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GET SET

Aussie label Sir always manages to make a compelling case for cut-out combo sets. Although form-fitting, this mid-length skirt and long-sleeved slightly cropped top from the Resort 24 collection won't leave you feeling over-exposed. Sir has expertly crafted the flattering viscose-nylon blend to hug the body, and marble resin beads add an extra touch of delicate detail. Salvador Midl Skirt, \$340, Top, \$290, sirthebluel.com

**LA VITA ITALIANA**

Holiday in Italy gives you the romanticised view, living there puts the country's complexity, chaos and cultural nuance into focus. La Double founder and fashion designer JJ Martin moved to Milan in 2011 and this is a homage to her adopted city, a 288-page deep dive into the delights of Italian style and good living. The fabric-bound, travel guide-meets-memoir includes lessons on tablescaping, vintage fashion, spirituality... and slowing down. *Mamma Milano* by JJ Martin, \$115, ladoublej.com

HIT THE BOTTLE
Perfumers are quenching their creative thirsts right now by imbibing whiskies, wines and rum for inspiration. This scent begins with bourbon vanilla; an initial fresh mix of orange blossom and bergamot is then warmed up by cinnamon. Yes, it screams men's scent, but a woman could equally make it her own. *Parfums de Marly Althair Eau De Parfum*, \$498, liberteparfumerie.com.au



SPEND

POPPY POWER

Five china cups that tender your morning coffee tepid? No thanks. This is why we have a soft spot for Marimekko's chunky 250ml-capacity Oiva mug. It now comes in a calming green shade of the brand's signature Unikko poppy pattern - a serene, steamy-hot start to your morning guaranteed. \$37, marimekko.com/au

**ISLAND ART**

Stay at Capella Lodge on Lord Howe Island and secure one of just 50 candles with sleeve artwork by painter Joshua Yeldham, vessel by ceramicist Malcolm Greenwood, and scent of the island's araucaria pine and wonga wonga vine by perfumer Craig Andrade. The Capella Lodge x The Raconteur Candle, \$150, capellalodge.com.au

**BUTTON UP**

Love a crisp cotton dress shirt, but iron averse? Get your fix via this mini Jodie bag that's been designed to look like the real deal, right down to its knotted sleeves and buttoned cuffs. Made from Napa leather printed with layers of ink, it's playful yet sophisticated at the same time. Bag, \$420, bottlegavernetta.com/au

**NO NONSENSE**

Hamilton and Seiko are two of the go-to names for a 'field' watch, the kind of no-nonsense timer that indicates at a glance the time of day without drawing overt attention to itself. That said, such watches boast good looks because they're not trying too hard, as you can see with this strong titanium-cased number from Hamilton. Water-resistant to more-than-adequate 100 metres, it's a self-winder and spans a compact 38mm. A brown strap complements the green dial. \$1600, inquiries (03) 8844 3300.

Bani McSpedden

**OLIVE YOU**

Parties will argue USM's hyper-functional designs by Fritz Haller are as iconic as the Swiss army knife - and there's no denying the elegant simplicity of their lines. Now four of USM's best-sellers (a serving trolley, \$1695; sideboard, \$4655; TV unit, \$3305 and home office, \$3750) will come in this earthy olive hue with 70's throwback vibes. Pre-order now and you'll receive a set of Riedel classic martini glasses for that vodka dry with olives. Naturally. ambou.com.au

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