



Pink sequined dress, Lanvin, €1,758 at [www.matchesfashion.com](http://www.matchesfashion.com)



Wedge shoe boots, €295 at Kenzo



Porto chair, €510 at Next



House of Holland

Green umbrella, €16 at Cath Kidston



Quilted tote, Orla Kiely, €454 at [www.asos.com](http://www.asos.com)



Fabric lantern, £12 at Laura Ashley



Green bather, £65 at Toast

## Do the polka

To earn your fashion stripes this month, go dotty, says KATE O'DOWD.

A forerunner in the season's love affair with bold prints, polka dots are popping eyes on everything from shoes to bed sheets at the moment. At the shows, the pretty pattern peeped onto most catwalks, and some brands were totally smitten. Marni, for one, couldn't get enough, mixing various sizes and colours to an almost cross-eyed effect; House of Holland did mainly monotone, as did Micheal Kors (along with a smattering of naval hues); while Christian Lacroix deftly introduced elements of the dot under a sheer layer. To copy the catwalk, mix polka dots with any pattern you can lay your hands on, or take a more refined stance, pairing one patterned piece with colour-blocked separates. Keep hair and make-up minimal, verging on sparse – red lips and movie star hair might seem like a great idea, but looking like Minnie Mouse really isn't.



MARNI



Oversized envelope clutch, from a selection at 3.1 Phillip Lim



Frill-neck belted dress, Marni, £950 at [www.brownsfashion.com](http://www.brownsfashion.com)