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Balenciaga's Garde-Robe Collection, a Playful Lighting Line, Ballet Slippers and More October Favorites

Some of the best-designed items and coolest launches to look forward to.

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Status Update



Balenciaga Garde-Robe, French for “wardrobe,” debuted at the brand’s spring 2023 runway show, which took place in May on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange and toyed with the concept of overt commercialism. Characterized by sharp-yet-exaggerated suiting, artisanal denim and silk blouses with big bows, the Garde-Robe is creative director Demna’s vision of a core collection of foundational house looks. Overall, the pieces are pared down compared with the flashier styles Kim Kardashian is often photographed in. The fabrics are fine—wool, silk, gabardine—and there is minimal branding beyond Balenciaga’s signature silhouettes. —*Jessica Iredale*

Light As Air

Bec Brittain’s new lamps are inspired by NASA’s wind-tunnel testing of parachutes.



New York-based lighting designer Bec Brittain, 42, is known for her fixtures that are as conceptually complex as they are technically astute. This October she's presenting her latest body of work, Paraciphers, at Emma Scully Gallery on Manhattan's Upper East Side. Inspired by videos of NASA testing the Mars Exploration Rover parachutes in wind tunnels, the pieces consist of a colorfully patterned nylon circle that's illuminated and inflated, like a drifting parachute, above a geometric cast-aluminum base, which elegantly hides both the fan and the light source. With the largest model standing over 8.5 feet tall, each fixture is at once reminiscent of a hot-air balloon or, when grouped together, a small swarm of jellyfish bobbing in the ocean. "The pieces really have movement, and their shadows, cast against the ceiling, feel like something aquatic, a floating family of sea creatures," Brittain says. Each parachute's graphic color swatches also conceal an encoded telegraph message about equality and community, nodding to the designer's longstanding desire to weave these themes into her practice. "I want to make beautiful work," Brittain says, "but I also want to be able to put in this extra layer of meaning—that feels really true to me."
—Natalia Rachlin

Partnership



Longtime fashion editor Glenda Bailey has applied her style sense to a collaboration with Peruvian Connection. Shearling outerwear, tiered dresses and cheetah-print pants are all part of the offering, which also comprises plenty of the intricate knits the brand is known for. *Lucerne pullover, \$350.*

Design In Dialogue



French architect Auguste Perret, a pioneer in the use of reinforced concrete, spent the last decades of his life inhabiting a grand apartment in a 1932 Parisian building he designed. His flat will be open to the public October 15 through 23 as the setting for the second edition of Genius Loci, an art, design and architecture showcase that

debuted last year in a Gio Ponti villa. Curator Marion Vignal has assembled 45 pieces for this year's outing, including Nadège Desgenétez's *Plume* sculpture (above), a Shiro Kuramata chair and a desk Perret himself designed with art deco great Émile-Jacques Ruhlmann.

Time Machines



With the Tambour Twenty, Louis Vuitton marks two decades of its classic drum-shaped watch. Each piece in the limited edition of 200 comes with a petite version of an LV canvas trunk. *Louis Vuitton Tambour Twenty watch, \$17,800, select Louis Vuitton stores.*

Shore Bet

Landmark Palm Beach hotel the Colony gets a lush new look for its 75th birthday.



Think “pink in Palm Beach,” and one place comes to mind: the Colony Hotel. The six-story, rose-tinted icon has been a touchstone of Floridian glamour since it opened in 1947. The Duke and Duchess of Windsor made the Colony their winter residence, and Frank Sinatra was such a regular, he had a standing reservation at the hotel’s old dining room. With the hotel’s 75th anniversary celebration approaching in December, owners Sarah and Andrew Wetenhall resolved to give the grande dame resort a refresh. Renovated with Kemble Interiors, the 80 updated guest rooms and suites feature new design schemes that blend pastel colors with rattan and faux-bamboo furnishings from Society Social. Hallways and elevator vestibules are newly decorated with bamboo trellis wallpaper and de Gournay murals depicting famous Palm Beach locales and the hotel’s spider monkey mascot. For the facade, a custom Farrow & Ball paint called Colony Pink will greet guests at the re-

opening this October, affirming the hotel's colorful place on the Palm Beach scene. —
Christopher Ross

Give It A Twirl

Ballet flats are the season's star staple, ideal for waltzing around in a dress or just skipping out in jeans.



Clockwise from top left: *Frame*, \$216, Frame-Store.com; *Margiela*, \$775, MaisonMargiela.com; *Chanel*, \$850, Chanel.com; *Miu Miu*, \$950, MiuMiu.com; *Celine by Hedi Slimane*, \$590, Celine.com; *Khaite*, \$680, Khaite.com; *Ulla Johnson*, \$550, UllaJohnson.com.

Make A Wish

Tiffany & Co. finds magic in the humble dandelion and its enchanting seeds.



Some may call the dandelion a weed, but the wildflower known for its yellow blossom that matures into a fluffy ball of seeds has long been a source of wonder for Tiffany & Co. At the turn of the 20th century, the company's first design director, Louis Comfort Tiffany, created remarkable hair ornaments depicting the hardy yet delicate flower. This year, Tiffany released a new high jewelry collection, Botanica, with 13 dandelion pieces inspired by the century-old originals. This bracelet features more than 44 carats of mixed-cut white diamonds floating outward from a nine-carat cushion-cut purple sapphire set on delicate platinum wires. *Tiffany & Co. high jewelry bracelet, price upon request. —Jenny Hartman*

Game On



Clockwise from top left: *Sunnei polo dress*, \$390, Sunnei.it; *Herno shoes*, \$420, Herno.com; *Loro Piana shorts*, \$1,300, LoroPiana.com; *Gucci pants*, \$1,400, Gucci.com; *Lafayette 148 New York socks*, \$148; *Salvatore Ferragamo bag*, \$3,000, Ferragamo.com.

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