

# HELLOOOOOO, GORGEOUS!

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The beauty and fashion report dedicated to awakening the diva in all of us.



## COUNTDOWN TO NEW YORK FASHION WEEK: 33 DAYS TO GO!

Hellooooo again, gorgeouses! Well, I had a bit of a time getting last week's issue to my Adcetera ladies (somehow my e-mails were getting blocked—hmmm...), but all has been sorted out, which means you Adceterettes get a double dose of gorgeousness this week!

Even though the dog days of summer are upon us, the air is abuzz with all things fall—fashion, TV, you name it! I can't decide if that's a blessing or a curse, so let's just call it a blessing and dive right in! But first ...

## Bag-ly in Love

As I mentioned in my P.S. to last week's issue, I've received my Christie Chase bag and I absolutely adore it! In case you can't quite make out from the photo, it's in black satin with a subtle Asian-inspired print, not-so-subtle hot green vinyl straps and a white lining, which makes it so much easier to find my stuff. I just know we'll be very happy together.

So ladies, I've shown you mine—now let's see yours! C'mon, start snapping and send those photos!



## Gunn-ing for a Fashion Fix?



First the bad news: Looks like we'll all have to wait until December for Season 4 of Bravo's [Project Runway](#). Now the good news: Everyone's favorite *PR* fabulisto, Tim Gunn, will be launching a Bravo series of his own, [Tim Gunn's Guide to Style](#), on September 6. Each episode will feature Tim using his superhuman style powers—and those of a few friends—to help hapless fashion victims go from frumpy to fabulous. Kind of a cross between *What Not to Wear* and *Queer Eye for the Straight Girl*, backed by the host's impeccable credentials as Parsons' former Chair of Fashion Design and current Chief Creative Officer of Liz Claiborne, Inc. As a diehard Tim groupie, I for one can't wait to enjoy a whole hour dedicated to his exquisite taste, endearing humor, and stellar vocabulary. (He's even stumped me a few times.) *Continued ...*

So yes, while the next season of *PR* is still a few months away, we'll have a little Tim Gunn magic to help us muddle through until then. Oh, and don't worry—Tim will also be back on hand to help the next batch of *PR* designers “make it work.” Just in case you were “a little concerned...” Carry on.

(Note: If you can't wait until September for your Tim fix, check out his new book, [Tim Gunn: A Guide to Quality, Taste and Style](#). My copy is on the way; review coming soon!)

## Fall Fashion Trend: Gloves

When I first got wind of this delicious fall trend, my thoughts turned to one fabulous outfit of Anne Hathaway's in *The Devil Wears Prada*—the one from the last scene in Paris. I remember it took me a while to figure out what made the outfit so striking (no, it's okay, I was at work), and finally it hit me: the gloves. Without them, it would've been just another full-skirted black dress, but a pair of demure wrist-length adornments added just enough ladylike panache to make the outfit memorable.



So yes, ladies, it looks like mitts are a must this season. As [style.com](#) reports, “Gloves, on the other hand [*pun intended?*], will be a major part of your new fall wardrobe. There was hardly a collection without them,” from dramatic elbow-length satin ([Dior, Fall 2007](#)) to short, chic leather and cotton ([Gucci, Resort 2008](#)). As you know, I can never say no to a great accessory—affordable, versatile, and, best of all, no sizes or dressing-room drama involved—so I'll definitely be snuggling my digits into some new finery come the fall season.

## Calling All Skirt-Chasers!



What's not to love about a great skirt? Flirty, feminine, and fabulous, the skirt is a truly multitalented wardrobe superstar that fits in equally well at the beach, at the office, and at your cousin Mabel's wedding. Whatever your size, shape, or height, you can always find the perfect one. And—as my diligently trained calves will attest—they're totally hot right now.

Which is why I was delighted to find out about [SkirtSpot](#), a brand-new website that belongs at the top of any skirtophile's Favorites. Here you'll literally find hundreds of options in a wide variety of fabrics, colors, patterns, and shapes. From cool seersucker to cozy wool, from slender pencils to floaty circle styles, there really is something for everyone. And yes, they come in petites, too!

If that's not enough to set your fingers clicking, you'll be pleased to know that many styles are priced under \$50, with nothing over \$100. Each skirt is made to order, and if you're not delighted with your purchase, you can return it for a refund within 30 days.

