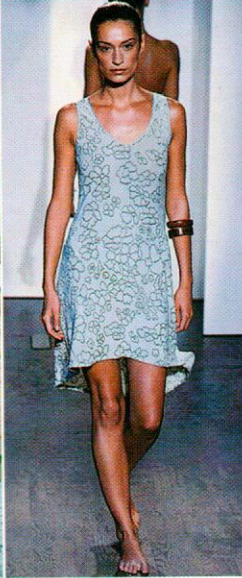
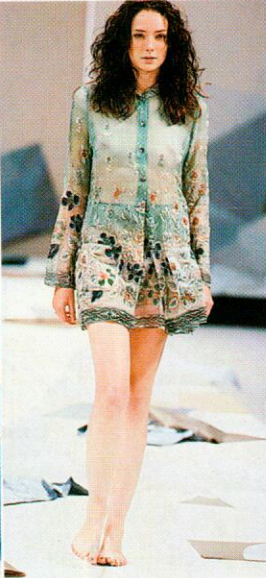
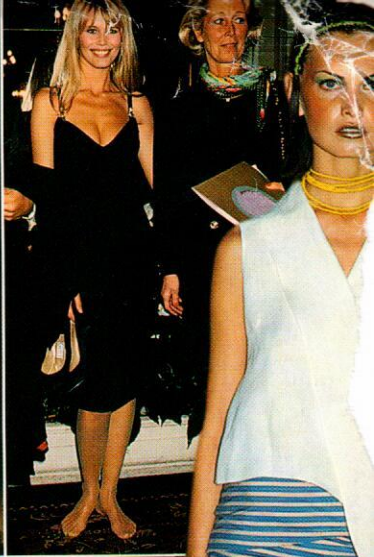
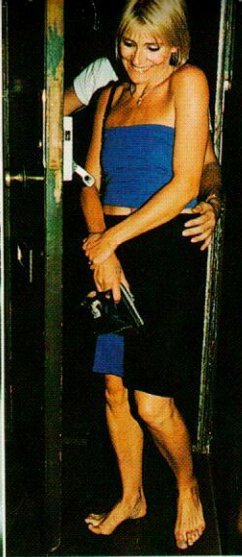


Bare feet first

Pull out the pumice – this season, the trend for minimalist footwear has gone one step further. At London Fashion Week, designers from Abe Hamilton to Betty Jackson dispensed with footwear altogether – models trod the runway with nothing but a coat of nude nail enamel. Think total boho. Backstage, Georgina Grenville and Stella Tennant kicked back barefoot and even in bleakest January, female rebels Paula Yates and Björk were spotted flashing their tootsies. Talk about baring one's sole...

Sairey Stemp



Hot-footing it (clockwise from top left): Paula Yates, sans shoes; EastEnder Michelle Collins feels footloose; Claudia Schiffer stands on her own two feet; models for Abe Hamilton forgo footwear; Jim Kerr, shoeless and fancy free; barefoot chic at the Betty Jackson show; Helena feels the ground beneath her feet

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shopping

New places like home

Forget shopping on the Internet or mail order, these days shops are going all out to make you feel at home. Sarah Richardson gets comfy in some of the coolest around

Shop	House style	Personal touches	Take home	Where it's at
 Patrick Cox	A mini Versailles – think Marie Antoinette's living room	Covetable 18th-century antiques from Patrick's own collection	Footwear from Cox's funky spring/summer collection. Shocking pink/leopard-print boots, Union Jack mules, sequined sandals	8 Symons Street, London SW3, tel (0171) 730 6504
 Cath Kiason	Twee Victoriana gets a 90s makeover	Hand-painted cupboards and Lloyd Loom abound in this three-roomed Victorian cottage	Kitsch floral lamps, chintzy ironing boards, fun floral wallpaper	8 Clarendon Cross, London W11, tel (0171) 221 4000
 Hobbs	Country shire charm meets suburban show home	Big comfy sofas – newspapers supplied for bored partners	Classic-cut suits in muted colours – sex kittens need not apply	127 Buchanan Street, Glasgow G1 3HF, and nationwide, tel (0171) 586 5550
 Solange Azagury-Partridge	Think femme fatale's dressing room meets padded cell	Orange leather floor, red-velvet padded walls, purple velvet sofas. Claret or coffee on offer	Oversized engagement rings as favoured by the rich and the extrovert (Madonna's a fan)	171 Westbourne Grove, London W11, tel (0171) 792 0197
 Oklahoma	Eclectic/cluttered – exposed beams rub shoulders with inflatable sofas	Cork walls double as noticeboards. The mustard and blue paintwork is owner Nicola Payne's choice	Plastic fantastic – everything from original 50s diner furniture to Mexican kitchenware	261 Deansgate, Manchester M3 4EW, tel (0161) 834 1136

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design

Designs for life

Devoted followers of interior design are flocking to the style mecca that is haus, London's latest spacious showroom-cum-gallery. More sculptural art house than furniture shop, pieces range from functional tables by hip design duo Azumi's to luxurious leather sofas from big-name design company de Sede. Shop for inspiration (as prices go up to £25,000, you may have to) or for accessories such as an Azumi's salt shaker (£30). In March, there will be an exclusive exhibition of over 40 pictures by Andy Warhol, previously part of a private collection and now on view, and on sale, at haus. **Jennifer Lisle-Revy** haus, 23-25 Mortimer Street, London W1, tel (0171) 255 2557.

