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Look slicker by protecting your eyes + the most collectable watch of the year + get '80s revival cool



1 Indulge in some shady business
With the sun pumping out some 386 billion megawatts of thermonuclear energy, it would be wise to invest in a pair sunglasses that are as good at protecting your eyes as they are at making you more stylish. Perfecting this equilibrium is Fabris Lane's new Homme collection, featuring handmade heavyweight acetate frames for maximum durability (alas, they still won't withstand you sitting on them), and lenses that have undergone rigorous testing to ensure your eyes stay radiation free. We particularly like the "Clark" (above, £79), a bold, squarish nod to '50s styling. Sun gods can get them in tortoiseshell to complement their tans, but pastier mortals should stick to black for more impact.

3 Get Into Vintage Vans
Vans' classic canvas shoes are as indomitable as the Tarmac they bust moves on. So it's fitting the southern Californian company should release a book *Vans: Off The Wall*, which is a snug history of its myriad contributors and groundbreaking proponents. If your coffee table is looking a bit square, this is the book to gnarl the edges. Published by Abrams, £13, out now



2 Cutting-Edge Timepieces
Victorinox has come a long way since turning every doe-eyed Boy Scout into mobile militia. So to commemorate its 125th anniversary it has done what the Swiss do best; made a watch – the Infantry Vintage Limited Edition. Only 125 of the vibrant red and yellow version are to be produced, making them extremely collectable and lucrative in years to come.

If you want functionality *and* style, this is your watch. As well as telling the time, it features a telemeter scale around the dial, which allows you to gauge the distance between the sight and sound of an event such as an approaching storm or furious girlfriend. *Infantry Vintage Limited Edition* £875, *Infantry Vintage Jubilee Edition* (olive dial) £695 victorinoxswissarmy.com

WARDROBE WISDOM ANTHONY PRICE CHANNELS THE '80s FOR HIS NEW TOPMAN COLLECTION



4 Fashion in the '80s was wonderful or woeful, but never boring, rather like the music of the time. Cue top designer Anthony Price's new collection for Topman (see left), inspired by the *Rio* album by Duran Duran and the moody tailoring of Bryan Ferry and David Bowie. Here's how to rock it like these maestros

DAVID BOWIE

Eschewing the glitter of his Ziggy Stardust era, Bowie favours a classic three-button suit. Avoid the straitjacket look by leaving the third button undone and wear with a small-knotted tie on a crisp white shirt.



BRYAN FERRY

Ladykilling comes in the form of a black single-breasted jacket, white shirt and black tie, worn loose. The genius is in the simplicity of the silhouette, while the loose tie hints at a wild side.



SIMON LEBON

The Duran Duran frontman keeps the single-breasted jacket looking casual by wearing it over a white T-shirt. Accessorise with a neck-scarf to accentuate the "dandy" vibe. Festoon sleeves at your own discretion.

