Top marks

Says designer Natalie Chan: "You want to feel comfortable in your headpiece, so test it well before your big day."

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY IN FLATS TUCKED BENEATH A LONG, FULL SKIRT. NOBODY NEEDS TO KNOW...

Opt for a gown with pockets into which you can slip a handkerchief

NATALIE CHAN

Raise a toast to a *FLIRTATIOUS* Fashion Week *DEBUT* that threw away the rule book

Young at heart with an eye for the fun and frivolous? You may have met your match in a gown dipped in water-lily pink petals. Or how about a showstopping spray of tulle brought to heel by a metallic belt? Inspired by great artworks, each Natalie Chan piece blends tradition and trend, woven from classic silk, organza, lace and tulle, but always with a twist in the tale. The trained milliner leaves no stone unturned in her quest for perfection, adding bejewelled headbands, appliquéd veils and graphic headpieces adorned with feather flowers. Pair with a candy-coloured cocktail, and go have the time of your life!

TROUSSEAU HEELS, $279

NATALIE CHAN HEADPIECE, $550

ACTING CASUAL

If yours is a summer celebration and it's just too warm for a jacket, let a crisp white shirt take centre stage.

Black broques will never fall from grace, but don't be afraid to try tan or stone

CRANE BROTHERS

PROPORTION IS KING. KEEP JACKETS SLIM-FITTING AND TROUSERS EXPERTLY HEMMED

Get-ups for *GUYS* going places that guarantee *SARTORIAL* success

When planning your day to the nth degree, you want to leave nothing to chance. Enter Crane Brothers. Put your trust in impeccable tailoring with a healthy respect for formality. Here, a double-breasted jacket walks the talk with turned-up cuffs, while a multi-hued shirt pals around with an ivory suit. Subtle hints of humour are injected in the form of lapel pins and pocket squares. But his best accessory? You.

CRANE BROTHERS POCKET SQUARE, $125

CRANE BROTHERS LAPEL PIN, $225

CRANE BROTHERS CUFFLINKS, $195

INKY BOW TIES ARE THE EPITOME OF CLASS – EXPERIMENT WITH DIFFERENT SIZES AND STYLES TO MAKE THE LOOK HIS OWN

WORKING **STYLE** BOW TIE, $59

WORKING STYLE

Hello new-season *SUITING* with a sexy European *SLANT*

With Working Style, your guy's got it made. Designer Eddie von Dadelszen knows real men wear pink, but can also get a little hot under the collar, so the Summer '16 collection is characterised by lightweight tailoring that'll make the biggest day of his life no sweat. Crafted from fine fabric by Italian mill Vitale Barberis Canonico, up close you'll admire the intricate woven detail – and from afar? Whit-woo!

WORKING **STYLE** BELT, $129

WORKING **STYLE** TIE, $129

WORKING **STYLE** POCKET SQUARE, $99

GO WITH THE FLOW

Is yours a long-haired lad? Smartening up doesn't have to mean man bun – loose locks can be the perfect foil for serious suiting.

Satisfy the casual guy with a dual-toned ensemble

TWICE AS NICE

A bridal ensemble you'll revel in wearing again? The sleek styles below show it can be done!

BEDAZZLED GOWNS CALL FOR JUDICIOUS JEWELLERY: SUPERFINE OR A SINGLE STATEMENT PIECE

JOHN ZIMMERMANN

For the *BRIDE* with a bowerbird's eye for *SHINE* and shimmer

If yours is a fantasy frosted with all the twinkling trimmings, John Zimmermann may well be the name on your lips. Under his expert hand, gowns take on an unrivalled brilliance, bedecked with beading that draws a gasp. Star-studded sheaths, billowing chiffon – barely a gown goes untouched by the fizz and pop of decadent sparkle. And for the woman who walks to the beat of her own drum? Meticulous peplum detailing and silky suiting to really get them talking.

MI PIACI HEELS, $280

Peep-toe heels give way to colour in the form of a brightly hued pedi

PAST & PRESENT
Indulge a love of classic looks by turning to the silver-screen stars of yesteryear for ultra-feminine inspiration.

SUTCLIFFE JEWELLERY CITRINE AND DIAMOND NECKLACE, $10,800

SUTCLIFFE JEWELLERY DIAMOND NECKLACE, $14,000

SUTCLIFFE JEWELLERY DIAMOND RING, $9810

ROBYN CLIFFE

Nothing says *ELEGANCE* like a classic *SILHOUETTE*. But, oh! There's an edge

There's a certain appealing modesty and unspoken assurance inherent in couturier Robyn Cliffe's floor-sweeping gowns, but offset by a thigh-high split and crowned with bronzed blooms or an effervescent feather hat, desire's but a breath away. Keep your guests on their toes by choosing a '60s-esque mini, or indulge in the theatre of a robe removed to reveal a criss-cross of antique-rose tulle coupled with a plunging neckline.

Can't decide on short or long? Meet your imagination halfway with a translucent overskirt

There's more than one way to fold a pocket square. Ask your groom's tailor to show and tell

IN THE NAVY

Blue is having a moment on the runway and off. Hone your eye for detail and team with patterned or pastel accents.

FINISH YOUR LOOK WITH A CROWN OF FABRIC BLOOMS – OR ASK YOUR FLORIST TO CREATE ONE FRESH

LITTLE LADIES

What could be sweeter than flower girls dressed in puffs of tulle tied with snow-white sashes?!

BARKERS

Let's hear it for the Barkers *BOY*, all colour, texture and down-to-earth *CHARM*

We've got a major crush on the Barkers bloke. He's all about keeping comfortable but looks so good doing it we'll forgive him anything, even shorts; when they're this sophisticated, we're all for it. This is a collection that appreciates how handsome your groom will be in plaid and baby blue. Meanwhile, more conventional men might make their mark in a conservative three-piece get-up, letting loose with accessories in bold prints.

HERA BRIDAL

Daring cut-outs, *ROMANTIC* drapery, peek-a-boo panelling – be still our beating *HEARTS*

Close your eyes and make a wish – for a Katie Yeung stunner steeped in love-you-forever allure. Envision Chantilly lace or Italian brocade petals woven around corsetry that's as comfortable as it is confidence-boosting. Ivory takes various forms: diaphanous skirts and sweetheart necklines hold their own alongside glittery separates, a bodice sliced from neck to navel and waist-whittling panels that are a sheer delight.

GOING SANS SOCKS IS A MUST IF HE'S WEARING SHORTS, AND WORKS JUST AS WELL WITH TURNED-UP TROUSER CUFFS

BARKERS SHOES, $230

BARKERS BOW TIE, $50

BADGLEY MISCHKA HEELS, $390, FROM **HERA BRIDAL**

Choose a sheath gown for its ability to hug your curves in all the right places