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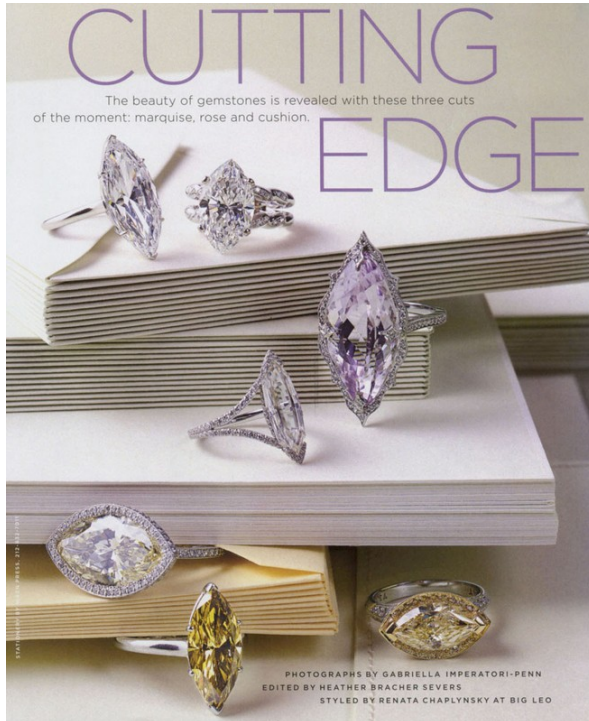
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CUSHION CUT

A diamond's brilliance is particularly enhanced by a cushion cut: a square or rectangular shape with rounded corners. The cushion cut dates from the 1600s. This page, clockwise from top left: **CHOPARD** 2.59-carat Haute Joaillerie collection diamond ring (price on request); **LAURA MUNDER** pink tourmaline and diamond ring (\$25,000); **ERIC COURTNEY** pink diamond ring (\$30,000); **DAVID YURMAN** Signeture Collection 2.69-carat diamond ring (\$50,800); **GRAFF** 5-carat diamond ring (price on request); **BAUDRY** 3.02-carat diamond ring (\$95,765); **NEIL LANE** 2.04-carat fancy-colored diamond ring (\$28,000); **CARTIER** 12.42-carat diamond ring (price on request). Opposite: **WILLIAM GOLDBERG** 60-carat diamond Maharaja necklace (price on request). For shopping information, see page 136.



CUFF IT UP

Chunky bracelets adorned with delicate, pretty jewels are fun and feminine. Clockwise from top: **BOCHIC** white Bakelite with pink tourmaline and rose-cut diamonds (\$9,250), 212-873-0707; **NICHOLAS VARNEY JEWELS** petrified palm-tree wood with amethyst (price on request), 212-223-1043; **LAURA MUNDER** jet with lavender jade, diamonds and pink sapphires (\$40,300), 877-MUNDER-2; **lauramunder.com**; **BOCHIC** white Bakelite with cabochon-cut ruby, rose-cut diamonds and 22k gold (\$9,700), 800-7-HSTERN; **H. STERN** 18k-gold and diamond Neptune (\$470,000), 800-7-HSTERN; **LAURA MUNDER** white jade with pink tourmalines and multi-colored diamonds (\$125,000).



OFF THE CHAIN

Gilded links bring heavy metal shine to basic black.

Chain-link bracelet, **JENNIFER FISHER**, \$222; neck, **YVES SAINT LAURENT**

Black leather handbag, **BAURLEA**, \$1,200; shoes, **PRADA**, \$1,200



PAINT BALL

Keep a masterpiece on hand with a brightly painted purse or an artsy sketch-ready bag.

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INSTANT CLASSIC

Time-honored tan-and-white gets a fresh update on spiffy backpacks and peep-toe booties



BED OF ROSES

Pretty-as-a-picture florals are blossoming everywhere this season, from lace-up booties to ladylike handbags

Photo: Andrew Soren, ©VYBE/STY
BY KIMBERLY TONK, APR 2014
Illustration: M. Sorensen, New York



GET SHORTY

Ground control to major heels: The resort collections bring sensible heights that stylishly split the difference between flats and stilettos



HARD CANDY

Soft pastels and an iridescent sheen make for a winning combination on heels and bags

