

Fashion news

Keep abreast of new labels, new-season collections and take advice from Ljubenka about dressing for a wedding.

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New label

From the brains of Dijanna Mulhearn and our columnist Ljubenka Milunovic comes Sestre, meaning "Sisters", a fashion movement "for women lucky enough to have curves". The label features smart, luxury corporate wear for the fuller figure. To see more, go to sestrelabel.com.



CURVY with CLASS!



Soft & snuggly

As the warm summer days fade away, you might like to invest in a cashmere sweater for the colder months. New Zealand label ELLE + RILEY specialises in premium cashmere staples, such as the Ivy Oversized V jumper, \$479 (above). See the whole range at elleandriley.com.



FOOT STEPS

Perfectly timed for the change of season, New Zealand footwear brand Allbirds has released their woollen shoes in a new limited-edition colour range. The subdued hues have been inspired by the Tuke, a native New Zealand bird from the South Island's high country. \$160, allbirds.co.nz.

New Zealand's ethical fashion and yoga wear brand WE-AR has a fabulous range of styles in dusky pinks, greens, and a pop of yellow at we-ar.com.

Right: Drift yoga tank top in Seapine, \$85. Socksies Waterworld print leggings, \$115.



ASK LJUBENKA



Q I have been invited to a family wedding but I don't know what to wear! I don't own any formal clothes, as I prefer comfortable, casual gear. However, I would like to make an effort for this occasion. What would you recommend?

It's great to make an effort for this or any formal occasion! Expect to spend more than you normally would on clothes, but if you buy a classic style that can be changed out with different accessories, you'll be able to wear it again for other special events. Comfort is important, as a wedding lasts several hours and involves periods of standing around, sitting, and often dancing, so you don't want anything that is going to feel tight and restricting. A floaty dress is a good option - look for one that flatters your curves without being clingy. The styles and colours can vary greatly, so try on as many as possible (you might like to take a trusted friend for a second opinion). If it makes you smile and feel lovely, you're on the right track! Team it with a nice jacket for warmth, add jewellery, a clutch or small handbag for essentials, and shoes that won't cripple your feet, and you're good to go!