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Sophie Dahl for Brora



Dress, Dhs1,650, Brora

Sweater, Dhs815, Brora

Trousers, Dhs1,100, Brora

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Dress, Dhs1,000, Brora

Camisole, Dhs700, Brora

MADE IN BRITAIN

Sophie Dahl's new collection for cashmere label Brora reflects the brand's heritage with feminine, quintessentially British designs

When Sophie Dahl was asked to design a collection for Brora's 20th anniversary, the result was always going to be a little bit magical. Sophie, the quintessential English rose (with impeccable fashion credentials), joined with a beloved British brand – famous for its cashmere, knits and floral print staples – is a winning combination of femininity, Britishness and authentic heritage.

"I've been a Brora fan for about 16 years now," says Sophie. "When I was living in New York in the beginning of my modelling days, I loved wearing its cashmere cardigans because they felt so British and comforting, and they reminded me of home."

Sophie Dahl for Brora is a perfect spring capsule wardrobe. There is the ultimate shirt-dress (inspired by the one worn by Brigitte Bardot in *...And God Created Woman*); and the ideal chunky jumper (influenced by George Barris' pictures of Marilyn Monroe in a fisherman's cardigan). There are



Sophie Dahl wearing her collection for Brora

also some sharp cigarette pants and a pretty 1930s-style tea dress – based on Emily Lloyd's wardrobe in the 1987 film *Wish You Were Here*. "The joy of being asked to design a collection like this is that I was able to make the things that I have always coveted myself," says Sophie.

The shoot for the collection in which she starred (while doing a good job of hiding her four-month baby bump) took place in Essex. For this, Sophie returned to the work of photographers Corinne Day and Peter Lindbergh, particularly anything they shot on a beach. "I wanted the shoot, like the collection, to stay true to Brora's British heritage," says Sophie. "I wanted it to have a lazy, languorous feel – everything is undone and free. An 'after the rain' mood, just this romantically dressed girl on an incredible island with no one around and all the possibilities of a wonderful adventure that it promises."

Sophie Dahl for Brora – "The Lost Weekend" collection; Brora.co.uk

OUT OF THE BOX

Inspired by Grace Kelly's overnight case in Hitchcock's *Rear Window*, Mark Cross' 'Grace' box bag offers a glamorous modern alternative to the day-to-night bag. Originally a saddlers dating back to 1845, Mark Cross now embodies wearable luxury. Harvey Nichols, which is stocking the label for the first time this summer, predicts a hit. +44 20 7235 5000; Harveynichols.com



'Grace' box, Dhs8,315, Mark Cross at Harvey Nichols

ON POINT

The Italian label Bruno Magli relaunches this summer under the direction of Max Kibardin. We love the bejewelled shoes he created with his friend Mawi Keivom of Mawi, exclusively at Harvey Nichols, which has also picked up Gianvito Rossi for the first time. +44 20 7235 5000; Harveynichols.com



Shoes, from Dhs1,795-Dhs3,975, Bruno Magli at Harvey Nichols

QUEEN RANIA

With style names such as 'Hala' (rose quartz earrings) and 'Maha' (a yellow jasper-set ring), jewellery line La Diosa has a definite Middle Eastern bent. Already worn by women including Michelle Obama, Kate Middleton and Beyoncé, La Diosa's first ever fine jewellery collection, 'Rania', goes into Harvey Nichols this summer. Each piece is handmade in Italy and features diamonds set in 18ct gold. Ladiosa.co.uk



'Alia' earrings, Dhs34,500, La Diosa at Harvey Nichols



'Rohaani' cuff, Dhs16,465, La Diosa at Harvey Nichols

SARA PARKER BOWLES. PRICES APPROXIMATE

THE NEW HOME OF LUXURY JEWELLERY

When it comes to the finer things in life, it's hard to get more luxurious than Harrods. Well, now the department store has upped the ante again with the launch of its new Luxury Jewellery Room. Opening in mid-July, the new space will house a selection of designers for the first time including Rosantica, Matchstick, Bee Goddess and Shy by Sydney Evan. +44 20 7730 1234; Harrods.com



'Boy' pendant, Dhs16,075, Matchstick at Harrods

'Heart' pendant, Dhs15,520, Matchstick at Harrods



Private Collection bag, Asprey

THE INVITATION-ONLY BAGS

Imagine a handbag collection so exclusive you need to be invited to view it. Such is the case with Asprey's Private Collection. Once your name is added to the guest list, you will be invited to make a one-to-one appointment to discuss the specifications for what is truly a bespoke bag. +44 20 7493 6767; Asprey.com

SHOP THE EXCLUSIVES

THE STORE THAT THINKS IT'S A STADIUM

Burberry's flagship store at 121 Regent Street is a shrine to the British brand. As well as a series of summer concerts – the Kaiser Chiefs performed here in April – the store sells exclusive designs not available elsewhere. The Regent Street Collection includes limited edition trench coats, shoes and iconic bags (the star buy is the studded Crush bag). While you're there, pop in for a Burberry beauty makeover (Regent Street is one of just three Burberry stores in the world to also carry its beauty line). Finally, make this summer one to remember by booking a Burberry Bespoke appointment and create an iconic trench coat to your personal specifications. +44 20 7806 8904; Burberry.com



Cara Delevingne wears Burberry's limited edition Regent Street Collection



A bespoke women's two-piece suit by Kathryn Sargent starts from Dhs18,000

SERGEANT MAJOR



Love chic tailored clothes, but can't get exactly what you want? Why not go bespoke, like the smartest men do. One woman who knows all about fine tailoring is Kathryn Sargent, who was the first female head cutter on Savile Row when she worked at Gieves & Hawkes, where she regularly made clothes for the British Royal family and for royalty the world over. Now Kathryn has her own firm just off Savile Row and many of her best clients are from the UAE. She is adding to her female client list all the time and she even dresses several married couples. With almost 20 years' experience at the top of the tailoring world, Kathryn says, "I just love creating beautiful and perfect garments for my clients." Kathrynsargent.com

FLASH!

From June to the start of Ramadan, Temperley's Bruton Street flagship store, which offers alterations on site, will open until 7pm. A personal couture service with Alice Temperley herself is available at the Notting Hill store for gowns over Dhs84,500.

EDITOR'S PICK

Rebecca Rees, group picture editor

"For my wedding I had my heart set on a dress inspired by the Narciso Rodriguez worn by Carolyn Bessette-Kennedy. I came across a very similar style online by Temperley called 'Chloé'. The dress wasn't available in Dubai but I booked an appointment at Temperley's Notting Hill showroom and I was lucky enough to find my perfect dress first try." +44 (0) 207 229 7957; Temperleylondon.com



Rebecca in her Temperley wedding dress

ERIC MUSGRAVE