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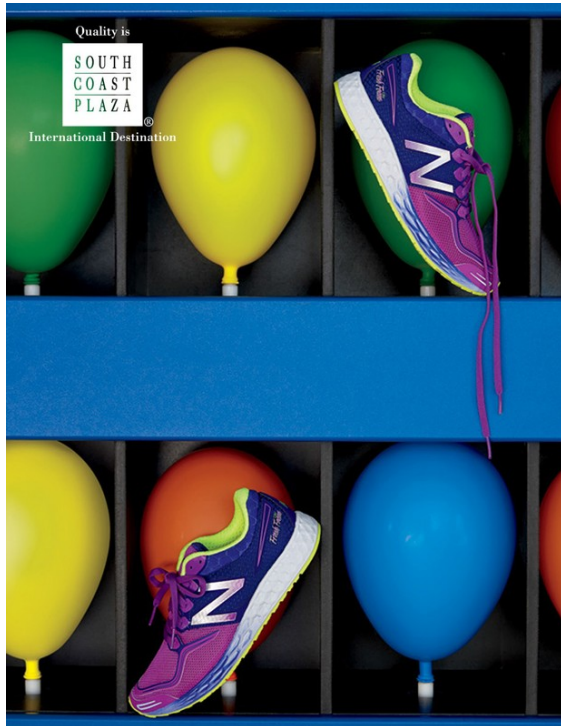
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Boots

Lighter, drier models that will carry you from fall to winter — no matter the conditions.

BREAKTHROUGH

The Go-Anywhere Hiking Boot
Salomon XT-A
 One of the most versatile boots we've ever tested, the *Salomon XT-A* has the technical guts to handle low-scale rock climbing but the stability and comfort to be used as a day hiker. It's incredibly tough, with a reinforced sole, steel wire frame, and front cup that keeps your ankle supported and less secure. The lacing system stays snug and conforms to your foot yet never feels cramped, sticky rubber edging helps on scrambles. A soft nubuck upper provides comfort for the ankle, while a core-Tec membrane keeps it weather-tight but breathable.

STICKING IT
 A super-tacky compound in the outsole assures your feet will stay steady even in inclement trail conditions.



Road Shoes

The best new pavement pounders, put to the test by real runners.

BREAKTHROUGH

Finally, a Shoe That Works for (Almost) Everyone
Asics Nimbus 15
 Generally speaking, lighter shoes are shunned by heavier runners, and heavier shoes are no good for lighter runners. But the *Asics Nimbus 15* received universal praise from testers — many of whom noted that finding a high-end road training shoe that's cushioned, responsive, and viable for runners of all sizes and abilities is close to impossible. We liked the mattress-like ride and the fact that it provides plenty of support. If you're looking to up your mileage, start here.

FEELS SO GOOD
 ASICS put massive amounts of gel under the forefoot and heel to provide one of the most comfortable rides we've ever tested.




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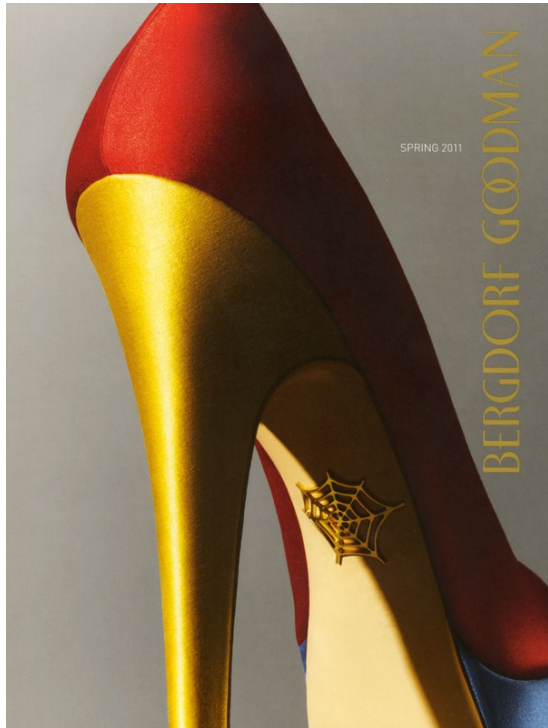
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Course of Study

Calling all students of fashion and commerce. For fall, designers give lessons in disciplines from geometry to zoology.

