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TOP 10 KIRKCALDIE & STAINS' SUMMER HITS

Fashion buyer
Amanda Nicolle shares her
must-haves for the season.

The emphasis for fashion this season is on wearability and functionality – real clothes for real women with real lifestyles. Fashion is about fun - when you're bored with fashion you're bored with life.



SEAMLESS MICROFIBRE TOPS FROM OROBLU

1 This range is just amazing. The tops are great for travelling because they wash like a rag and dry overnight – and best of all they never need ironing. There's a neckline to suit everyone, they feel like silk next to your skin and are great under jackets or with jeans. *From just \$80, they are an absolute wardrobe basic and exclusive to Kirkcaldie & Stains in Wellington.*



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'THEY FEEL LIKE SILK NEXT TO YOUR SKIN...'

DEVELOPMENT TWINSET

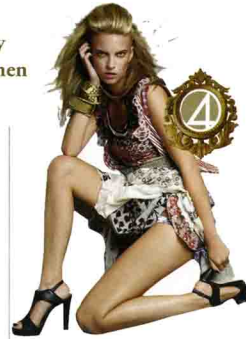
3 This gorgeously simple top and cardigan twinset comes in white, black and punch, a tangerine shade that is just so hot for summer. Great worn together or split up and worn separately, they are affordable little tops with excellent styling and texture that make you feel crisp and summery as soon as you put them on. *With the top at just \$55 and the cardigan \$75 you could almost be tempted to have all three colours.*



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REDHEAD LEGGINGS

4 Leggings are back, but for those of us who remember them last time around, we know there are leggings and there are leggings. These satin leggings by Redhead are so beautifully cut they make your legs look fantastic when perhaps they're not as good as you'd like. They're not too fitting and don't have a waistband, so there's no rollover effect at the top, if you know what I mean. *They come in black and at \$195, they're a steal, and better than most.*



PIANURASTUDIO

4 This is one of my favourite labels. I just love the quirkiness and the pure brilliance of this Italian mother-and-daughter team who design this range. The fit is just divine, and in true European style the garments flatter the figure, rather than just cover it. Every woman should own a piece of Pianurastudio for its beauty as an art form, and for the way it makes you feel when you wear it. *Pieces start from \$495 and are exclusive to Kirkcaldie & Stains in Wellington.*

R.E.V.U.E REVERSIBLE COLLECTION

5 Anyone who has travelled recently knows how difficult it has all become. Weight and baggage restrictions make smart packing a necessity and this is where this amazing range comes into its own. Dresses and skirts that reverse to become a totally different outfit are the stuff dreams are made of – two looks for the price of one, all made in easy-to-laundry, easy-care fabric that will happily travel with you without weight wherever you want to take them. *From the barbecue to the party, these dresses and skirt combinations are a winner. Turn yourself inside out for just \$125 for the skirts and \$145 for the dresses. Can you afford not to have one of each?*



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DEVELOPMENT DRESS

6 There is no doubt that this is the season of the dress and it's hard to choose just one from the gorgeous range from Development. Made from mesh or georgette in several styles, these dresses change personality with the slip you put under them. With the crinkle effect you need not ever put an iron near them and they wash beautifully – another essential travel piece that would look as good on the streets of Paris as on the beach at Waihi. *At only \$72.95 for the slip, have two or three to change the look of the dress, priced at just \$135, and available exclusively from Kirkcaldie & Stains in Wellington.*

'A UNIQUE MIX OF COLOUR AND DESIGN, CREATING THESE IRRESISTIBLE "MUST HAVE" SUMMER ESSENTIALS...'

SCARF SKIRT BY KERRIE HUGHES

7 I just adore these skirts. Apart from being fabulous to wear and gorgeous on all body shapes, they are all completely original one-off garments. This very clever Wellington designer, who has a list of celebrity clients here and overseas, sources the scarves from vintage stores and puts them together in a unique mix of colour and design, creating these irresistible "must have" summer essentials. Wear one to a cocktail party or even over your togs at a resort. *They are divine, cut from \$225, and are exclusive to Kirkcaldie & Stains in New Zealand.*

'FLATTEN YOUR TUMMY, LIFT YOUR BUTT AND MAKE YOU LOOK AND FEEL YOUNGER...'

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8 The "Eagle" jacket is one of those season pieces you see and you want. Light and comfortable yet smart, wear it with jeans or on those cool summer evenings with lots of jewels or pearls for a dramatic and feminine look. *In blue, blue or green and priced at just \$295, there's a lot of flash here for not too much cash.*

JEANS THAT TUMMY TUCK

9 "Hallelujah, Jeans 'That Fit'" is the catch cry from women the world over when they try on the new jeans that Oprah just loves, called "Not Your Daughter's Jeans". They promise to flatten your tummy, lift your butt and make you look and feel younger, and they do – they are just fabulous for real women and come in a variety of styles and washes. The American manufacturers use a patented crisscross "Tummy Tuck" design that nips and tucks you in the right places – from \$225 a pair can you afford not to have them? Arriving late September but well worth the wait.



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ASHLEY FOGEL

10 This dress and coat combination sums up the best of the season for me, and of course it comes from Ashley Fogel, one of New Zealand's finest designers and Wellington's favourite sons. The richness of the fabric in the dress mixes so well with the sheen and opulence of the coat. *Try to go to the finest event anywhere and not be noticed in this head-turner – "Flotag" dress, \$485, and "Hatter" trench, \$655. Ashley Fogel is available exclusively from Kirkcaldie & Stains in Wellington.*

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