go dutch

The nation that brought us Lara Stone and Doutzen Kroes has more to offer than just bombshell blondes and bicycles. Be inspired by the Netherlands’ new-season model domination and discover how to shop and dress like the Dutch style set — wherever you are.

WHO TO FOLLOW

▼ Marina Toetser

With her background in technology and textile innovation, Toetser creates cutting-edge clothes. A stress-relieving shirt and a vibrating top that reacts to music are some of her latest works, as noted on her website by-wire.net.

▼ Vera Michels

Check out this Elle Netherlands writer’s Insta (@vera_michels) and blog (Chapter Monday) for career masterclasses, fashion inspo and squad goals.

▼ Nicole Huisman

See @nicole_huisman. File under: super-cute stylist with ultimate Amsterdam lifestyle.

HOW TO DECORATE

Honour Marcel Wanders

Described as the Lady Gaga of the design world, Marcel Wanders is a local interior gods. Lust after his Knotted Chair (below) or a statement pendant light — perfect to use in your slaapkamer (that’s bedroom in Dutch). Stalk his aesthetic @marcelwanders.

WHERE TO SHOP

FOR A DAUGHTER/SON/NEPHEW/NEICE:

SuitSupply

David Gandy, model and master of suave, approves.

FOR A BOYFRIEND/BROTHER/ESTIE:

SuitSupply

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WHAT TO WEAR

Nicoline van Cann (of the Consulate-General of the Kingdom of the Netherlands) gives us the official word on the Dutch brands to try, buy and covet... no matter the occasion.

ON A DATE: Nikkie

A designer, presenter and stylist, Nikkie Plessen is the Netherlands’ hybrid of Olivia Palermo and Giuliana Rancic. In 2011, Plessen made the move from Dutch It-girl to creator of bona-fide fashion label Nikkie — and the brand has more than 300 global stockists to prove it, a feat which doesn’t go unnoticed. “Our first shop was a wow moment but it’s so special to see my designs in boutiques abroad, hanging between Missoni and Kenzo!” says Plessen. For date night, try the new-season leather pants or a little black dress — chic and cheeky.

WHEN IT’S COLD: Scotch & Soda

It’s no secret that Amsterdam-based label Scotch & Soda has mastered the luxe-nomad vibe of Isabel Marant on a friendlier budget. Each season, creative director Marlou van Engelen uses folk craftsmanship and intricate embroidery to create one-piece wonders — jackets, tops and accessories that elevate any basic denim-and-tee ensemble. Effortless printed dresses are also quick to reach wardrobe-MVP status. For the new season, Scotch & Soda combines the essence of swinging ‘60s with eclectic global inspiration.

TO A PARTY: Peet Dullaert

Known for its cotton basics, Claesen’s is a national treasure and a one-stop shop for quality staples.

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