

ONES TO WATCH

WHO? Fiamma Poltock and Katie Walsh, the latest cult design duo of London's most arresting label Poltock & Walsh. "We met at fashion college in London," explains Dubliner Walsh, "we became best friends and just loved each other's work." After successful stints at John Richmond and McQueen, they launched their own label in 2006 - it now commands a serious cult following **WHAT?** "We wanted to create a label that's wearable with an interesting twist," and that it is. It's got the perfect balance of London edginess and Parisian easy-going wearability with clean lines, innovative folds and beautiful draping. "We're inspired by Balenciaga and Coco Chanel and just beautiful, classic pieces of clothing."

WHO WEARS IT? Kate Moss, Anouck Lepere and Róisín Murphy **THIS SEASON?** "We looked at the French Riviera with a playful 1930s twist, juxtaposing masculine with feminine and adding some new Art Deco-inspired prints, designed in collaboration with artist Kate Atkin"

WHERE? Circus in Dublin, Browns Focus and Sefton Fashion in London and stockists from Switzerland to Dubai and LA; www.poltockandwalsh.com.



Silk dress, €550; belt, €130; both at Circus

The kooky print trend will tempt even the most prudent among us: we love this heart print jacket, Topshop Unique, €183 at Topshop



Fashion fix

The new spirit of spring.
By SIVE O'BRIEN.

Our tip-top favourite homegrown jewellery designer, Ali Nash has just launched an online shopping site, www.alinash.com. Party frocks will never look the same again. Neckpiece, €175.



3 OF THE BEST VALUE ... SNAKESKIN BAGS

- 1 Snakeskin print, Friis & Co, €75 at BT2
- 2 Snakeskin print chain bag, €8 at Penneys
- 3 Snakeskin print clutch, Mango, €54 at House of Fraser



COPY THAT ...

It's official; *café au lait* hues are the new black. I'm all over this cotton mac, get it before the April showers hit; a snip at €69 at Marks & Spencer.



Tommy Hilfiger

DATES FOR YOUR FASHION DIARY

MARCH 6-14 Belfast Fashion Week kicks off with nightly catwalk shows, master classes, exhibitions and design workshops; www.belfastfashionweek.com

MARCH 23 Dressmaking and curtain-making courses begin at Róisín Cross Silks, 22 Crofton Hall, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin; eight-week course, €380, includes silk fabric; www.silks.ie

MARCH 28-29 Sample sale alert: 10am-6pm at The Westbury Hotel, Dublin 2; up to 90 per cent off retail prices for Hoss Intropia, Suzie Wong, Raasta, O.titude and Qi Cashmere, 01 677 3104

APRIL 3-5 RTE's *Off the Rails* presenter, Sonya Lennon has developed an interactive wardrobe workshop for groups of women in need of a little style advice (hair, clothes and make-up); €250 per session, 20 women per group, at The Dylan Hotel, Dublin (special room rates too, €210 per night), www.sonyalennon.com

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