Photographed by Nigel Cox

1. REED leather and patent leather bag, \$1,150, at select Neiman Marcus stores (800.937.8144).
2. LARVIN patent leather and plastic bag, \$1,248, at Jeffrey (212.266.2171) and Barneys New York (212.633.8900), New York, and Saks, San Francisco (415.922.3885).
3. LUCIANO PADOVANI cufflike shoe, \$495, at Dunbar, New York (212.535.9995), neimanmarcus.com and internetmarcus.com.
4. VERSACE patent leather bag, available by special order at 888.236KICKS.
5. BRUNO MAGLI leather and fiberglass shoe, \$515, at brunomagli.com and 800.446.3030.
6. ETRO wood meshlike shoe, \$455, at ERM, New York (212.312.9999), Beverly Hills (310.448.2815) and Coral Gables, Fla. (305.569.1666).
7. JASGER LECOQURE 18K white gold and platinum mesh, \$1,720, at 800.ac.1ee and jasperlecoque.com.
8. EMILIO PUCCI brass and wood bracelet, \$480, at Emilio Pucci, New York (212.752.7777).
9. HOGAN leather shoe, \$345, at Hogan, New York (212.343.3030).
10. SERGIO ROSSI silk shoe, \$545, at Sergio Rossi nationwide (sergirossi.com).
11. GUECCI leather and metal chain, \$795, at select Gucci boutiques (800.634.7663).

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Right Angles

Get your protractor out and sharpen up for this season's geometric looks.



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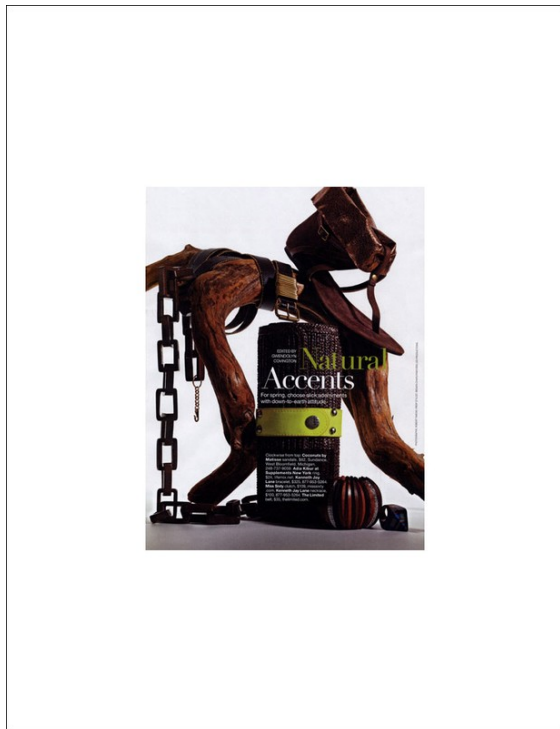
Novel Experience

Like the great romantic heroines, these decorative pieces will incite lust.

1. **BOTKER** lambskin bag with copper hardware, \$676, at Bloomingdale's, New York (212.795.2000) and Neiman Marcus, Dallas (214.363.8311).
2. **AGNELLE** leather gloves, \$69, at Bergdorf Goodman (800.558.1855) and Takashimaya (212.350.0106), New York.
3. **CHANEL** wool and patent calfskin boots, \$1,250, at select Chanel boutiques (800.555.0005).
4. **ALBERTA FERRETTI** silk satin bag, \$545, at Philosophy of Alberta Ferretti, New York (212.466.5500).
5. **MARY NORTON** gold plated metal and white satin mini-suitcase, \$1,376, at Saks Fifth Avenue, New York (212.753.6000), Macy's Blooming, Los Angeles (323.812.1800) and Jockey's, Houston (713.629.9990).
6. **KERRY'O** silver and ebony flower ring, price available upon request, at Kerry O, Paris (+33.1.4546.9447).
7. **DE VERA** oxidized silver, Venetian head, seal pearl and diamond necklace and pendant, \$6,950, at De Vera, New York (212.225.5838).
8. **PAUL SMITH WOMEN** wavyhair clutch with glass, metal and plastic embellishments, \$1,170, at Paul Smith, Greene Street, New York (646.613.3065).
9. **LYDIA COURTELLE** 18K yellow gold, silver, diamond, ruby, emerald and onyx ring, \$24,000, at Lydia Courtelles, Paris (+33.1.4361.1375).
10. **MARSHUS & CAMUS** brass, handmade cotton muslin totebag and vintage crystal necklace, \$236, at Peggy Poreck, New York (212.529.3634) and buyonbargain.com.
11. **CHRISTIAN LOUBOUTIN** suede and leather boot, \$1,120, at Christian Louboutin, New York (212.396.1884).
12. **MIU MIU** leather pump, \$525, at select Nordstrom stores (888.362.0666).
13. **VICTOR & ROUF** leather bootie, \$580, at Saks (212.463.8573) and Bloomingdale's (212.795.2000), New York, and The Silver Box, Plainville, N.J. (516.931.7775).
14. **BENOT MISSOULIN** cotton velvet and full headband, \$231, at benotmissoulin.com.



