

STYLE SHEET

Fashion-Forward Design

A sweater and jeans incorporating Basquiat motifs.



ELECTRIC YOUTH

Few artists rose to stardom as swiftly as Jean-Michel Basquiat, who was 20 when his graffiti-inspired paintings were included in a gallery show alongside work by luminaries Jenny Holzer and Kiki Smith. Merging Afro-Caribbean style with a punk, street-art sensibility, the Brooklyn-born Basquiat blazed a trail across the downtown New York art scene of the 1980s before his untimely death at age 27. Now Alice + Olivia—the ultracool womenswear label beloved by Michelle Obama, Taylor Swift, and Beyoncé—is partnering with the Basquiat estate to create an array of clothing and accessories featuring the flamboyant artist's instantly recognizable motifs. A clutch and a knit top bear his signature gold crown, a leather jacket is embellished with his characteristic paint daubs and a lightning bolt, and jeans, skirts, and bags are adorned with scribbly texts and manic pictograms. Fittingly, half of the proceeds will go to the Council of Fashion Designers of America, which promotes the efforts of budding talents (aliceandolivia.com).



A dress and clutch inspired by Basquiat's paintings.

DIOR ROCKS THE HOUSE

It's only natural that the timelessly chic house of Dior would collaborate with some of the world's top designers and stylesetters when assembling its first limited-edition line of home accessories—and that the results would nod to the label's 70-year history. Murano master Giberto Arrivabene has fashioned a glassware collection in dusty pink and gray, a classic Dior combination. Linens designer Véronique Taittinger reproduced the house's *cannage* pattern (which recalls the weave of a wicker café chair) on a set of porcelain tableware in standard Dior colors. A deck of playing cards by Michaël Cailloux references founder Christian Dior's gardens. And model Lucie de la Falaise has concocted the ultimate picnic basket, complete with a cashmere-and-wool blanket. The full Dior Home collection can be found at London's new House of Dior, a four-story emporium on New Bond Street by architect Peter Marino (dior.com).

Glassware by Giberto Arrivabene for Dior Home.



Playing cards by Michaël Cailloux.

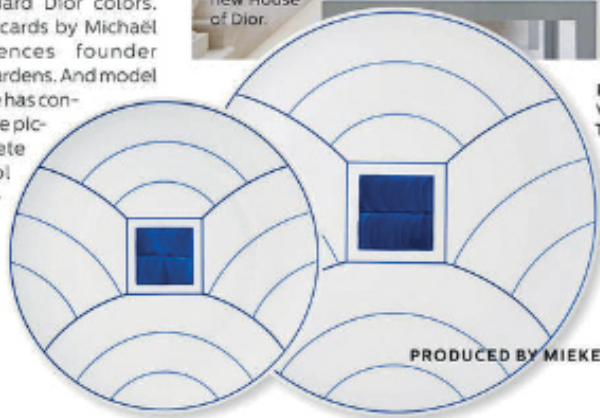


Picnic hamper by Lucie de la Falaise.



Dior Home accessories at London's new House of Dior.

Plates by Véronique Taittinger.



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