

Check It Out

Showing up on everything from plates to powder compacts, tartan is this winter's favorite pattern

FROM SCOTTISH KILTS to Camden punk, tartan has long been the fabric of choice when tribute is paid to the Queen. Now designers and retailers as diverse as Alexander McQueen and L.L. Bean are indulging in the traditional textile. Kate Spade's wool boot is boxed out in plaid, as is Estée Lauder's jeweled compact, illustrating the evolution of this onetime preppy look. What was once campus chic is now runway cool. Yves Saint Laurent designer Stefano Pilati even featured it for spring. But who better than Burberry, epic old English purveyor of plaid, to square up its new men's fragrance, Burberry London, in a bottle covered with tartan fabric? —By Caroline Tell



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- 1 American Eagle Outfitters cropped peacoat (\$119.50, at American Eagle Outfitters or ae.com)
- 2 L.L. Bean Mad Bomber hat (\$36, 800-809-7057 or llbean.com)
- 3 Kate Spade Keera boot (\$425, katespade.com)
- 4 Yves Saint Laurent cotton canvas jacket and cotton-silk-taffeta blouse and skirt (212-980-2970 or ysl.com)
- 5 Estée Lauder limited-edition jeweled Holiday Plaid compact (\$175, only at Neiman Marcus)
- 6 Burberry London for Men eau de toilette spray (1.7 oz. for \$47, 3.3 oz. for \$65, at Nordstrom)
- 7 Ralph Lauren Home Tartan dessert plates (\$295 for a set of four, 888-475-7674 or rhome.polo.com)

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A House in the South: Old-Fashioned Graciousness for New-Fashioned Times
(Random House)
Frances Schultz and Paula S. Wallace guide readers through more than 25 homes.



Creole Thrift: Premium Southern Living Without Spending a Mint
(Regan Books)
Designer Angele Parlange navigates New Orleans antiques sales and thrift shops, teaching people to be inventive with decor.



Party Confidential
(Bulfinch Press)
Event-planning pros Lara Shriftman and Elizabeth Harrison go behind the scenes of their most memorable and stylish parties and reveal their secrets to throwing the ultimate fête.



Josef Müller-Brockmann
(Phaidon)
Drawing on more than 400 images from the graphic designer's personal archive, writer Kerry William Purcell presents the life and work of the Swedish style pioneer, who created some of the century's most memorable posters.



Tricia Guild Pattern
(Rizzoli)
Tricia Guild, one of Britain's leading interior designers, shares her fascination with pattern and color. From gingham to tie-dye and chintz, Guild encourages readers to seek inspiration in the patterns of their lives.

