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'I'm trying to challenge the boundaries of knitwear,' says the fashion designer Alex Gore Browne. 'Knitwear is usually shaped to fit the body, but I use rectangles of fabric to create new, original shapes.' After graduating from Central St Martins in 2000, Gore Browne worked for, among others, Donna Karan, Matthew Williamson and Alexander McQueen. Her own label started to pick up in 2003 when Harrods became stockists, followed by Harvey Nichols earlier this year and Selfridges in January 2006. Her pieces are selling like hot cakes – Harrods has had to reorder eight times this season. The 30-year-old from west London, who recently became a visiting lecturer at Central St Martins, plans to open a shop in London.

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