



Miss Trend  
 velour jacket,  
 €122; side band  
 trousers, €87;  
 V-neck fancy  
 stitch jumper,  
 €87; fancy beret,  
 €30



Miss Trend  
 long printed  
 dress, €112;  
 bi-material  
 cardigan, €81

# The Captain's *collection*



Little Miss  
 Captain  
 button dress,  
 €87

Bringing fashion parties to your home, French design label Captain Tortue is now at the top table of style. **By DENISE SMITH**

**D**ISCLAIMER: I have often thought about stripping off in the middle of Zara to try on whatever 'basics' I have picked up, so as to avoid coming back with an armful of returns. With fitting rooms closed for obvious concerns surrounding Covid-19, shopping just doesn't have the same allure — a first world problem if ever there was one. But what if you could avoid all that?

Well, French fashion brand, Captain Tortue, is offering exclusive consultations and fashion parties in the comfort of your own home. Now that shopping centres have become a no-go zone for many, Gaby Kelly, a Captain Tortue consultant in South

County Dublin, says: "Enjoy a coffee or a glass of wine and, unlike the shops, there's no queue. You get to try on the clothes too, which are steam cleaned after customers."

Unlike buying online, customers see and feel the clothes, and returns or exchanges are easy — simply giving back items not required, at any stage, to the local consultant.

Soft pleats, neutral palettes and feminine prints are at the fore of Captain Tortue's AW collection. Delivering a designer look, without the price tag, its collections are uniquely affordable and have the real advantage of well-designed fashion that's not a widely available high-street brand or online offering.

"It really is an exclusive look, created by French designers, and

uniquely available at home or through group style parties", adds Gaby.

Captain Tortue is also a business opportunity for entrepreneurial fashion lovers, with the potential to top-up household income affected by the pandemic.

More than 60 independent Captain Tortue consultants across Ireland provide a unique personal shopping experience that especially suits the current stay-at-home climate and Covid concerns.

Shoppers can check out the latest new collections on Facebook or online, and contact a local consultant about individual or group style shows and shopping options.

See [captaintortue.com](http://captaintortue.com) for more.





LEFT: Miss Trend boat neck jumper, €81; printed pleat skirt, €81

BELOW RIGHT: Little Miss Captain printed blouse, €75; square pocket trousers, €80

BELOW LEFT: Miss Trend faux suede dress, €101; scarf, €36

