

Secret crush *Drakes silk scarves*



Originally worn by men in the seventeenth century to signify masculinity, these days the silk scarf is a genteel nod towards dandyish refinement. For the truly dapper London gent, it's never lost its allure – in the 1960s, mods favoured Tootal, the British brand which has pioneered the garment since 1799 (available at Selfridges). Currently, London's most fashionable necks are opting for the subtle charms of a Drakes silk scarf. Established by Michael Drake in 1977, all are lovingly designed in Clerkenwell.
Maggie Davis
 Silk scarf, £95 (drakes-london.com/ 020 7608 0321).

Beauty spot

New York chemist Kiehl's has worked since 1851 to keep us wrinkle-free. Now, its Abyssine range has been toughed up with corallina, a mineral-rich algae that Kiehl's claims defends skin from environmental attack. From £27 at kiehls.com

Just opened *Mr Start*

Start's Rivington Street empire has expanded to include a suits store. Nestled next to the two existing fashion boutiques run by Philip Start (founder of Woodhouse) and Brix Smith-Start (The Fall's former guitarist), the



new two-floor atelier brings a pinch of Savile Row to Shoreditch. It's a stylish shop where young guys can come for their first off-the-peg suit or a dandy can get one made to measure,' says Philip. Mr Start's signature styles – a slim fit and a classic three-piece – grace the rails next

to suits by Balenciaga and Jill Sander with prices ranging from £550. So what's the best thing on offer, Philip? 'The proper cup of tea we serve our customers, of course!' **Helen Jennings**.
Mr Start, 40 Rivington St, EC2 (020 7729 6272/start-london.com) Old St tube/rail. Open 10.30am-6.30pm, Sat 11am-6pm, Sun 1-5pm.

Just out *Superfertile*

No one should try accusing Kali Arulpragasam of favouring style over substance. The politically minded accessories designer and elder sister of MIA shares her musical sibling's penchant for fighting a cause. Trading under 'Superfertile', Kali's latest collection, 'Terrorism Affects Tourism', came about when, due to political conflict, she couldn't visit her family home in Sri Lanka. Picking nine other war-torn countries she created a torso-covering necklace for each one, but emphasises that, 'My pieces are about the beauty of the country, not terrorism.'

Although already worn by MIA and Spank Rock, Arulpragasam's ultimate goal is to sell in the UN shop in New York. 'When I see them hanging there, with all the leaders going past, I'll be happy.' Earrings from £85 each. **Esther Adams Eurofia**, 16B Lancaster Rd, Notting Hill, W11 (020 7243 1808/superfertile.com) Notting Hill Gate tube. Open Mon-Sat 10.30am-6.30pm.



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