

Fashion news

It's time to stock up, order in, hunker down in cosy knits and take inspiration from a spring garden!

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Basic stock take

There is no shame in stocking up on your favourite basics in an assortment of colours. The Witchery Rib Long Sleeve Crew Neck (\$55) comes in an assortment of neutral tones that can easily be dressed up or down. witchery.co.nz



Pretty pick

Floaty floral dresses don't need to be reserved for only the warmer months. Wear this Tiered Floral Midi Dress (\$70) from Glassons with boots and a warm cropped jacket for a pretty winter look. glassons.com



MADE TO ORDER

UNIQUE STYLE
Harrie & Sam is a New Zealand design label that makes their clothes to order. See the range of beautiful dresses (including this Thrash and Thrill dress, \$159), tops and layering pieces at harrieandsam.co.nz.



Time in the garden... Treat your wrist to a beautifully detailed timepiece! Olivia Burton watches, with their feminine floral faces, are as pretty as a spring garden.

Available from silvermoon.co.nz.

ASK LJUBENKA



Q When it comes to knitwear, should I opt for 100 per cent of one fabric such as cashmere or merino, or is it better to have a blend?

A It really depends on how much warmth you need, what you can afford, and how it feels on you. Natural fibres allow our bodies to breathe and usually provide more warmth than synthetics. Cotton is a great natural fibre to layer under heavier knits, so a thin T-shirt or long-sleeved top is a good base. Merino is the softest sheep's wool, although it isn't the warmest. It can be layered over cotton or worn next to the skin. Thick, chunky cable-knit wool makes a great top layer. Cashmere is warm, soft, very comfortable and also the most expensive knit. It's produced from the hairs of the cashmere goat. Slightly thicker than merino, it is still a great knit to layer. Blends can be beneficial for the function of the fabric. Nylon is added to wool to prevent itchiness and produce a fabric that is durable and wrinkle/shrinkage resistant. More than 10 per cent nylon, however, would reduce the softness and warmth of the wool. Blended knits are generally less expensive than single-fibre knits. See Ljubenka on Instagram @holdtheglamour.