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Antiques

● Pep up your porcelain amid the "kitchenalia" at **Arundel Bridge Antiques**. 6 High Street, Arundel, West Sussex (01903 884164; Arundelantiques.co.uk)

● Indulge your inner Daisy Buchanan at Anna Graham's thrift-store inspired **Starry Starry Night**. She stocks exquisite Art Deco beaded bags and pretty parasols, alongside other pristine antiques. 19 Dowanside Lane, Glasgow (0141 337 1837)

Antiques fairs

● Tim Walker is often spotted sifting through the stalls at **Ardingly Antiques Fair** in West Sussex. It's a great destination for vintage eiderdowns, cushions and furniture. Next fairs, October 27 and 28. Dmgantiquefairs.com

● Cath Kidson sends her scouts to **Sunbury Antiques Market** for inspiring vintage clothes. Entrance is free. Next sales, October 13 and 27. Kempton Park Racecourse, Middlesex (01932 230946).

● A favourite of the *Vogue* fashion directors, **P&A Antiques Fairs** sell a dazzling array of vintage fashion, textiles and accessories, and a smattering of second-hand art. 020 8543 5075; Pa-antiques.co.uk

Aftercare

● Is the buckle on your **Burberry** trench bust? Is your **Prada** handbag zip impaired? Many designer labels offer an aftercare service. Prada will repair any items, while Burberry is happy to replace buckles, belts and buttons. **Gucci** even has an aftersales department in which to hospitalise damaged goods.

Art

● Find bargains and future classics

at art college graduate shows: try the **Royal College of Art, Central Saint Martins and Camberwell**.

Can't afford your heart's desire? The **Own Art** initiative from the **Arts Council** offers interest-free loans of up to £2,000 to buy art. Simply pay it off over 10 months. ArtsCouncil.org.uk/ownart

Auctions

● Don't be put off by the private collectors paddling alongside you at a **Kerry Taylor Auction**: the right bid could buy you a piece of fashion history. 020 8676 4600; Kerrytaylorauctions.com

From antique buttons to fluoro zips,
Grace Timothy has all your needs covered



BURBERRY

B

Buttons

● Update a pea coat with military button epaulettes from **Spinster's Emporium** (Spinstersemporium.co.uk), or make like designer **William Tempest** and add a spattering of eyelets to a denim jacket. Try **Dmbuttons.co.uk**

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AND SUGAR PINK,
£9 EACH,
NAILS.BY.MAIL.CO.UK

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Beauty

● Want to know a secret? Marcia Kilgore, founder of Bliss spa, says that her **Soap & Glory Make Yourself Youthful Serum** is probably the best anti-ageing product she has ever made. And, at £13, we're inclined to agree. Blisslondon.com

● The *Vogue* beauty team's extensive collections of make-up products and brushes are organised using **Muji's** minimalist but stylish acrylic storage containers. They come in a huge variety of sizes and also double up as boxes for jewellery or shoes. From £2.25. Mujionline.co.uk

● **Sally's Hair and Beauty** wholesalers has got to grips with all your hair and beauty needs. Pick up anything, from curling tongs to tweezers. 08456 014861; Sallyexpress.com

Borrow

● If only more people would allow you to borrow something before you're made to part with your pennies. Knitwear designer Keep & Share will do exactly that - it will even refund your postage if you decide to return it. **Keepandshare.co.uk**

● Air pockets in your nail varnish cause it to become gloopy and tacky. Don't let it go to waste - mix and match two similar shades with a dash of topcoat for a bespoke varnish free of charge.

C

Charity shops

● There are more Oxfams in Britain than you can throw a shrunken cashmere sweater at. Here are five worth travelling to: **Edinburgh's** Nicolson Street store is great for designer seconds: Armani, D&G and Missoni have all been spotted in-store recently (0131 662 4498). If it's homeware you want, head to the **Truro** branch (01872 278792). **Durham's** Elvet Street store is great for shoppers on a student loan (0191 3847440); so, too, is **Nottingham's** Hockley branch, which has a dedicated designer section. The hottest tip, though, is **Manchester's** Oldham Street, where the WAGs deposit their unwanted Gina and Versace (0161 228 3797).

