

# Inside my suitcase

Ready for inspiration to strike wherever she is, renowned illustrator Kerrie Hess never leaves home without a sketch pad and paints



## **Kerrie Hess**

ashion illustrator Kerrie Hess kicked
off her career in London, and has
since lived in Hong Kong, Paris and
Melbourne. Now based in Brisbane,
she says travel is her greatest source
of creativity. She's sought after by acclaimed
fashion houses such as Chanel, Cartier and
Louis Vuitton, while her illustrations have
appeared in the likes of Harper's Bazaar,
Tatler and Vogue and graced everything from
department store windows to silk scarves,

"My favourite way to spend an afternoon is at a cafe, sketching and people watching," she says of her number-one holiday pastime. "Paris is my go-to destination. But in Australia, I love a few days in Noosa to eat ice-cream by the beach. It takes me back to childhood holidays."

Like everyone, Kerrie is itching to get back overseas, "Just wandering around a new city soaking up ideas to play out in my art pieces."

#### 1 Une Piece Classic Square Neck Swimsuit in Black

It's always a good idea to pack a simple black swimsuit just in case, even if I don't think I'll have time for swimming. This one is superflattering and comfortable.

#### \$199, unepiece.com

2 A big scarf
When I'm travelling I like
to pack a big, soft scarf
that can double as a pillow.
Even in warm destinations,
I often find it a little chilly on
planes and in airports so that
scarf often comes in handy.

# \$59.95, witchery.com.au 3 L'Occitane Original

Hand Cream Somehow this hand cream smells like baby powder and feels like silk, too.

\$45, loccitane.com

#### 4 Aromatherapy Associates Lavender Roll-On

Something about this little lavender oil blend makes me feel relaxed for flights and travel falso like to apply it before sleep, especially when I'm travelling for work. \$40, gromatherapu

### \$40, aromatherapy associates.com.au

#### 5 A light evening dress

Because you just never know if a last-minute client event or catch-up with friends somewhere lovely might pop up while you're away.

Ara Dress by Kitri, \$390, theiconic.com.au

#### 6 Books

For me, travel is the best time to read. My favourite thing in the world is curling up with a good book and I always love that time to read on planes and on holiday. I never turn on Wi-Fi even if the plane has it. Right now! I'm reading Atomic Habits by James Clear.

Atomic Habits by James Clear, \$25, Big W, bigw.com.au

# 7 Dry pan palette set of watercolour paints

I always travel with a set of watercolour paints – a little set of dry paints is just easier to transport. Finding a spot to sketch and paint when I'm on holiday is my idea of really switching off.

#### Winsor and Newton watercolour paints half pan, \$86.95, eckersleys.com.au

#### 8 A watercolour sketch pad

I'm always thinking of new lesson ideas for my online art masterclass. I worked on a series of lessons in painting flowers last year in Paris that was inspired by florals in the Tuileries Gardens.

Reeves watercolour pad, \$12.98, officeworks

#### 9 Philosophy Amazing Grace Fragrance

I love the feeling of taking a scent on holiday that will always remind me of that particular destination afterwards. At the moment I'm loving Amazing Grace by Philosophy. It smells like fresh laundry, which is one of my favourite scents. Amazing Grace perfume bu

#### \$65, activeskin.com.au

#### 10 A pretty phone case

I've always had a thing for phone case design

so I love to make sure my own prione is both protected and dressed in something beautiful. It was such a lovely experience to create my own range of phone cases with the feeuing of carrying something beautiful in

your pocket in mind.

Peony Parfum Phone case,
\$65, kerriehess.com

#### 11 Slippers

I like to feel as cosy as possible when I'm travelling

or staying in hotels so I bring slippers and something comfortable to lounge in, especially if I'm working from my room or indulging in an afternoon nap while on holiday.

James Clear

Pink woolly slides, \$79.95, peteralexander.com.au

Background: Green Watercolour Wallpaper, \$79 per square metre, Luxe Walls, luxewalls.com.au Nords: Chelsea Tromans. Photography: Mark Cranitch (portrait) & Edward Urrutia. Styling: Fiona Gould. Producer: Elizabeth Hachem