

MICHAEL VAN DER HAM AND BRORA

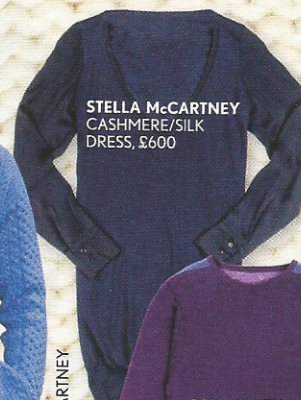
Michael van der Ham is no stranger to the process of sartorial assemblage; his designs are akin to a wearable Pinterest page of print couples and delicately contradicting textures. Now, via his collaboration with Scottish cashmere mill Brora, his collage patterns are translated into knitwear. Van der Ham trekked to Brora's mill in Hawick for a masterclass in traditional techniques and a rummage through its archive, with the designer seeking to take "as much as possible" in his quest for colour pairings. The resulting capsule collection boldly partners spearmint, tangerine and liquorice on fine cashmere and delicate mohair cardigans, sweaters, hats and gloves. The upshot? Knits in sprays of colour that fall somewhere between an animal print and a fireworks display. *Julia Hobbs*



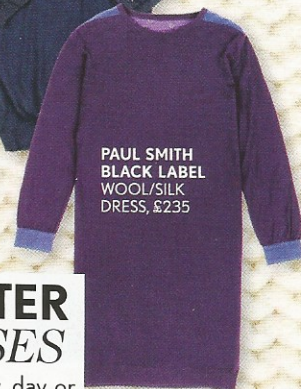
JOSEPH
CASHMERE
DRESS, £345



STELLA McCARTNEY



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CASHMERE/SILK
DRESS, £600



PAUL SMITH
BLACK LABEL
WOOL/SILK
DRESS, £235

SWEATER DRESSES

Chic and cosy, day or night, a sweater dress is a multi-tasker. NB choose fine weaves to reduce bulk.



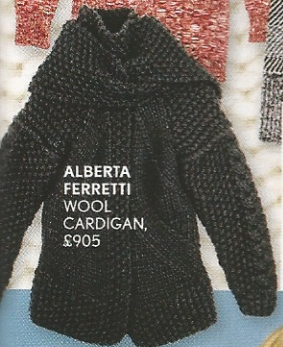
- USE AN OLD RAZOR OR A CASHMERE COMB TO KEEP KNITS SOFT
- SWEATERS HOLD THEIR SHAPE BETTER WHEN THEY'RE FOLDED, NOT HUNG
- SCATTER YOUR WARDROBE WITH MOTH REPELLENTS; CEDAR BALLS, MOTH TRAP BOXES AND RENTOKIL KILLER STRIPS GET OUR VOTE



CHANEL
CASHMERE
CARDIGAN,
£2,300



BURBERRY
PRORSUM
CASHMERE
JACKET, £695



ALBERTA
FERRETTI
WOOL
CARDIGAN,
£905

LUXE CARDIGAN

Forgo a coat this autumn and make a chunky cardigan your new best friend.

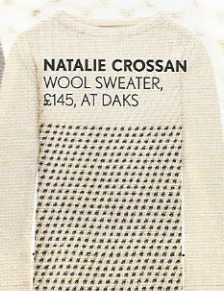


WOOL WEEK CAMPAIGN

Under the guidance of the Prince of Wales, 12 British retailers from Harvey Nichols to Paul Smith to Topshop have each teamed up with a design school to select a student to re-jig the wool sweater – all in a bid to see us swaddled in sustainable homegrown fluff. The winning designs, on sale via their high-street mentor, range from traditional Aran weaves and argyle designs to the quirkier fox and sheep motifs. Available in stores to coincide with Wool Week, from October 15 to 21. *Julia Hobbs*



TEGAN KERSEY SEQUINED
WOOL SWEATER, £160,
AT HARVEY NICHOLS



NATALIE CROSSAN
WOOL SWEATER,
£145, AT DAKS



GARZON
MERINO-WOOL
CARDIGAN, £450,
AT AVENUE32.COM

New name 3: GARZON

Former photographic agent Tiggy Maconochie (she worked closely with Helmut Newton and Corinne Day) has switched cameras for cable knits with the launch of Garzon, a knitwear label named after the tiny town in Uruguay where she has a home. Sweaters, capes, coats and cardigans are woven with merino wool and silky alpaca, and hand-dyed in shades inspired by her South American home. "I looked at the red corroded roofs, the dusty-pink roads that criss-cross the countryside, and the blue sky," says Tiggy. The knitted jacket has an equestrian feel: "Children still ride to school on ponies here," Tiggy continues. "Everyone has a horse. So the Criolla cardigan is triggered by the decorative blankets used under saddles." Available exclusively at Avenue 32. *Ellen Burney*