● **Eastbourne's** charity shops are bursting with vintage treasures. Best of the bunch are The British Red Cross (01323 412787), the British Heart Foundation (01323 640213) and Help the Aged (01323 412485).

Clearance

● **Asos.com** has a good clearance section, which is worth a visit every week or so for reduced Luella sunglasses and LNA T-shirts.

Customise

● "If you have a leather jacket, but have over-worn it, cut the arms off, turn it into a waistcoat and hammer some studs into it," says designer **Alice Temperley**.

● "Transform an old LBD by visiting **The Cloth House** in Berwick Street, W1, stocked with wonderful silk chiffon," say designers **Katie Walsh** and **Fiamma Poltock**. "Buy two metres of one colour, or four half-metres of some tonal colours, and make two sets of ruffles to sew on to the dress's shoulders." 020 7437 5155; Clothhouse.com

● "Buy a plain tee from **American Apparel** and lightly tack second-hand lace to the neckline for a cheap update," says **Sean Monahan** of Sea New York. Americanapparel.com

E

Equestrian

● Riding boots and jodhpurs are a must in any heritage-inspired wardrobe. Follow **Luella Bartley's** lead, and visit **Country Rider** in Blackwater, Truro, for your horsey accessories. 01872 561172; Country-rider.co.uk

LUELLA

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Dye

● Sara Berman adores **Dylon** dyes. "They're great for updating tired garments," she says. £4.80 each, at John Lewis (08456 049049)

F

Flowers

● "Head to **New Covent Garden Market** in Vauxhall for orchids before hosting a dinner party," says Pringle creative director Clare Waight Keller. "They're so affordable, you can get double the amount to create a fantastic arrangement." 020 7720 2211

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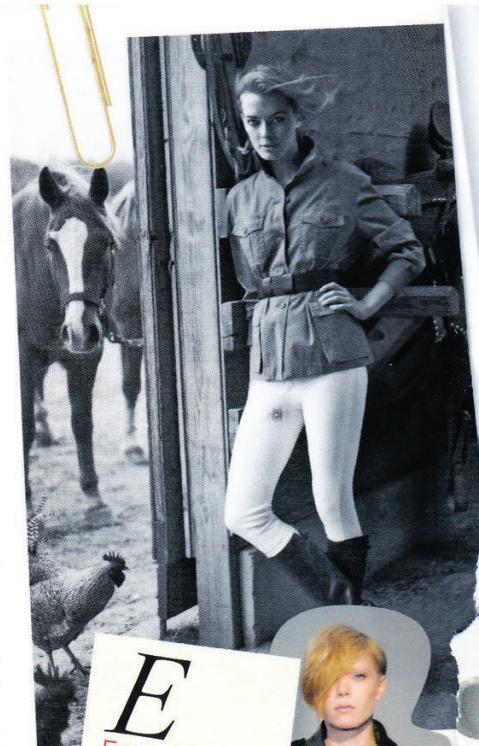
Exchange

● Could you squeeze into one of Kylie's cast-offs? The diminutive songstress is a fan of **Deuxième**, a swap-shop on the New King's Road stocking designer and vintage. Sell on your own goodies to earn credit. 020 7736 3696; Deuxieme.co.uk

● Everyone's invited to a **Swishing** party, provided you bring at least one quality garment to swap. Private parties can also be organised - after all, you might want to know who exactly got that Chanel jacket. Swishing.org



Pringle: Sean; Vivid: Dithura; Tim Walker



Tim Walker; Carter Smith; Tim Walker





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Fringing

● "Buy fringes and add them in sections to a top or a jacket to create a very cool look," advises designer **Emilio de la Morena**. We recommend a looped fringe, 95p a metre, at **Ribbonmoon.co.uk**



G

Gold plating

● "Gold or silver plate your high-street jewellery to give it longevity," says designer **Joanna Sykes**. "It costs between £10 and £40 at **City Gold Plating**, Leather Lane, EC1." 020 78318825; Goldplatingspecialist.co.uk



