

**The
Ten
Best**

Lingerie sets

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Princesse Tam Tam

◊ If you aren't a fan of push-up or underwired bras, and you have a small bust, you might like this pretty lace option. The gathering under the bust gives the impression of fullness, and the stretchiness of the lace means that it fits most shapes. This zingy shade of coral will bring a tropical feel to the dullest of days.
Price: bra £30, knickers £27
020-7629 9161



Chantelle

◊ A good fit is key, and Chantelle bras are designed to support larger busts and boost smaller ones. This lemon-and-mocha underwired one is covered in embroidery, which is picked up on the ruched knickers. Try to have a professional fitting - you won't regret it.
Price: bra £49, knickers £34
01483 300 880



DM

◊ This elegant set by DM is ideal if you are on a budget. It doesn't look or feel cheap, and the combination of colours, fabrics, subtle padding and underwiring will make you look and feel like a French starlet.
Price: bra £24, knickers £14
0115 983 6000



Stella McCartney

◊ The lovely detailing on this black bra-and-knicker set is what sets it apart from its cheaper counterparts. Soft pleated ribbon adorns the front of the bra, while the ruffle at the back of the knickers is suitably saucy. The lace bra is lined, making it comfortable as well as sexy. A winner with both sexes.
Price: bra £105, knickers £45
020-7518 3100

Best Buy



Marks & Spencer

◊ M&S has produced some gorgeous lingerie for spring, and this decadent silk polka dot-and-lace set is one of the best. The bra has subtle padding, making it ideal for smaller busts, and the pretty frilled-edge knickers are sheer at the back and cut low enough to be flattering as well as flirty. And it's brilliantly priced.
Price: bra £16, knickers £9.50
0845 302 1234



Myla

◊ If cost isn't an issue, you're sure to find something luxurious but sexy in the Myla collection. For a night of seduction, this steel-grey silk tie-fronted bra is just the right side of risqué, and let's just say that the knickers are cut to reveal rather more than usual. Avoid wearing in the gym changing-room.
Price: bra £99, knickers £69
www.myla.com



Fleur T

◊ Fans of vintage-style underwear will love this bluebell lace and tulle set from Fleur T. Inspired by the lingerie of the Fifties, the high-waisted knickers have a silk modesty panel, and the bra is trimmed with ribbon and has pretty matching straps that are so gorgeous you won't want to cover them up.
Price: bra £79.50, knickers £49
www.fleurt.co.uk



Lejaby

◊ Those blessed with a narrow frame and generous curves may find it hard to find pretty bras that fit properly across the back, but Figleaves.com offers an incredible variety of styles and sizes. This underwired-bra and French-knicker set goes from 32D to 38E.
Price: bra £45, knickers £35
Fagleaves.com



Agent Provocateur

◊ Although essentially unnecessary these days, suspenders still hold a certain allure for some. Choose the matching underwear in a pretty colour rather than anything as obvious as red. This pink set with black lace trim is sexy without being vulgar.
Price: bra £65, knickers £40, suspenders £45
020-7243 1292;
www.agentprovocateur.com



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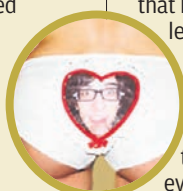


We love Topshop's EDIT

Everyone's launching "pop-up" shops-within-shops - and Topshop's version is set to be great. Showcasing young designers, EDIT brings innovative design and hip avant garde to Oxford Circus, London. The first batch drops on 15 February. From futuristic, jewelled leotards to silk tea dresses, deconstructed T-shirts to digital knit cardigans, the selection promises to be the most directional and ground-breaking concession on the high street. Dress, £230, by KTZ.

We're not sure about Picture Me pants

"Your picture where it counts," proclaims the press release of this fairly dubious Valentine's marketing ploy. Available for men and women, simply choose a photo of your loved one (to be affixed to the rear in a lacey, heart-shaped frame) and text to go on the front (suggested bons mots: "fancy seeing you here") et voilà: modern romance. The women's pairs come with diamante and bow details; the men's have a bell attached. We'll have three pairs each.
www.miodestino.co.uk



We're buying Ann-Sofie Back for Fred Perry

London's queen of quirk teams up with the king of centre court in a collaboration that has left us love-all. The capsule collection includes knits, T-shirts and dresses, all with Ann-Sofie tweaks - shoulder pads, mixed-up proportions and extreme body-con lines - combined with a relaxed and sporty aesthetic that'll serve up a fashion ace wherever you wear it. Dress, £120.



We can't wait for The YSL Manifesto

Take to the streets on Saturday as Stefano Pilati launches his fourth 'Manifesto' magazine for Yves Saint Laurent, aiming to make fashion more universal. Half a million copies of the new issue - featuring Claudia Schiffer modelling the spring / summer collection - will be handed out in London, Paris, Milan, New York, and Tokyo along with YSL cotton totes.
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