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Your source for figure fixes, smart finds and styling tips.

TRICKY TREND: MIXING POLKA DOTS

Inspired by the highly-raved-about Yayoi Kusama collection for Louis Vuitton, we experiment with this tricky trend in two intensities.

TOP WITH PRINTED COLLAR, PRICE UNAVAILABLE, BYSI. **PRINTED HAREM PANTS**, RM79.90, KITSCHEN. **SATCHEL**, RM159.90, **AND PLATFORM HEELS**, RM139.90, BOTH CHARLES & KEITH. **COCKTAIL RING**, RM29, BONITA

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A LITTLE...

Take baby steps into the trend with details. Here, we balanced out a heavily-dotted trousers with a solid, collared shirt. The polka-dot collars let you stay on-trend without getting overwhelmed.

...AND A LOT!

The key to mixing polka dots, especially on a larger scale like this, is to look for different-sized dots and contrasting colours. Just remember to keep your accessories simple; solid pumps are great options.

KEY ITEMS TO TRY

TOP WITH PRINTED PUSSY BOW, BIEM

MIXED-PRINT SCARF, MANGO

WATCH WITH POLKA-DOT STRAP, ALESSI

POLKA-DOT PUMP, DOROTHY PERKINS

WARDROBE STAPLE:
THE KNIT PULLOVER

Get more mileage out of this must-have when you pair it with sensible separates.

THE LOOK: PREPPY

DUAL-TONE PULLOVER, DOROTHY PERKINS

BUTTON-DOWN SHIRT WITH COLLAR CLIPS, MANGO

HIGH-WAIST SHORTS, TOPSHOP

KEY TIP: Invest in a lightweight knit so that you stay comfortable and cosy, even in our humid weather.

THE LOOK: PLAYFUL

PULLOVER WITH ASYMMETRICAL HEMLINE, MANGO
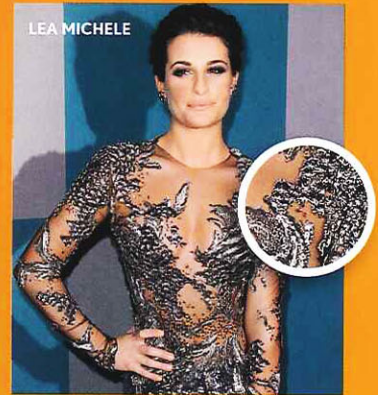
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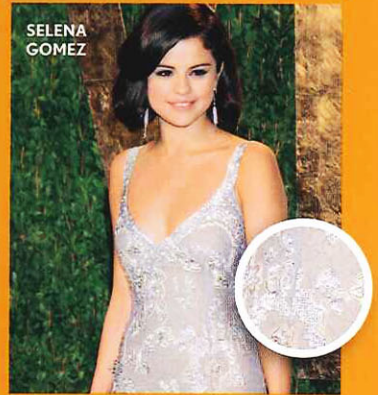### THE LOOK: SERIOUS

TURTLENECK PULLOVER, H&M

BELTED BLAZER WITH MATCHING TROUSERS, BIEM

OVERSIZED PULLOVER, RM199.90, **AND WAIST BELT,** RM69.90, BOTH PROMOD. **BUTTON-DOWN DIRNDL,** RM229.90, ESPRIT. **PLEATHER CLUTCH,** RM179.90, **AND POINTED PUMPS,** RM129.90, BOTH CHARLES & KEITH. **SET OF BANGLES,** RM29, NOSE

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CARE TIPS: APPLIQUÉ

WHAT IT IS:

Somewhat similar to patchwork, appliqué is a crafting technique where pieces of fabric are transferred onto another fabric using stitches or textile glue and a hot iron.

HOW TO CARE:

• If you have an iron-on appliqué piece, hand wash it using cold water and soap instead of throwing it into the washer

• One common issue is colour bleeding (from the appliqué to the fabric) during soaking. Hand washing allows you to monitor the condition of your clothes closely

• After washing, straighten out the appliqué and hand stretch it should the fabric shrink

• Avoid using an electrical dryer. It can cause the appliqué and fabric underneath to shrink permanently. Air dry instead.