

Hot list spring '09 Shopping



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Liberty, the creaky old stalwart of Regent Street, has had its spring awakening. It's settling into its recent revamp with aplomb (right), and you can expect more than a lick of paint and a couple of new doorknobs. In store now are a slew of Liberty print projects, from limited-edition Nikes, Kate Moss for Topshop dresses, retro Clothkits craft packs and an upcoming exclusive print by babydoll dress fancier and Turner



Prize-winning artist Grayson Perry (www.liberty.co.uk). Rumours about two major new store openings have been rife since late last year, but this April both Paris-based maverick designer **Rick Owens** and **Marc by Marc Jacobs** finally open up shop on Mayfair's South Audley Street. Expect avant-garde oddities



from Owens (www.rickowens.eu), with a typically lofty price tag, but there's a very zeitgeisty offering from Marc by Marc Jacobs (www.marcjacobs.com), the US designer's dirt-cheap diffusion line (opens on April 7).

The UK style industry's renown isn't its large, luxury fashion houses, but its scorching graduate design talent. Alongside the **Future Fashion Now – New Design from the Royal College of Art** exhibition at the V&A (from May 22, www.vam.ac.uk), tickets are now on sale for the one of the major fashion events of the year: the **Royal College of Art graduate show** on June 10 (Katie Clary, design left). The 36MA students, in menswear, womenswear, footwear and accessories, will be hoping to follow in the footsteps of alumni such as Ossie Clark, Philip Treacy and Christopher Bailey, and vogueish newcomers Erdem and Aitor Throup. Buy them online now at www.rca.ac.uk.

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Five stylish events

Our pick of the best spring shopping and fashion



Buy My Wardrobe

The fourth such event where the London style set sell off their gently used fashion pieces (above). April 18, at the Adam Street Members'

Club WC2. www.buymywardrobe.com

Alternative Fashion Week

Alternative Fashion Week (April 20-24) is Spitalfields Traders

Market's showcase of new design talent. There's a daily market full of one-off clothing and accessories, and a daily catwalk show. www.alternativearts.co.uk

A work of art

Cult New York denim brand Earnest Sewn has collaborated with east London artist Rob Ryan in an installation of exclusive T-shirts, bandannas (right)

and glasswear, and his paper cutouts, at his Columbia Road store, Ryan Town, until mid-May. www.ryantown.com

Get crafty

From May 14-17, artist's studios Craft Central open their doors for Made in Clerkenwell. Meet over 70 designer-makers and buy up their quirky wares. www.craftcentral.org.uk

Go sew

Liberty's spring sewing school has workshops in sewing, knitting and patchwork until the end of May. www.liberty.co.uk



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