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Bringing the essence of 'old-world' couture into modern day living

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Editors' Choice

What our fashion team is crazy about this month.



Fashion Finder

Couturelab.com is an elegant source of inspiration for the holiday gift hunt. Browsing the new membership-only site, with its seasonless offerings from an upscale international group of artisans and designers—such as L'Wren Scott, who creates pieces like this wool crepe cap-sleeved dress (above) specially for the site—feels like shopping the world's most exceptional boutiques. The virtual advantage is being able to sort the handmade and exclusive goods by item (accessories, clothing, jewelry), lifestyle (classic, bohemian, vintage), and culture (African, Indian, Latin).



A Label We Love

Los Angeles-based jersey whiz Rachel Pally believes plus-size women should have the same fashion choices as everyone else—yes, accommodating sizes, but no patronizing designs that compromise style for modesty. That's the thinking behind Rachel Pally White Label (available only at Nordstrom until a wider rollout in January), which features more considerate versions of her signature line's winning pieces, like this smartly cut, body-skimming, midnight blue Empire-waist caftan-style dress (above). (\$255, select Nordstrom stores; 800-695-8000; nordstrom.com)



Priced to Excite

Look for Anthony Nak—the jewelry house that landed the Council of Fashion Designers of America's Perry Ellis Award for new talent in accessories design—on QVC. That's where you can buy Atelier Anthony Nak: far more affordable versions of its retro-inspired high-end wares, like these topaz earrings (above) in settings cleverly constructed of sterling silver chain. (\$84; qvc.com)



Green Stuff

Some products have been eco-friendly for years. While poring over the newest green goods, we were reminded of one of our tried-and-true favorites, the Citizen Eco-Drive line of watches, with technology first introduced in 1976. Powered by light, they require no toxic batteries to later clutter a landfill, and run for at least six months on their energy reserves. Which you might not guess from the luxurious styling of new models like the diamond-studded two-tone stainless steel Riva (above). (\$395; citizenwatch.com)

Good Guy of the Month

American Eagle Outfitters isn't just for the excitent teenagers in its ads. The popular retailer has a fitness line called Aeriefit that's an excellent one-stop source for affordable and good-looking exercise gear and accessories for women of all ages. But it's not only pieces like the windstopper, racer-back sports bra, and sport tights (right) that we appreciate; it's that American Eagle's Better World Foundation donates proceeds from the sale of special seasonal products to Big Brothers Big Sisters, Jumpstart, and the Student Conservation Association. (\$50, \$25, and \$40; aerie.com)

