

ALWAYS IN FASHION

# UPTOWN *girl*

By Amanda Ross

I recently returned from a week in Majorca, Spain, and was reminded of all the reasons I fell in love with the country in the first place, when I lived in Barcelona 20 years ago.

It got me thinking of Ava Gardner's character in the classic 1954 film *The Barefoot Contessa* and her fearless flamenco attitude—the country itself shares that passionate and alluring spirit, from the people to the food to the architecture. I was inspired to collect objects that speak to that bold and straightforward style, from Spanish designer Cristóbal Balenciaga's groundbreaking designs to the arresting jewelry by Eddie Borgo and a scarf by Bulgari. ♦



From left: Longchamp Le Pliage Patch Exotic ballet flat, \$435. Christian Louboutin Gruotta 45 pump, \$995. Manolo Blahnik Bori pump, \$745. For details, see page 218.



Sidney Garber necklace with antique intaglios (above), price upon request. Temple St. Clair gold earrings, \$2,950. Eddie Borgo Winged Scarab necklace, \$1,600.



Asprey Glorious Twelfth scarf, \$375. The impeccable Ava Gardner framed in a Ralph Lauren Home tooled-leather frame, \$250. Patricia Peckinpugh cross pendant, \$450, lizard cuff, \$725, and antique intaglio ring, \$9,000. Akris mink cape and miniskirt, prices upon request.



A model wears Cristóbal Balenciaga, ca. 1953. Amedeo carved Medusa necklace, \$5,500. Bulgari Carousel scarf, \$460. Louis Vuitton Vivienne bag, \$4,150.



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