

TALKING ARTS

THE GRID

Immaculate collections

Four of fashion's best-loved labels are celebrated in beautiful new books that are designer accessories in themselves. *ALISON TAYLOR* sizes them up



VALENTINO

RAISON D'ÊTRE

A tribute to the king of the red carpet.

THE SKINNY

'Val', through his sketches, gowns and campaigns.

COFFEE-TABLE COLLAPSE?

At more than 700 pages, this is huge.

FRONT-ROW

Jackie Kennedy, Gwyneth Paltrow (above), Liz Taylor.

PICTURE/TEXT RATIO

80/20.

HIGHLIGHT

The frock porn.

THE DAMAGE

£600 – a serious investment.

WAITING LIST?

There's a limited run of 1,000, all signed by the designer (Taschen).