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This jacket has magical properties – slip it over a dress or old jeans, and it pulls the outfit together brilliantly. It gives you a waist, a neat shoulder outline and a feminine boost with the bell sleeves.

Seersucker jacket, £275, Jaeger. Call 01553 732102; jaeger.co.uk

Write away

Did you ever see a fountain pen so chic, so girly? Pink, sleek, solid silver, studded with Swarovski crystals, it makes the perfect gift – or, better still, a 'love to me' present.

Laban Swarovski fountain pen, £65. Call 020 7317 8147; penheaven.co.uk



Red alert

Not over keen on the white-framed sunglasses the It Girls are toting? Nor are we. Far more knowing and womanly are these scarlet shades from Alain Mikli, who's a bit of a veteran at stylish eyewear.

Sunglasses, £215, Alain Mikli. Call 0800 056 9067; mikli.com

HUNG UP

Children will learn to hang up their clothes more quickly with these lovely hangers, which cunningly can get bigger and bigger as the children's clothes do.

Children's hangers, £5 each, Tatty Bumpkin. Call 01732 812212; tattybumpkin.com



Fair and square

Reference the formal handbags of the past, combine with a beautifully fresh, feminine pattern, and what have you got? This rather lovely boxy bag from Pringle, complete with a lock that reminds us of those secret diaries of our girlhood. A pretty spring purchase.

Leather 'Josephine' handbag, £395, Pringle. Call 0800 360260



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