

your Look

Ask Rachel

Style-setting actress **Rachel Bilson** turns fashion therapist with her monthly column

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Q What accessory makes a great gift? —MICHAEL G., SYRACUSE, N.Y.

A Scarves. You can do so many things with them, they never go out of style, and they're one-size-fits-all. You can wear an oversize one as a shawl or wrap it around your neck. I'd get a soft cashmere-silk blend. Depending on your budget, you can shop anywhere from Zara to Chanel.

Q I bought a sleeveless ivory cowl-neck dress for a formal ball in November. What should I wear with it?

—JENNIFER P., TARAWA TERRACE, N.C.

A I'm picturing bare legs with peep-toe wedges or strappy sandals in blush or nude, although you could try a pop of color, such as green or blue. A little clutch would be perfect, as would one statement piece of jewelry like a ring or bracelet. Stay away from a necklace because of your detailed neckline.



What I'm totally looking forward to this fall!



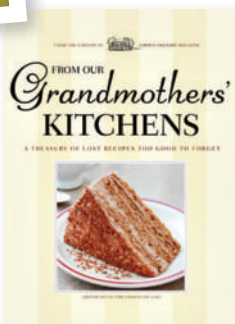
"I always know autumn is here when **It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown** is on TV. It gives me such a nice, nostalgic feeling."



"When I was a kid, my mom would take my brother and me **apple picking**. I've decided to start up the tradition again because I have so many apple recipes to try."

"I collect every **cook-book** put out by these guys. They test each recipe until it's perfect, and who doesn't love Grandma's food?"

From *Our Grandmothers' Kitchens* by the editors of *Cook's Country*, \$30; amazon.com.



"I'm a huge fan of both Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd, and they come together again in the movie **Wanderlust**."



My New Obsessions



NARS LIP TREATMENT

"This gives just enough color to your lips and protects them with **SPF 15**."

Nars Pure Sheer SPF lip treatment in Lara, \$25; narscosmetics.com.



LOVWEKANC.COM

"My friends started this cool site to share things they love, like great music and fashion, healthy beauty products, and inspirational quotes."



SAM EDELMAN PAX BOOT

"It's a good transitional boot for fall. And it has a little edge, so it adds something to a tights-and-dress outfit."

Leather boots with rhinestone studs, Sam Edelman, \$250; shopbop.com.