \$100 (in assorted colours) at **Lilliput Hats** and **Holt Renfrew** (lilliputhats.com)

More The original jewel-toned turban by Prada, about \$695 at **Prada**.

3. A streak of silver

A sliver of over-the-top sparkle and shine glams up crisp spring whites and casual brights.

Less Sequin racerback minidress, \$109 at **Mango** (Sherway, Eaton Centre and Yorkdale)

More Oversize silver wrap clutch, \$178 at **RK** (rkstores.com)

4. The clear accessory

Lucite and transparent crystal bags,

bracelets and baubles offer a playful take on futurism that won't make you look like a robot.

Less The bobbybobby clear acrylic watch, \$150 at **TNT** (online at bobbybobby.com)

More Vinyl wedge slingbacks by Browns ID, \$198 at **Browns** (brownshoes.com)

5. A dash of wearable art

Italian illustrator Simone Legno is in demand this season with his Tokidoki collection, which fuses fantastical, adorable characters with Japanese manga style.

Less Tokidoki packaged makeup collection of lip gloss, eyeshadow, blush and brushes for **Smashbox**,

\$19 to \$52 at **Sephora**, **Shoppers Drug Mart Beauty Boutiques**.

More Tokidoki for LeSportsac handbag, \$168 at **Browns** (brownshoes.com)

6. the luxe animal-print shoe Stick to your all-black-all-the-time wardrobe if you must, but add a dash of predatory growl as a finishing touch.

Less Stuart Weitzman patent leopard flat, \$288 at **Browns** (brownshoes.com)

More The horsehair zebra-print maryjane by Anyi Lu evokes 1920s flapper chic, \$545 at **Ron White The Foot Shoppe** (ronwhite.ca)

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FASHION DESTINATION



On Tuesday evening at the Carlu, the TFI New Labels "Ultimate Platinum" gala fashion show and fundraiser celebrates the Toronto Fashion Incubator's 20th anniversary. First, it's the runway showdown of the New Labels Competition finalists: Quelques Filles, Ozen, Malak by Kalem Lee and 01.618. Fashion-insider judges are TNT's Arie Assaraf, designer David Dixon, *Elle* Canada editor Rita Silvan and yours truly.

Then the extravaganza hosts a unique runway show featuring 20 designing TFI alumni, including Arthur Mendonça, Farley Chatto, Mercy and Thien Le, dressing Canadian celebs and boldfaces (from *Breakfast Television's* Dina Pugliese to *Corner Gas* anti-diva Tara Spencer-Nairn) in platinum gowns. Tickets are \$50 and include a wine reception beforehand (to order: 416-791-7117, ext. 21; fashionincubator.com).

STEALS & DEALS

Attention fashion vixens: there are two fabulous sales not to miss today

■ **Costumer Ian Drummond**, the city's specialist in period-clothing rentals for film and TV, is having a huge spring sale (366 Adelaide W. at Spadina, LL01 level). Everything, even designer-label fare, is going for fair market value, from \$20 (the most expensive items are unmarked Chanel suits from a Creeds trunk show, \$500 each). You'll find prime mid-'50s and '60s men's and women's daywear (from a major feature film shot here last year), but the emphasis is on women's vintage from 1900 to 1980s. Finds include a pantsuit and '60s skirt-set from Claire McCardell, plus shoes, accessories and hats, period hatboxes and luggage sets, vintage fabric, as well as duplicate fashion research items. Today, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Meanwhile across town, Victoria Dinnick of east-end emporium **Gad-about Vintage** and **Angela McCool** are hosting an off-site vintage sale at Maple Cottage, 62 Laing St. (south of Queen and east of Leslie; see gadabout.ca), featuring ladies' and men's clothing, textiles and accessories dating from the late 19th century to the

1970s. Today, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ There's a spring cleaning sale at **Urban Mode** (145 Tecumseth Ave., 416-591-8834) this weekend offering 20% to 70% off everything in the store: sofas, tables, chairs and home accessories. Floor models are also on sale. Ends tomorrow.

■ This weekend there's a warehouse sale at **Toni Plus** (1140 Sheppard Ave. W., Unit 16, North York), with up to 80% off plus-size designers like Ellen Tracy, Jones New York Signature, Anne Klein NY, Lafayette 148, Eileen Fisher and Spanner. Ends tomorrow.

■ Soon there will be enough sun that we'll have to wear shades. Stock up now: **Sunglass Safari** is having a spring cleaning sale of 2006 models (2601 Matheson Blvd. E., Unit 3, Mississauga, 905-629-8333), including names like Escada, Bolle and Versace, plus kids' sunglasses at \$9.99 each. Ends April 28.

■ Beginning Monday, **RK** is throwing a massive warehouse clearance sale at its downtown store (315 Queen St. W., 416-754-8585, rkstores.com)

■ Beginning April 20, bedding guru Jeffrey Fisher is hosting his first Toronto sample sale at **Jeffrey Fisher Home** (1220 Yonge St. at Summerhill), including bedding, pillows, and decorative accents. Ends April 22.

An advertisement for Bayview Village Shopping Centre. The background is a mix of yellow and white with decorative elements like a banner and a circular logo with the letters 'BV'. The text reads: "JUST THE SPRING 2007 THING" in large, bold letters. Below that, "BAYVIEW VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE" is written in a smaller font. At the bottom, the address "BAYVIEW AVE AT SHEPPARD AVE", website "WWW.BAYVIEWVILLAGESHOPS.COM", and phone number "416-226-0404" are listed.