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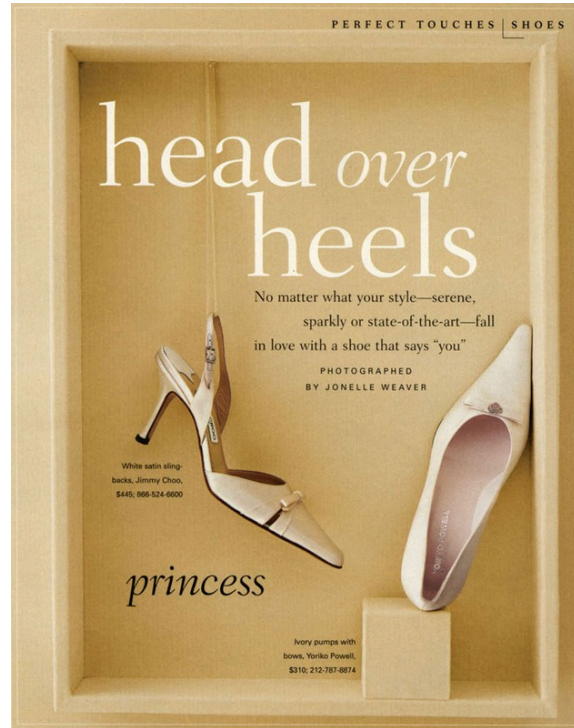


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Look What We Found!

Dials with Style

WHAT CHIC WRISTS are wearing now: playful bracelets that peek in the watch face so gracefully, you barely know it's there.

1. A well-bred black-and-gold-linked bracelet watch looks pretty hot on it. **DKNY \$165.**
2. **Flaxtime** redefined: Expandable sterling silver cuff—an elegant version of the ordinary metal stretch band—has a diamond-rimmed dial. **David Yarrow.**
3. **Pale horn** and gold link bracelets with a built-in compass has a casual appeal that's great with beige, black, any neutral. **Michael Kors, \$150.**
4. **Gucci's** reworked horsetail motif is translated into a delicate sterling silver bangle with a mother-of-pearl face suspended between sleek curves.
5. **Give** new meaning to the phrase watch die with a nautical, canoe-themed charm bracelet. **Madison Cheapside Chic, \$325.**
6. The requisite **reminiscence** of Masov's classic "museum" watch is echoed in a subtle row of smaller disks in cool steel and white ceramic. For details see **Shop Guide**.

IN THE COUNTRY

Flights of Fancy

Every day now, more birds return to the trees, insects buzz in the garden and butterflies flutter about. Among the most welcome signs of spring's arrival, though, is John Derian's series of decoupage wall trays, created from 18th-century European bird engravings. The New York City-based company reproduces the original prints, then hand cuts and hand glues each one behind a piece of glass. For or paper is then applied as a backing. \$195 each. **John Derian Company, 6 East 2nd Street, 212-677-3917; Bergdorf Goodman, NYC, 800-558-1855.**

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A VERMEER PALETTE—deep, rich, painterly shades—mingles with simulations of stately home artifacts (flaming trophies, anyone?) to produce a mixture of traditional and whimsical. The candelabra is made with an old French technique, newly popular, called faux bois—oaks, birch, iron, or, most commonly, cement is cast and painted to resemble wood. 1. Resin stag head, \$60, John Derian. 2. Faux bois (see branch) resin candelabra, \$195, Oly. 3. Fable-like mother porcupine, \$24, Deco. 4. Porcelain chestnuts, \$100, Penkridge. 5. Plate with stag-antlers-turned-tray, \$43, Westwood. 6. Faux book in biogue (patented unglazed porcelain), \$144, Curves at ABC Carpet & Home. 7. Branch-handled sterling bowl, \$124, Nestor Creations. 8. Linen look paper napkin, \$5.50 for 20, Florent by Caponi. 9. Mahogany look porcelain cup and saucer, \$86, Marc Blackwell Home Inc. 10. Walnut look vinyl placemat, \$26, Publique Living. 11. Wood grain print fabric, \$16 yard, the Silk Trading Co. 12. Porcelain mirror, \$70, Penkridge. 13. Marble fruit peach (brown, white, dried fig, logan, grapes, plums, and pear, \$20 to \$65 each, John Derian. 14. Bronze leaves, \$39, Aero. Or visit 1. Library book of painting, courtesy of John Derian. 2



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Great Pretenders

Persuasive paste diamonds. Fruit that invites a bite. Trees you can see through. Phony isn't necessarily baloney. Some copycats can definitely pass for real; others, frankly fake, are a way to have a bit of ironic fun.

