

We're still partying like it's 1999 to judge by the staying power of floaty silks and baroque prints

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When the Nineties fashion resurgence started a few years ago, could anyone have predicted it would have such longevity?

What started with Calvin Klein style slip dresses, cute crop tops and sleek sportswear has evolved, and now bold baroque prints are splashed all over the high street.

A far cry from the minimalist mood that reigned on the New York catwalks during the decade, these colourful designs are rooted in a pair of storied European fashion houses.

First, there's French label Hermes, famous for its exquisite silk scarves hand-printed with colourful equestrian motifs, which have been worn by



Topshop Black Chain Print Denim Skirt, £32



Zara Scarf Print Shirt, £25.99

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everyone from Audrey Hepburn and Grace Kelly to the Queen.

Then there's Versace, and the prints pioneered by the late Gianni Versace in the Eighties and early Nineties, when he took traditional Italian artistic designs and replaced angels and cherubs with chains and Medusa heads.

In recent years, Donatella Versace has brought these baroque prints back to the catwalk, and now they've trickled down to high street collections too.

So how do you wear these silky, vintage inspired pieces?

The easiest option is a floaty shirt or blouse paired with black skinny jeans – when your top is this busy you should keep it sleek and simple on your lower half.

Likewise, a scarf print skirt – whether tight and mini or loose and midi length – looks best teamed with a snug block colour roll-neck.

If you want to go the whole hog in all-over print, there are some gorgeous midi shirt dresses in the shops – just add knee high boots and your Nineties homage is complete.

Here's our pick of the best baroque pieces on the high street now.



JD Williams Scarf Print Long Line Shirt Dress, £35



River Island Red Scarf Print Tie Front Shirt, £30



Dorothy Perkins Petite Scarf Print Shirt, £28



Sosandar Black Chain Print Shirt Dress With Belt, £69; High Boot, £139



Evans Black Chain Print Shirt Dress, £36 (was £45)



Simply Be Chain Print Longer Length Shell Top, £18; Black Infinity 4 Way Stretch Skinny Jeans, £45; Morgan Barely There Wide E Fit Shoes, £22

## Style news



Treat yourself to a drop of detox. If you retoxed for Burns night after a Dry January detox, your skin may be wondering what the plan is – whisky or water? Even out the contours with the help of this serum from Daytox. Just a few drops will help prevent signs of aging caused by UV rays, pollution and stress. You can wave goodbye to redness too. Destination detox.

Daytox Hydrating H Serum, £26, [www.daytox.de](http://www.daytox.de) and see [www.waitrose.com](http://www.waitrose.com) for a six product Daytox collection

Draw inspiration from shea butter

Is there a better time of year for L'Occitane to team up with stationer Rifle Paper Co to create a collection of three shea butter products adorned with beautiful illustrations? We think not, as we apply a generous dollop of the rich hand cream. Butter fingers.

Limited Edition Design Rose Shea Butter Hand Cream, £8, [www.loccitane.co.uk](http://www.loccitane.co.uk)



Spa scent through the post

If the grey February skies are getting you down, transport yourself to southeast Asia with the help of Ushvani, London's

only Malaysian Day Spa and its Lemon Tea Tree Handwash. If you can't make it to the big smoke, access the refreshing scent of the handwash through the online store. Aromatics at home.

Lemon Tea Tree Handwash by Ushvani, £25, [www.ushvani.com](http://www.ushvani.com)



Pig out with Armani's palette

Armani has released a stylish face palette in lucky red with a gold Chinese symbol denoting good fortune to mark the dawn of the Year of the Pig on Tuesday. The palette is home to a sheer, illuminating face powder, a mirror and a brush applicator. Happy New Year to all our readers.

Giorgio Armani Highlighting Face Palette in Nude, £60, [beautycounters.nationwide](http://beautycounters.nationwide)