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Wayne Gretzky, Catriona Le May Doan, Steve Nash and Nancy Greene gather for the lighting of the Olympic cauldron at Vancouver's BC Place Stadium on Friday night to officially launch the 2010 Winter Olympic Games. To read about the opening ceremonies, see PAGE F1.



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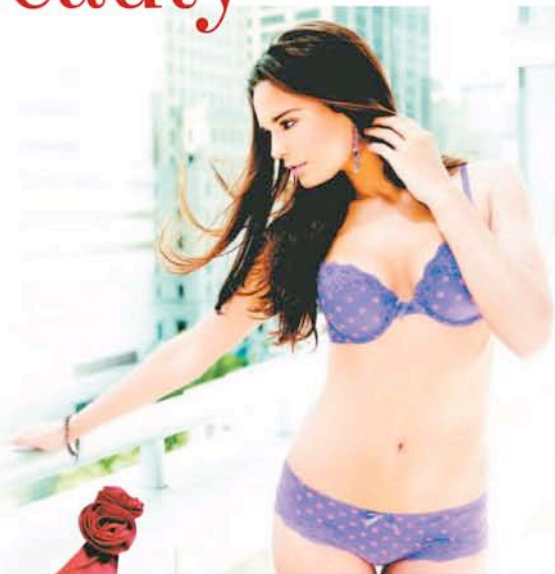
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FASHION

# Embrace your inner beauty



Montelle Intimates' Polka Dots Forever collection offers a splash of fun and is almost too pretty to cover up.



## Reveal your flirty side

BY JANET WILSON

Whether you'll be rocking the red dress or setting hearts aflutter at home, make every moment count this Valentine's Day.

If you have planned an evening in or a night out with the girls, showing a little love in your attire has endless options.

Go red if you enjoy being the centre of attention and want to knock the socks off your partner. Cartise's Little Red Dress, a one-shoulder tiered cocktail dress, \$295, guarantees that all eyes will be on you for the entire night. Available at Earlene's House of Fashion, 113 James St., the red dress is a refreshing, romantic alternative to winter layers.

"Red is flirtatious, sexy and special. It's all about how women feel and embrace the colour while wearing it," says storeowner Earlene Hobin.

"Red is the leading trend on the runways this season," Hobin says.

If red is not your colour, tiny hearts, playful polka dots and white are fashionable alternatives.

Montelle Intimates' spring line of lingerie is almost too pretty to cover up. Sweet and sexy, the Polka Dots Forever collection in grape juice print offers a splash of colour and promises fun. The motto of this line is dare to be different — so ladies, it's time to flaunt what you have. This sexy collection features six femi-

Red is romantic and daring. Cartise's Little Red Dress, \$295, is all about wow factor.



nine styles, such as a flattering boy-leg brief, \$30, thong, \$22, push-up bra, \$45, and sassy chemise in microfibre with scalloped lace, \$54.

The Montreal company's Oh So Sensual collection is just that. Empowering and elegant, the lingerie pieces are available in "moonstruck" with touches of lilac, rose and silver undertones. Satin, lace and embroidered embellishments add a seductive touch. The underwire bra, \$52, thong, \$30, and garter belt, \$30. Montelle Intimates is currently available in lingerie boutiques and select retailers across Canada including Marianne's at Westgate Shopping Centre, 3300 Carling Ave.

"Lingerie is the perfect Valentine's Day gift the two of you will enjoy unwrapping," says Joëlle Eugénie, fashion director and head designer at Montelle Intimates.

"Lingerie makes women feel sexy, giving her the added confidence to seduce her sweetheart knowing that she looks irresistible. It's the risk-and-true Valentine's Day gift that is sure to add a little passion to the night."



Montelle's bustier with detachable garter, \$76, is oh so glamorous.

### CODE RED

Try a variety of reds against your skin tone to see what suits you best. Some reds have blue or orange undertones that could compete with certain colourings.

Wear nude hosiery and underwear (or skip the under altogether) to avoid panty lines.

Find a lipstick shade that complements your dress colour. Makeup should be applied in understated manners.

You don't want your accessories to clash with red so opt for silver or gold finishes on jewelry, handbags and shoes.



Find a lipstick shade that complements your dress. Sephora's Lush Flush Lip and Cheek Stain is \$16.

## First impressions

Ottawa's Suit Divas help young women dress for their first job interview

BY JANET WILSON

Ottawa pals and movers and shakers Sandra Tisot and Nicole Loreto have a new moniker — the Suit Divas.

The pair recently launched My First Suit, a service to help young, disadvantaged women by giving them their first business suit as they

enter the workforce.

"Everyone remembers their first job interview and what they were wearing," says Loreto. "We want to strengthen their confidence and believe a professional outfit will help."

Loreto, who originally trained in the field of social work, is a communications specialist. She has worked in shelters, with disadvantaged women and the Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa.

"I can't make changes in everything, but I can contribute in small ways. Many of our friends are also getting involved, including Brian MacGregor of Brown's Cleaners."

Loreto is urging women of all shapes and sizes to drop off gently

used suits (skirts, pants, blazers) to any Brown's Cleaners location in Ottawa. "My goal is to collect Looos suits. So far we've received about 90 outfits from size 2 to 16. Many of them have designer labels."

Women hoping to receive a suit must fill out a short application at [www.myfirstsuit.ca](http://www.myfirstsuit.ca) or on the Ottawa Kiosk website [www.ottawakiosk.com](http://www.ottawakiosk.com).

The Suit Divas will invite selected applicants to a fashion makeover fitting session on April 2 where they will choose their first business outfit along with accessories with the help of an image consultant. Hair designers and makeup professionals, including Rinaldo's Hair Designers and Spa, will also be on hand. A second session will take place in September.

"First impressions do count. We just want to help women dress the part," Loreto says.



Sandra Tisot, left, and Nicole Loreto are urging women to drop off gently used skirts, pants and blazers at Brown's Cleaners in Ottawa.

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