

Fashion **Kellie Alderman**



STYLE REPORT CARD



Tiffany & Co. diamond ring (price on application)



Isabelle Langlois 18ct white gold blue topaz ring with blue sapphires and tsevorites \$3500 from McKinney's



McKims handmade yellow and white gold, red tourmaline, diamond and Tahitian south sea pearl earrings \$7755



Calleija Jewellers green emerald-cut Beryl cocktail ring (poa)



Bulgari white gold cocktail ring with amethyst and pave diamonds \$11,350



Isabelle Langlois 18ct yellow gold citrine and multi-coloured gem cluster ring \$3900 from McKinney's

Bulgari pink gold cocktail ring with green quartz and pave diamonds \$10,150



Calleija Jewellers heart-shaped morganite ring \$5900, amethyst heart-shaped ring \$4500

Isabelle Langlois 18ct yellow gold, smoky quartz, rose quartz, rose de France and diamond cocktail ring \$4400 from McKinney's



Keep it real
Stocks are shot, housing prices are down – so invest in something you'll get joy from. Diamonds, rubies, sapphires, tanzanites, pearls and aquamarines – not faux – are a girl's best friend



Paspaley south sea pearl Marquise earrings with tanzanite and pave-set diamonds in platinum \$38,800

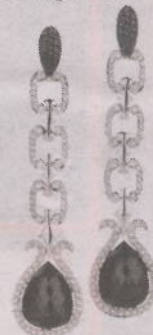


McKims handmade 18ct yellow gold multi-coloured gemstone pendant \$5880

McKims handmade 18ct yellow gold amethyst shepherds hook earrings \$575



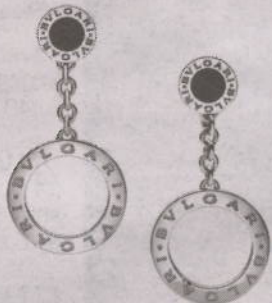
Paspaley south sea pearl Marquise ring and bangle with tanzanite and pave-set diamonds in platinum; ring \$6680 and bangle \$28,800



Calleija Jewellers black-and-white diamond drop earrings (poa)



Marco Bicego Confettie Gemme bracelet \$3950 from McKinney's



Bulgari white gold pendant earrings with black onyx \$4290



Bulgari White gold bracelet with blue topaz, green quartz, amethyst and pavé diamonds \$17,850



Marco Bicego 18ct yellow gold, briolette gem drop earrings \$495 from McKinney's



Marco Bicego 18ct yellow gold five-row multi-briolette gem bracelet \$4500 from McKinney's

Stockists Tiffany & Co., QueensPlaza, City, au.tiffany.com; Calleija Jewellers, calleija.com; Bulgari Brisbane, David Jones, Queens Plaza, Queen St, 3243 9316 and bulgari.com; Paspaley, 1300 888 080; McKims, Savoir Faire, Park Rd, Milton, 3368 3377, mckims.com.au; McKinney's Jewellers, Emporium, 3257 2222, mckinneys.com.au

LEIGHTON MEESTER, 24, is one of my favourites on the red carpet. Here she looks a treat at the premiere of her new movie *Country Strong* at Regal Green Hills in Nashville, Tennessee.

FROCK Leighton always likes to push the fashion boundaries for her red carpet appearances and this is a prime example. On someone else it might not work but because this Marc Jacobs dress fits perfectly, and she always has a kind of kooky style, it works.

HAIR She knows the rules: wear something busy, make sure your hair is not. Classic up-sweep, putting the emphasis on those beautiful cheekbones and eyes.

MAKE-UP Love that the hair and the eyebrows have a slightly unkempt look, which makes the overall effect a lot more casual and youthful. Lots of mascara, well-placed bronzer and a nude lip – it's a natural make-up look at its best.

ACCESSORIES The textured lace of the dress mirrors the lace look of the earrings, as if she hasn't tried to pile on too much. A simple bracelet and earrings are all that is needed.

TOTAL LOOK Never boring. Sometimes Meester hits and sometimes she misses. Not really sure about the length of the underlayer of the dress. It should have been long to the floor or super short. Would Blair approve?

SCORE 8/10

KELLIE'S LIST

Follow Kellie Alderman on Twitter for updates on fashion and beauty products and advice, as well as sneak previews of what will be in the fashion pages of Event.

Summer is almost here – time to dress up and celebrate with a fab garden party and all the accoutrements.



VARIETY GARDEN PARTY

One of my favourite things to do in summer is go to the Variety Garden Party. This annual charity event brings out the inner Gatsby in everyone – think floaty kaftans, a pair of strappy wedges or sparkly flats and lots of brightly coloured accessories. This year the event is also a pool party, held at the Valley Pool at dusk on November 20, so it will be twice the fun. There'll be loads of entertainment, including a parade of Camilla kaftans, with all money raised going to the Variety Children's Charity. For tickets, phone 3367 6999 or email events@varietyqld.org.au. This is one you shouldn't miss.

AVON

I love it when a company surprises me. Avon have done a great job of changing their image from a mumsy brand into a modern-day beauty label,

hiring celebs like Reese Witherspoon and Salma Hayek to help them along the way. Now they have released a new jewellery collection and it's really good. Perfect for swanning at summer garden parties, the four-piece collection features multi-coloured hand-cut A-grade oversized zirconias in a bracelet (pictured, \$49.99), cocktail ring for \$29.99, pendant for \$19.99 and



earrings for \$19.99. A great edition to any summer party wardrobe and at those prices you can layer them up. Call 1800 646 000 or go to www.avon.com.au

BANANA BOAT

Parties in the daytime require sunscreen, but I find a lot of sunscreens can be too cloying and sticky for this. So I often use kids' or babies' sunscreen – the formulations are often milder and gentler on skin without losing any of the protection factor. They often have less fragrance, too, so it won't interfere with whatever perfume you choose to wear. I have been using Banana Boat kids' roll-on SPF 30+ (\$9.29) – it's easy to carry in your handbag, you can apply it without getting your hands covered in sunscreen and it is fragrance-free. From supermarkets and chemists, call 1800 810 310.

