

HER LOSS IS ALSO HER GAIN

IF SUSANNA Annetta Lee (picture) had a winning number, it would be 16.

The senior research assistant lost 16 inches in all after using Osim's popular uZap, which targets common problem areas such as the tummy, bottom and thighs. As a result of using the uZap, Susanna beat seven other contestants to win the Osim uZap Angel Search. Not only does she have a more svelte figure now, she is also \$10,000 richer.

Ironically, the youthful 39-year-old



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had bought her uZap in July as a birthday present for her sister, who wanted to tone her abdomen.

The salesperson who sold the uZap to Susanna persuaded her to take part in the Osim uZap Angel Search. Susanna soon started using the uZap every day to tone up her thighs and bottom.

But, she is no couch potato. The Seremban-born woman, who received her Singapore citizenship recently, goes for weekly classes of modern dance and ballet. But she enjoys using the uZap as "it is a great product even for those who exercise regularly and have an active lifestyle".

And what will Susanna – who said that she has never won anything in her life – be doing with her prize money?

She'll be buying her sister dinner and taking her mother on a holiday to Switzerland. She will also buy the Osim uPapa back massager for herself because it "looks like another great Osim product".

Something to ease that 17-hour flight to Switzerland, Susanna? — PEARLYN THAM



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IN STEP WITH FASHION: The new shoe lounge at the Dorothy Perkins flagship store is every shoe lover's dream come true.

GONE SHOPPING

STYLE SHOE-IN

The new Dorothy Perkins flagship store promises everything for the every-woman

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PRIMARY-COLOURED skinny jeans, high-waist pencil skirts and sequin T-shirt dresses may look picture-perfect on statuesque supermodels. But, won't they look less than flattering on real women, who come in all shapes and sizes?

Not true, going by Dorothy Perkins' style mantra.

The UK clothing chain believes that fashion is for all. Its sizes range from six to 20. If you are pint-sized, the petite section is for women shorter than 1.6m. Even women who are expecting won't miss out on the action: There's a maternity collection just for them.

Said Lee Mei Li, general manager of Dorothy Perkins: "We offer clothes that a woman won't feel stupid in because we never do extreme styles. Even when we offer a trendy high-waist skirt, it is made to suit the ordinary woman."

So well-received is the Dorothy Perkins formula that the brand – distributed here by Wing Tai Clothing – opened its flagship store at Great World City this week. The 3,000-sq-ft store joins four other Dorothy Perkins stores in Singa-

pore. The first opened in 2002 at Plaza Singapura.

The flagship store is away from the Orchard Road belt because, according to Mei Li, "customers tend to linger at Great World City a little longer". This, she said, contributes to a more relaxed shopping experience.

So, why is the flagship store being set up only now? After years of gradually introducing various product categories from the UK stores to the local market, the time is now ripe for more choices under one roof.

WHY A FLAGSHIP STORE NOW?

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One of these now available exclusively at the flagship store is the shoe lounge, featuring this season's must-haves of patent ankle-high boots and men's styled Oxford heels. These will be available from size three to seven in Singapore, with plans to bring in sizes eight and nine later.

Mei Li explained that the shoe lounge was incorporated into the flagship store because customers

have been hankering for footwear so that they can have an entire Dorothy Perkins outfit. "We no longer have to send our customers elsewhere to get their shoes!"

The Dorothy Perkins flagship store is at #01-39 Great World City.



THREE STYLE TIPS

Sam Burford, senior merchandising manager of Dorothy Perkins, gives her take on the new Autumn-Winter collection.

- 1 The boot-shoe is strong this season and goes well with pencil skirts or sweater dresses and stockings. You can also wear the boot-shoe with skinny jeans or wide-legged trousers. So, it's a versatile shoe to try.
- 2 Denim jeans in bright colours need not look dated. Keep your top and accessories in neutral shades. Instead of a black or a white blouse, try a grey one, which goes nicely with red jeans.
- 3 The high-waist pencil skirt defines your waist, especially when worn with a smart white shirt tucked in.

FROWN LINES, BEGONE!

I WOKE up one morning, looking as if I had plastered swatches of masking tape on my forehead the night before.

I was really test-driving a non-invasive wrinkle-busting product known affectionately as Frownies. After I had applied these plaster-like facial pads, I looked such a hilarious sight that I couldn't help laughing at my reflection in the mirror, which was bad since this meant more laughter lines.

Frownies were invented in 1889 – yes, that's the 19th century – which probably explains why the instruction leaflet looks outdated. These facial pads hold your skin taut, soften frown lines and help your facial muscles resume their natural relaxed appearance.

Depending on where your frown lines are, you can choose between Frownies for the corners of your eyes and mouth and Frownies for your forehead. I experimented with the latter, slapping a square across my forehead and two triangles above my brows.

The adhesive is plant-based and, although it smelled tangy, I was relieved that it didn't irritate my skin. As the minutes passed, I felt the facial pads



tightening before I fell asleep.

The morning after, all I had to do was moisten the pads with water and peel them off. It doesn't hurt unless you, like me, stick part of your fringe underneath your Frownies.

Amazingly, the usually crinkly skin across my forehead had been ironed out and – surprise, surprise – I didn't even apply moisturiser.

But be kind and warn your partner in advance, so that the person sharing your bed wouldn't think you just got back from a catfight.

Frownies retail at \$54 for a box of 144 patches and are available at Watsons, The Living Pharmacy and Apothecary+Co. For more information, visit www.BeautyImpress.com or call 6722 8972. — PEARLYN THAM