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THIS WEEK'S PICK - TROOPING THE COLOUR AND PRINCESS CATHERINE

What fan of Princess Catherine would I be if this week's pick didn't focus on her one-off appearance for the King's birthday?

Princess Catherine delighted the nation on the 15th June by attending the celebrations. With her family by her side and gleaming smile, I don't think anyone could tell she was undergoing any treatment.



Royal family

She wore a Jenny Packham dress, reworked from last year's coronation.



Jenny Packham dress

Long-sleeved with thin black piping at the waist and an oversized bow on her lapel, she completed the look with a white Philip Treacy headpiece, white pumps and a black clutch.

As for the jewellery, the Princess of Wales wore Cassandra Goad Cavolfiore earrings in 18ct yellow gold, set with 2mm white cultured pearls and approximately 0.30ct of diamonds. These retail for £5,620.



Cavolfiore earrings

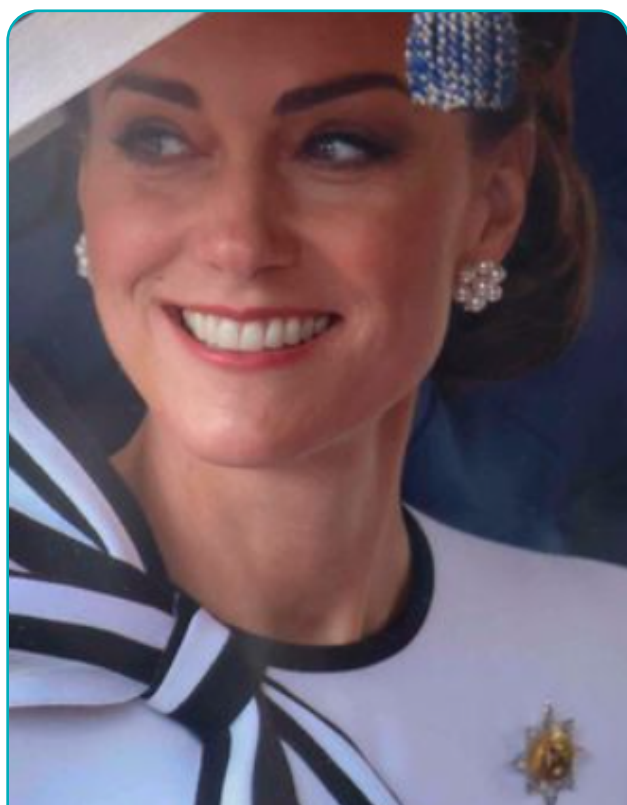
One could accentuate the look with the matching Carioca cuff bracelet by Cassandra Goad, retailing for £9,580.



Carioca cuff

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As a Colonel of Irish Guards, the Princess added to her jewels, the Irish Guards Regimental brooch.



Irish Guards Regimental brooch

The Irish Guards, to whom the Princess wrote a letter wishing them good luck for the event and to let them know how proud she was of them, were among the British troops participating in the parade.

Little fact about this year's Trooping of the Colour: for the first time in more than 100 years, soldiers on parade were allowed to have beards, approved by the King earlier this year and which applies across the Army.

The Princess has once again shown how devoted and courageous she is: being scrutinised by millions during these times could certainly not have been easy. But, let's be honest, she smashed it! My only glamour during my treatment was putting on my wig for very special occasions!

Though delighted to see the Princess at a public event, she has warned she is "not out of the woods yet" and it will be some time before she makes another appearance.

Until her treatment is over, I wish her and all those affected by the disease much strength.

The Trooping of the Colour marks the official birthday of the British Sovereign and has been celebrated in June for over 260 years.

Over 1400 parading soldiers, 200 horses and 400 musicians participate, together with an RAF fly-past.

The operational soldiers wear the ceremonial uniform of red tunics and bearskin hats and are inspected by the Sovereign once they reach Horse Guard's Parade in Whitehall. The parade moves from Buckingham Palace and down The Mall to Horse Guard's Parade and carries on to Whitehall.



'Trooping the Colour' parade in Whitehall