I was so blown away by the selection that it was tough deciding which style to feature—but I finally settled on the fabulous [Penelope Skirt in Maxfield Squares](#), priced at a reasonable \$46. One piece with endless possibilities:

- Pair it with a floaty pale-green cami and white eyelet espadrilles for lunch with the girls.
- Add a pair of chocolate peep-toe pumps and a light-aqua twinset for a preppy office look.
- Top it with an ultra-shiny white satin tank and slip on a pair of strappy silver sandals for a night out.

See what I mean? So if you're bored with your wardrobe and find yourself craving a quick pick-me-up, [SkirtSpot](#) may just have the perfect solution.

(Oh, and you won't forget to do the booty check each time you leave the restroom, will you ladies? Nah, I didn't think so.)

# This Just In: Abaeté Fall '07 Line at Payless

Purely on a whim, I decided to cruise by the [Payless](#) website today and discovered that Laura Poretzky has officially launched her [Fall 2007 line of Abaeté](#) delectables. I've been keeping up with this line since its debut last year, and I have to say, this is by far the hippest collection of shoes and bags I've seen from them. Sleekly styled and accented with pops of patent leather (hellooooo, Sarina!) and, yes, Lucite (you read it here first, girls), these goodies offer the perfect balance between classic flair and nouveau funk. Take the "[Audrey](#)" pump pictured here, with its understated navy-and-black satin toe followed by—what's this?—translucent side panels and an ultra-hip smoked Lucite heel? *Shut up!* And don't miss the "[Cabri](#)" zip boot. One word: "Meeeeeow!" Look for the whole line to pop up soon at a Payless near you.



## Beauty Tip: Drink Your Water!



Whew, that furious fashion frenzy left me parched. Speaking of which, those of you who know me well know that, as somewhat of a health nut, I always have a full jug of water by my side. Sure, getting your daily dose offers loads of overall health benefits, but did you know that the humble glass of H<sub>2</sub>O also serves as an indispensable beauty asset on numerous levels?

- **Moisturizer:** All the creams and lotions on the planet will do you no good if your body's dehydrated. Drinking enough water helps keep the skin moisturized from the inside out.
- **Puff-Preventer:** When the body doesn't get enough water, it tends to retain the fluids it already has, which can result in puffiness and swelling. While it may seem counterintuitive, upping your water intake can help you ditch the bloat.
- **Gunk-Buster:** Water helps the body rid itself of waste products—including toxins, bacteria, and those nasty free radicals—thus preventing the goo-buildup (to use the precise medical term) in your cells that can speed up the aging process.

Most experts advise eight 8-ounce glasses a day, more if you exercise or have an especially active lifestyle. So, what exactly "counts" as water? Sorry to disappoint our coffee- and soda-lovers, but since caffeine acts as a diuretic, it pretty much nixes any of these bevies' hydration potential. Your best bet is straight-up bottled or filtered water; if you really dislike the taste, try one of the many mini flavor packets that are widely available. Your body will thank you!

## Product Review: Fave Re-buys II

### [NYC Waterproof Eyeliner \(\\$3.99\)](#)

My list of re-buys continues this week with my all-out favorite eyeliner, one I now own in just about every shade. Like most Houston girls I know, I've just gotta have a waterproof, else I'm dealing with raccoon eyes by 11 a.m. I'd tried the options available from the major brands, but my main beef is that they're all "self-sharpening,"—which of course is marketing BS meaning "unsharpenable" (damn copywriters!)—and me, I like my liner super-sharp. So I damn near jumped for joy when I found this little waterproof *and* sharpenable gem from NYC. I have to say it was love at first swipe: great consistency, intense color, sharpens like a dream, and yes, it's as waterproof as they come. What's more, the color selection goes beyond the basics to encompass shades like teal, plum, and electric blue for you adventurous types. I've only tried four of the shades so far ... but give me time.



That's it for me this week, ladies. All this talk of the fabulous Tim Gunn had me rooting around for a sampling of his unfathomable wisdom, resulting in this week's closing quote:



"Fashion isn't relevant if you can't get into a taxi wearing it."

Amen to that, Tim.

**STAY GORGEOUS, GIRLS!**