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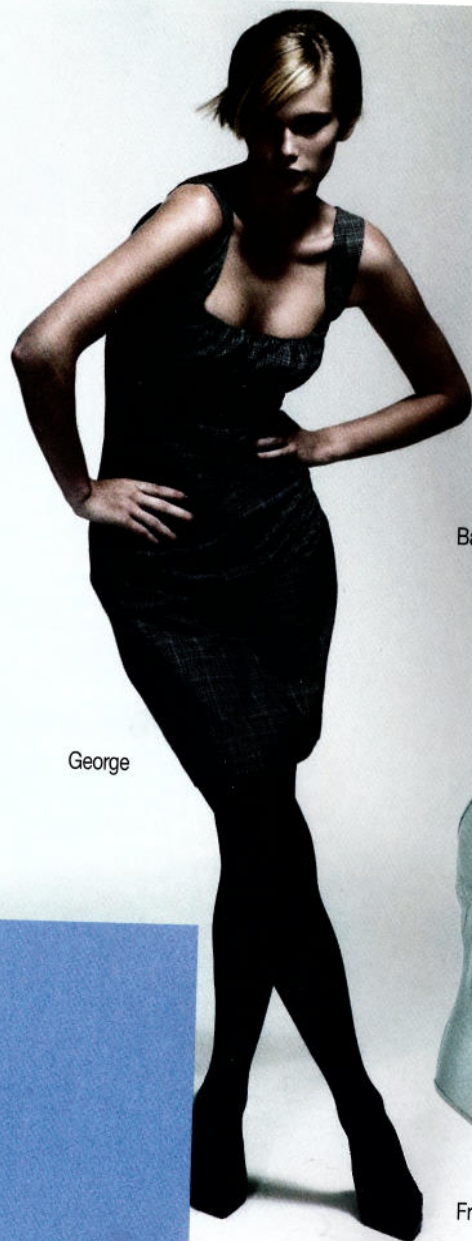
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Silver Sisters

Stars stepping out recently in silver include Micha Barton, who turned mermaid in a Roberto Cavalli dress of silver scales; Eva Longoria shimmered in a 20s'-inspired chiffon number by Angel Sanchez, and Sophie Dahl dazzled in an unusual Vivienne Westwood gown.

Silver suits all skin tones and is a grown-up metallic that can be worn sensually by the mature woman. However, certain shades are more flattering than others, for example white-gold looks luminescent on the young and tanned but can be ageing. True silver is very versatile; a silk-satin column dress cut on the bias flatters everyone, as do elegant separates from Baylis and Knight. Also consider investing in a suit in a silvery fabric; John Rochas has a stylish skinny trouser suit whilst Hermes offers a gorgeous skirt suit. Pewter and gunmetal are sophisticated alternatives to silver, being darker, more slimming and unusual. There are no hard and fast rules for wearing silver, so find a shade you love and a texture that flatters and just go for it. If you have the figure, this spectacular Silver Shimmer swim suit from French Connection is possibly the most enticing way to wear the trend.

Bringing grey to life is all about detailing; a cropped cut makes a grey jacket contemporary, a wide belt in a bright colour lifts a grey dress, and subtle sparkle is a must for grey evening wear. Cherry red looks great against grey; and accessories-wise, silver sandals are glamorous, silver bags are chic and silver eyelids are sexy. Just go easy on the disco glitter unless you're heading to the Carwash Club! ■



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