

# MARCHING ORDERS

Answer this season's fashion call to arms



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## FASHION NEWS



Serious style plaudits for Little Venice fashion store, Suzannah. Its emerald green 'Petal Sculpt' dress nabbed 20-year-old journalism student Sophie Fairclough the Grand National Style Award at Aintree recently. Also look out for

a new collaboration between the bespoke boutique's owner Suzannah Crabb and embroidery designer Rachelle Francis, who counts Louis Vuitton, Azzedine Alaïa and Chanel among her clients. Move quickly on the beautiful embellished jackets, chic city pieces and serious red-carpet contenders – certainly Suzannah-loving celebs Julie Christie, Holly Willoughby and Kelly Osborne (above) will. 6 Bristol Gardens, W9 2JG, 020 7286 8280 and at Anna, 123 Regent's Park Road NW1 8XL, 020 7483 0411, [suzannah.com](http://suzannah.com)

## CASH

### House of Fraser, £12

Sport some serious silver hardware with this waist cincher. Westfield Shopping Centre Ariel Way, W12 7GA, 08448 003 755 [houseoffraser.co.uk](http://houseoffraser.co.uk)

## CREDIT

### Nanni, £240

Breathe in and belt up with Nanni's MJ Thriller belt. Matches, 60-64 Ledbury Road, W11 2AJ 020 7221 0255, [matchesfashion.com](http://matchesfashion.com)



This summer, the military trend is back with a vengeance. Fortified fashions stalked down the runway once again, but with some subtle differences worth noting if you don't want to be given your marching orders.

Firstly, colours are much lighter than in previous collections. You'll still find the khaki and black military



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staples, but a whole lot of white, nude and shades of tan and sand create a softer feel. Burberry Prorsum (pictured), Alexander Wang and Chloé all embraced the desert storm – especially Aquilano Rimondi with its show-stopping white jacket.

Belting at the waist over a shirt or jacket is another key strategy for the 2010 soldier, giving the trend a feminine edge and making it more wearable with short, layered skirts or sexy shorts. Another point not to be missed is the choice of footwear: with the exception of some flat-as-a-pancake sandals (see Marc Jacobs and Chloé) the order of the day is height, so high-heeled platforms and peep-toe stilettos or sandals set the pace, adding an elegant twist to an otherwise quite androgynous look.

If you can't quite give up the glamour, just add some sequins, a pair of leather trousers or short shorts – the tighter the better – for a bit of Balmainsesque disco charm. Sir, yes sir!



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