THE ACCESSORIES REPORT

From summer boots and belt bags to kitten heels and cat's-eye sunnies — *Claudia Croft* reveals what we're coveting from the catwalk

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Roll up, roll up! The new-season accessories are here, and the fashion fun is about to start. Spring's best bags, shoes, shades and even phone cases take playfulness to the next level. Just like toys, they excite joy (and jealousy), stir the imagination and allow you to take on a role. Yes, accessories are the quickest and easiest way to update your look, but it's the feelgood factor they bring that has us flexing our credit cards.

Some are practical, but let's face it, practicality isn't always the main concern. The real joy of accessories is that they make our hearts beat faster. You don't fall for Miu Miu's giant orange and pink shades just because they will shield your eyes from the sun. It's the crazy, retro-cool styling and "so wrong, it's right" colourway that makes you want them. Mrs Prada knows that when it comes to accessories, a little illogic goes a very long way, and her idea has influenced everything. How else do you explain phone cases that cost more than your handset, the bumbag revival and the very existence of summer boots? Here's our roundup of the season's most amusing, wild and witty adornments.

Miu Miu girl

Are you sensible when it comes to accessories, or do you prefer something quirky? The Miu Miu SS17 collection has it all — from the perfect go-anywhere black day bag and the bonkers bucket embellished with daisies to retro swim caps and supersized sunnies.

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Gigi Hadid wears cotton shirt, £360, shorts, £635, and calf-leather bag, £1,420, MIU MIU

Opposite
More looks from the Miu Miu SS17 collection

Oversized totes

If you like to carry everything but the kitchen sink, you're in for a treat. Roomy bags are (literally) huge for SS17.

The luxury phone case

Your best accessory is already in your pocket. The kooky phone case phase is over — trade up to a truly luxe version that begs to be shown off, like Vuitton's Eye-Trunk (from £745).

Belt bags

Bored with your clutch? Then the belt bag is for you. Hands-free and super-practical, DKNY, Stella McCartney and Marni did it best.

Double up

Layering's not just for clothes. Whether you wear two bags — as seen at Valentino — or attach one to another, just make it more.

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Visors

Swap your wide-brimmed hat for its lesser-seen sister. Worn low over the eyes (and with a killer top-knot) at Dior or boxy at Moncler.

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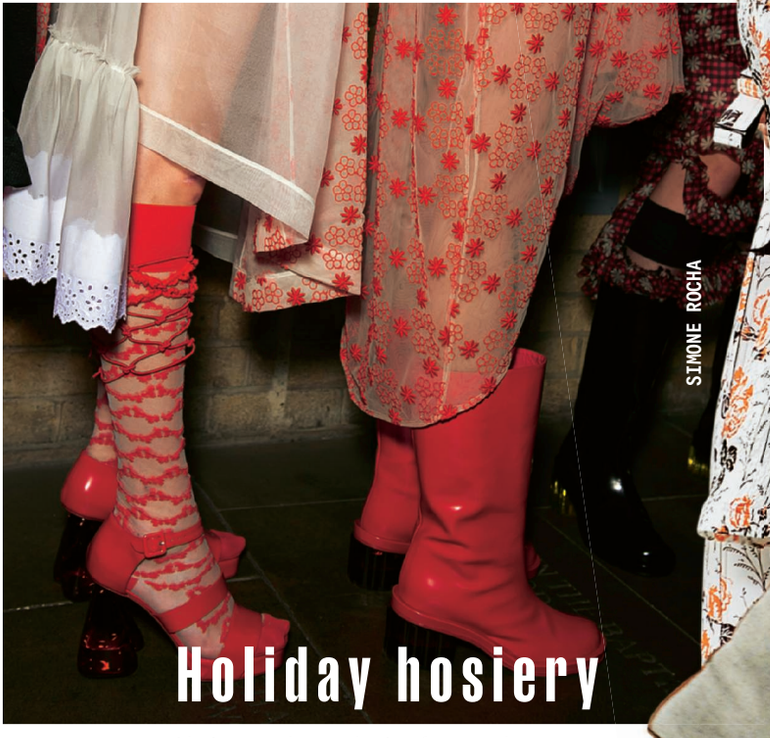

Holiday hosiery

It's time to take your hosiery from staple to statement. At Simone Rocha socks were patterned and pulled to the knee, while Saint Laurent embellished tights with its monogram.

SIMONE ROCHA

VICTORIA BECKHAM

PRADA

ERDEM

Flatforms

Our fondness for fugly shoes shows no sign of waning. We blame Miuccia Prada. Whether fur-lined, feathered or fabric-covered, the flatform is holding strong.

Summer boots

Rainy-day footwear conundrums are no more. At Victoria Beckham, dresses were paired with long boots.

Cat's-eye sunglasses

Slightly more angular and in a rainbow of tints, the new cat's-eye — seen at Céline, Balenciaga and Stella — is the eyewear shape to know. Works best on round or square faces.

STELLA McCARTNEY

CELINE

MARC JACOBS

Platforms

Seriously stompy platforms stormed the SS17 catwalks — extreme at Marc Jacobs and embellished at Gucci. It's all about being bold.

GUCCI

Kitten heels

Dior's sell-out slingback kitten heels are a classic in the making, and they've ushered in the return of fashion's most sensible heel height. Praise be.

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Corset belts

Cinching is the key to spring's strongest silhouette. Wrap a corset belt around everything for a simple styling shortcut.