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Haberdashery

● **Spinster's Emporium** is a delightfully designed site. Vintage fabric is from £4 a half-metre, with free P&P, and there's a gift service. **Spinstersemporium.co.uk**

● "I go to **MacCulloch & Wallis** in Dering Street, W1, for large pieces of grosgrain to tie around my head," says designer **Savannah Miller**. "It looks dramatic and it's dead cheap. Perfect!" 020 7629 0311; **Macculloch-wallis.co.uk**

● Buy sewing and knitting machines, from £129, at outlet site **Discountsewing.co.uk** and learn how to use them at **Just Sew**, 33 North Road, Brighton (01273 689108)

● "Feathers add luxury to your wardrobe," says designer **Katie Eary**. "**Barnett Lawson Trimmings** in W1 has all colours, sizes and species." 020 7636 8591; **Bltrimmings.com**

H

Haberdashery

● Channel the spirit of Givenchy's a/w '09 collection and create feathered headwear with spectacular plumage, £4.95 a metre, at **Bedecked** in Hay-on-Wye. **Bedecked.co.uk**



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Interiors

● **Vogue** fashion director **Lucinda Chambers** has taken old favourites from her wardrobe and had them transformed into lampshades by **Caroline Ashworth**. What better way to continue enjoying clothing you no longer wear? 01986 874417; Email lampshades@carolineashworth.com

● **SkinFlint** in Falmouth sells reclaimed and salvaged lighting, from 1900 to 1960. The industrial fittings look fresh and distinctive, and cost far less than a designer shade. 01326 314528; **Skinflintdesign.co.uk**

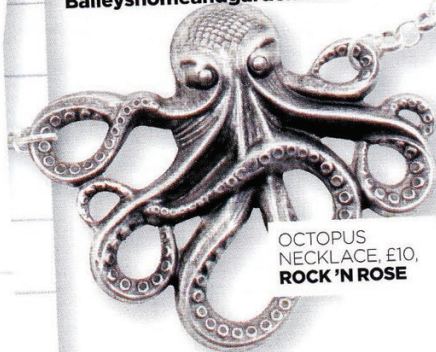
● "Never leave a chair on its own," says **Rita Konig**. "It's amazing how uncomfortable it is to sit in a chair with nowhere to put your drink - whether that be a table, or something improvised from a stack of books."

● **Zara Home** has bold prints, vibrant colours and good-quality furnishings that belie their price - the nursery range is excellent. **Zarahome.co.uk**

● Personalise your stationery with a stamp commissioned from **Blade Rubbers** in Bury Place, WC1 (020 7831 4123; **Bladerubberstamps.co.uk**)

● A wall map can provide just the requisite colour for a room. Whatever shade of sea you're after, try **Stanfords** in Long Acre, WC2 (020 7836 1321; **Stanfords.co.uk**)

● **Whitecross Farm** in Bridstow is home to the south's most resourceful homeware designers. **Baileyshomeandgarden.com**



OCTOPUS NECKLACE, £10, **ROCK 'N ROSE**

Sudhir Pittwa; Tim Walker

J

Jewellery

● **Rock 'n Rose** is perfect for those coveting quirky charms and faux-vintage pendants. Look out for the "Can't speak French" gold pendants spelling "oui" and "non", the octopus (right) and the pocket-watch locket. From £10. **Rocknrose.co.uk**

● Delve through **Snoopers Paradise's** higgledy-piggledy cabinets to find your own piece of Brighton rock. If you've got a bijou crisis, it's got the costume jewellery to solve it. 7-8 Kensington Gardens, Brighton (01273 602558).

