

Fashion news

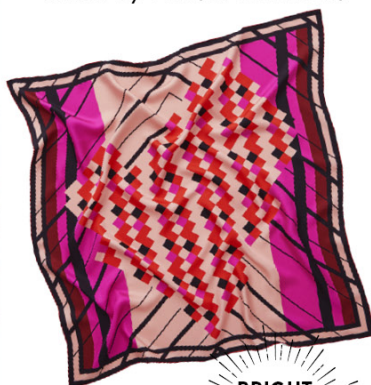
We're feeling pretty in pink and dressing up for the big day, plus Ljubenka explains how to give a black dress multiple party looks.

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Celebratory dress

Christmas Day is a time to celebrate, so even if you're staying at home with loved ones, why not dress for the occasion? Spoil yourself and look divine with the Trelise Cooper Marilyn Monroe Dress, \$799 (as worn by Annabel Langbein in this month's cover story).



**BRIGHT
and
SILKY**

Put a pop of colour into your outfit with a beautiful BESS luxury silk scarf. Designed in New Zealand by founder and creative director Nicole Sykes, each vibrant pattern in the new range is printed onto the highest quality silk twill and silk crêpe de chine and hand finished. Available from bess.studio.



A MUST-HAVE A good pair of leather sandals is an essential summer item! Whether you are looking for classic, colourful, a bit of a heel or comfort, there are plenty of styles to choose from. *Sol Sana Fiesta Sandal Multi*, \$135. sol-sana.com.au



Sleep in style

Australian sleepwear brand Papielle incorporates beautiful prints with soft, silky fabrics for a luxurious sleep. Not only that, the brand is dedicated to being environmentally responsible, with 90 per cent of their collection made from natural fibres. Available from their first New Zealand store in Newmarket, Auckland, or online at papielle.co.nz.



ASK LJUBENKA



Q With Christmas nearly here there are plenty of parties popping up on the social calendar. I have been invited to a few very fancy affairs but I don't really want to buy anything new. I have one elegant black dress I can wear but I'm struggling with how to make it look a bit different for each event. Could you give me some tips on how to jazz up an old classic?

A I love jazzing up an old classic! A great fitting black dress made of beautiful fabric will stand the test of time so is certainly worth the investment. Accessories such as jewellery, shoes or even a coloured belt can change your look and style in no time. Try gold or pearl jewellery and strappy black sandals for classic elegance, for instance, or a colourful statement necklace and toning heels for contemporary chic. Add a smart jacket for one event and a drapery shawl for another. A sparkly bolero cardi could change your look again, as would a long-line floral chiffon kimono. If it suits the style of your dress, you might be able to wear a white lacy top underneath it, or a boxy satin top over it to create a skirt and blouse effect. Spend a bit of time playing dress-ups with what is in your wardrobe – you may be surprised at how many looks you can create! See Ljubenka on Instagram @holdtheglamour.