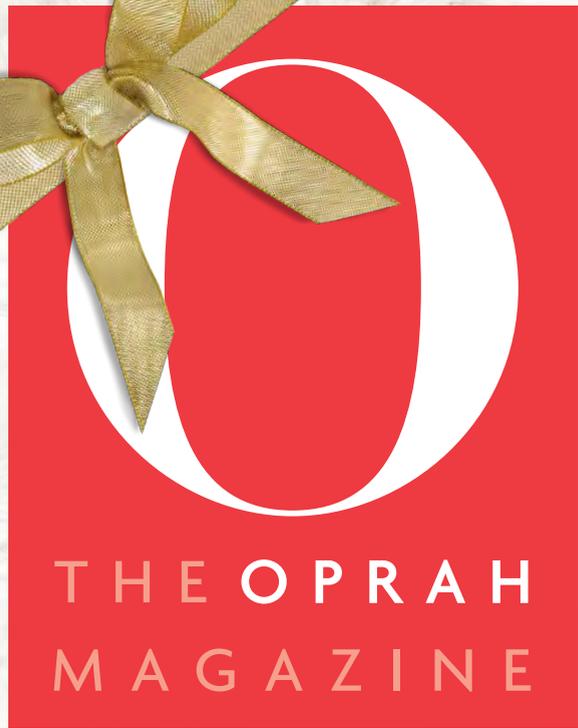


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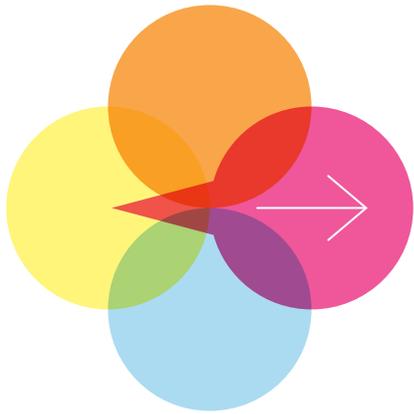
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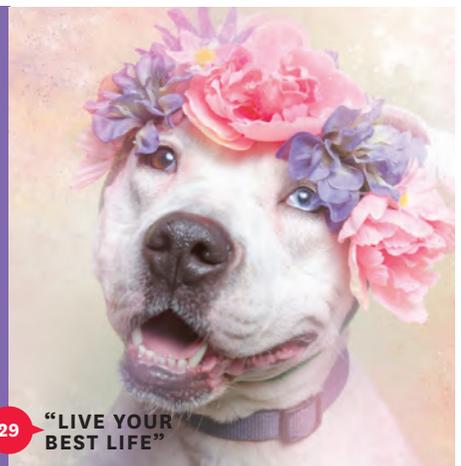
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“If you've lived your past well and are happy with it, you have lived fully.”



# Behind the Scenes



Posen's sketches. He created two dresses: a red satin and a champagne satin and tulle.



**FINISHING TOUCH**  
"I'm not sure about carrying a bag with my name on it," Oprah joked. "I know who I am!"



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Posen fitted the dresses personally (sometimes very personally!) the day before the shoot.



Zac's under there!

## THE Belle OF THE Ball Gown

Oprah pumps up the volume for our winter-themed cover shoot.

"ZAC WAS UNDERNEATH my dress yesterday," said Oprah as she modeled her dramatic gown, designed by Zac Posen, at our New York City photo shoot. Referring to the satin skirt's 400-inch circumference, *O* creative director Adam Glassman quipped, "And he may still be there." It's hard to believe a version of this fantastic creation can be bought off the rack, but it's a Truly Zac Posen for David's Bridal ("This whole dress is \$1,200?" Oprah marveled), inspired by legendary couturier Charles James's impeccably constructed ball gowns. A magnificent look requires a memorable accessory—like the bespoke Edie Parker clutch emblazoned with Oprah's name in gold. What better time than the holidays to pull out all the stops? —CLARISSA CRUZ



**THE BLING RING**  
*O* editor in chief Lucy Kaylin tries on some jewels.



**LET IT SNOW** Set designer Todd Wiggins creates a wonderland out of recycled paper and plastic. Right: Oprah and the crew celebrate winter in September.



**WARM FUZZIES**  
Oprah (above, with photographer Ruven Afanador) loved this faux-fur coat so much, she made it one of her Favorite Things (see page 70).

DONNA ALBERICO, OPRAH AND ZAC POSEN: HANNAH ANDERSON. TORN PAPER: T. KIMURA/GETTY IMAGES. PUSHpins: ISTOCK/GETTY IMAGES.



# Here We Go!



## FEW MONTHS

ago, when I visited designer Diane von Furstenberg's studio for a chat (listen on page 166), a funny thing happened. As I sat down on the sofa, she pointed to my hand and exclaimed, "We have the same ring!" I couldn't believe it—it's a pretty unusual piece of jewelry. DVF was so tickled, she took a photo of our twin fingers side by side.

Aren't coincidences delicious? I've always felt that the universe has a sense of humor, and these little serendipities are its way of letting us in on the joke. But the universe has a serious side, too. So many times in my life, I've felt that something greater than I am was giving me a message I needed to hear. And it seems I'm not alone: This month we asked a wonderful—and wonder-filled—group of writers to tell us about their own brushes with grace, and their stories are as delightfully mysterious as they are moving (page 142).

In this month's issue, we're also celebrating the season with our fabulous guide to giving back (page 150), and I know you'll love our handy recipes for entertaining surprise holiday visitors (page 171). Finally, don't miss my annual roundup of Favorite Things (page 61), which is full of so many glorious treasures, you might end up giving everyone on your list an extra gift this year—or even winning everything on the list yourself (page 24).

All this giving, grace, and deliciousness in one issue? That's no coincidence. Enjoy!

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**PRESENT COMPANY INCLUDED** For exclusive video of Oprah sharing why we should give back to ourselves this holiday season, download the O iPad app.



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