● You've your heart set on a £20,000 diamond ring, but your head is advising you otherwise. **Timothy Roe Fine Jewellery** will craft designs to suit a more modest budget, working in any precious metal or gemstone you desire. 12 South Street, Chichester (01243 538313)

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FIFTIES-INSPIRED
UNDERWEAR AT
WHAT KATIE DID

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Lingerie

- Want to channel the simple chic of a Galliano slip dress? Pick up a perfect bias-cut slip at **Blackout II**, Endell Street, WC2 – its lingerie collection dates back to the Thirties. Better still, pick up several and dye them in the jewel colours of autumn. 020 7240 5006; Blackout2.com
- The *Vogue* fashion team often visits **Whatkatieidid.com** for vintage-reproduction lingerie for their shoots. We love the beautiful Fifties-style satin Harlow Bullet bra, £27.50 (above)

M

Millinery

- Create your own flower fascinator using wired ribbon, from **VV Rouleaux** (020 7224 5179; Vvrouleaux.com) or **The Sewing Rooms** (020 8780 0126), bent into the shape of a flower. Fix on a comb and add lace, gems or feathers to embellish

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GET CREATIVE AT
THE SEWING ROOMS



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SCARVES
AT **BEGG
SCOTLAND'S
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Knitting

- **Stitch & Bitch** London is just one branch of the popular knitophiles' network (see Chloe's Fox's *The New DIY* on page 127). Members encourage others to "knit fast, purl young". Stitchandbitchlondon.co.uk
- Not only does Angel-based yarn specialist **Loop** sell all your knitting needs, it also offers trouble-shooting clinics, classes, and rails of knitwear from international designers. 020 7288 1160; Loopknitting.com

N

Night classes

- **The Alison Victoria School of Sewing** in Leicester offers beginners' classes in customisation, alteration, recycling denim, and creating bags. Courses are just £35 for a half day, or you can book a private tutorial for £65 an hour. Schoolofsewing.co.uk
- Master the art of the perfect smoky eye or vermilion lip with an online make-up tutorial. We recommend Illamasqua's Art of Application videos at Illamasqua.com and Kevin Murphy's online podcasts at Kevinmurphystore.com
- At **West Dean College's** Upcycle programme in Chichester, students can learn anything from simple basics, such as How to Make a Skirt, to the more outlandish Machine Embroidery Inspired by Klimt. Westdean.org.uk

O

Outlets

- The **Mulberry Factory Shop** in Bath offers both discontinued lines and factory samples of ready-to-wear lines and accessories. Just don't tell them we told you. 01749 340583
- Swathe yourself in cashmere at the factory outlet of **Begg Scotland** in Ayr. Scarves start from £15, while throws go for just £80. 01292 267615
- **Le Creuset** has several outlets, but the store at Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth, is one of the largest. The classic cast-iron cooking pots are marked at 30 per cent off their retail price, while discontinued lines go for up to 50 per cent less. 0845 313 7502

P

Patterns

● Vintage sewing patterns are a delight – even if you can't so much as thread a needle, you can enjoy the pretty packaging. Buy yours at **Masquerade** in Ryde, Isle of Wight. 01983 566333; Masquerade.co.uk

**BANANA
REPUBLIC**
BAG, £85

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Quilting

● This season's Chanel 2.55 quilted handbag will set you back £1,715. For a less eye-watering investment, **Banana Republic's** mini purse on a gold chain (above) caught *Vogue's* eye. It's only £85. Branches, 020 71491300

R

Repairs

● Breathe new life into long-forgotten shoes and bags at **Mayfair Cobblers**. *Vogue* fashion assistant **Verity Parker** had her Chanel handbag rejuvenated for just £25. Branches, 020 7491 3426

● The **Queens of Vintage** website has a special section dedicated to teaching customisation and repair techniques. Check it out before you chuck it out. Queensofvintage.com/category/make-mend

Cornie Day; Sudhir Pithwa; Roger Dean

S

Shoes

● **Kate Kanzier's** £15 sandals saw a stampede of *Vogue* girls descending on her Leather Lane emporium. Her bags, from £20, are equally on trend, and highly covetable. 020 7242 7232; Katekanzier.com

● "Add something special to simple courts, strappy sandals or ballet flats, with shoe clips," says shoe designer **Charlotte Olympia**. "It's easy to make them from old trimmings, silk flowers and costume jewellery. For something more permanent, try embellishing an old pair of Converse with studs and rivets."

S

Shoulder pads

● "Add shoulder pads to your boyfriend's cashmere sweater," say Preen designers **Justin Thornton** and **Thea Bregazzi**. "Go see the shoulder-pad lady at **John Lewis** for an instant, effortlessly cool look." 08456 049049

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**KATE
KANZIER**
SHOES, £35

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Tailors

● **Agnews** will take up and hand-finish a pair of men's smart trousers for just £13. The owner, **Adrian Kenward**, is usually dressed head-to-toe in Forties garb, and is an excellent source of information about caring for your own vintage items. 17 Spring Street, Brighton (01273 739441)

● Have your high-street denim altered and customised for a fit worthy of a designer at **Mo's Tailoring**. A taper and cuff will cost you between £16 and £25. 6 South Molton Street, W1 (020 7493 9718)

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Useful books

Orchids on Your Budget
by **Marjorie Hillis**

Marjorie Hillis's tips for thrifty living are as relevant today as when they were first published in 1937. Virago Press, £10

The Thrift Book: Live Well and Spend Less by **India Knight**

Fashionista turned recessionista **India Knight** has crunched all aspects of a stylish London life to suit a pinched purse. From holidaying and dressing to entertaining, her tips not only spare you a second mortgage, but also consider the environment. Penguin, £8

Make Do and Mend
John Lewis has refreshed its famous wartime pamphlet of money-saving tips for keeping house, filled with crafts, nifty repairs and fashion fixes. John Lewis, £5

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Useful books

How to Feed a Man with Love
by Stasha Butterfly

A curiously compelling, essential guide for Stepford-wives-in-waiting. Krackencreative, £20

Sew! by Cath Kidston

West London's queen of kitschy vintage prints assembles 48 sewing projects, from toys to tea cosies. Quadrille, £15.

Kid Made Modern: 52 Kid Friendly Projects Inspired by Mid-Century Modern Design by Todd Oldham

Get the children to recycle and reuse with projects that will keep them away from Messrs Disney and Nintendo. Ammo Books, £15



ZIPS, £1.55 EACH, THE SEWING ROOMS

W

Waders

For Prada-style waders at a fraction of the price, seek out Hoggs Full Thigh Waders for just £43. Countrysupplies.com



V

Vintage

● **Wardrobe** is like a showgirl's dressing room – dazzling. Sequined, embroidered and marabou-trimmed vintage gowns hang alongside a covetable collection of Art Deco jewellery. 51 Upper North Street, Brighton (01273 202201)

● **Vintage Heaven** in Brick Lane caters to even the tightest budget. The owners have an unpretentious attitude and the stock is refreshed constantly. 020 7033 4282

● Naomi Thompson's website Vintagesecret.com's stock of Frank Usher, Alice Pollock and Emilio Pucci vintage caused such a stir, she now offers bespoke tea and dinner parties for her fans.

Vintage fairs

● **Kate Moss** and **Laura Bailey** have both been spotted at **Frock Me**. The fairs, held in Brighton, Chelsea and Battersea, gather the best vintage retailers in Britain. Take note of the collections of Jean Dubberley and The Cat's Meow. 020 7254 4054; Frockmevintagefashion.com



VINTAGE SECRET
FIFTIES DAY
DRESS, £100



VINTAGE HEAVEN
CHECKED
DRESS, £25



COSTUME PARTY
VINTAGE SHOPS
ARE A MINE
OF ORIGINAL
JEWELLERY

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Weddings

● Want to exchange your vows in something old? **Natasha Bailie** sources vintage dresses and accessories from all over the world. She's also happy to find your heart's desire if she doesn't already have it. 020 3286 7337; Natashabailie.com

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● Do your bit for the environment by cutting down on packaging and buying your favourite beauty products in bulk. Purity Cleanser by Philosophy, £30 for 1 litre, at Qvcuk.com; Aveda Shampure Shampoo, £26 for 1 litre, at Aveda.co.uk; Dermalogica Pump Size Special Cleansing Gel, £38 for 500ml, 0800 591818.

Zips

● Need a fluoro yellow fastener for your Nu Rave designs? **The Sewing Rooms**, 14 Lacy Road, Putney, has got every zip you'll need. It's an open and shut case. 020 8780 0126 ■

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