IT'S CRYSTAL CLEAR that a petrified forest of nature-driven shapes links interior spaces to the great outdoors, reproducing every beautiful wood, knothole, and feather. Because porcelain and crystal are mainly about texture and reflection, they adapt easily to any color scheme. 1. 2. Upright tree vase and fallen log centerpiece, \$177, Zimmerman for Croton Glass. 3. Porcelain bird, \$12, Curves at ABC Carpet & Home. 4. Porcelain tree stump with mushrooms (use as a vegetable or peach holder), \$55, Root. 5. Honeycomb-print fabric, \$64 per yard, the Silk Trading Co. 2



BREAKFAST TIME
Those crucial minutes between taking a shower and leaving for work tend to go unmemorably fast—which is why you need a bright, cheerful clock to keep you and your family peaking along. 1. The "nature" clock, by pioneering modernist George Nelson (who hung out with the likes of Isamu Noguchi and Buckminster Fuller) is like a participation mark for your wall. George Nelson for Vitra, \$265. 2. There's nothing cuter about this pared-down cuckoo clock. Artificial, \$433. 3. This black disk with a red dot has a playful irony that we could all use during rush hour. Clever Henning, \$205. 4. The pleasantly retro orange clock is small, so it eats up less wall space. Infinity Instruments, \$35. 5. This rainbow digital can also be wall-mounted to keep counters free. Brookstone, \$25. 6. Do-it-yourself kit includes multicolor self-adhesive cubes you can stick up in any order you please. Karsson, \$79. 7. This buttery circle will melt even the morning phobic. Alessi, \$134. Cup and saucer, Aglio & Tulliani. French press, Bonjour. Juice glass and bowl, Nicole Farhi Home. 2



WORK TIME
What you want is clarity, information, and nice, clean lines—which doesn't rule out innovative shapes of juicy color. A playfully designed timepiece can actually make a task feel less onerous. 1. The sunflower clock was originally designed by George Nelson in 1925; its open construction lets the wall color show through. George Nelson, \$165. 2. Gold-plated and retro-inspired, this is an instant masterpiece. Artyr LeCoultré. 3. Get the temperature and barometric pressure along with the time. Ralph Lauren Home. 4. Award yourself for a promotion with an auspicious brass swing clock. Tiffany & Co., \$725. 5. Sleek, flat design (also by George Nelson) puts time on a pedestal. George Nelson, \$345. 6. For music with your coffee break, try a vintage-looking clock-radio. Tivoli Audio, \$100. 7. Observe jammed numbers on an orange square might counteract a 4 o'clock slump. Boro Series for Neva Milano, \$94. Jewel box with three 1/2 oz. Smithson of Bond Street. Desk blotter and pen, Graphic Image. 2

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Good Timing

We're all wound up about these chic new timepieces. Whether you're eating, sleeping, working, or flying off into the wild blue yonder, they'll ensure that your schedule is in good hands.

BEDTIME
Sweet dreams are your respite from the day's stress—so a bedside clock should be discreetly elegant yet spirited enough to rouse you gently and thoroughly when morning comes.

1. An old-fashioned bell ringer is encased in a block of Lucite—a nifty mix of vintage and modern. McCollin Bryan, \$248. 2. This neat, super-legible little light-up alarm clock, \$28. 3. A square, silver-finish molded plastic digital is self-setting. Philippe Starck for Oregon Scientific, \$63. 4. It not only tells time but charges your iPod and wakes you up painlessly to the tunes you love. Fashionation, \$40. 5. Double time alarm has an easy-to-read face inside a tiny "museum watch" dial on the cover. Monoco Collection, \$80. 6. A limited edition black-and-white clock, inspired by a backgammon board, is as chic as a Turner Classic. Meyer, Cartier, \$1,300. Eyeglasses, Versace Lamp, Arno. Chair and bedside table, Baker. Cerufe, Nicole Faith Home. Glass, Biodesi. Boxes, Barbara Barry. Realized by Herndon.

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Love That!

Customize a vintage classic with any color dial you choose. (Noted by www.rosegold.com, \$1,690)

This long leather strap wraps around the wrist like a bracelet. (Herndon, \$1,432)

A delicate brass band and slender oval face has timeless charm. (Egin, \$100)

A bold, masculine design—tough lines and a leather strap—reveals a heart of bronze. (Herndon, \$295)

An unusual white-glass strap reveals a heart of bronze leather. (Herndon, \$195)

The preppy, hand-tooled pattern with every skin tone. (Crosby, \$195)

For details see Shop.Style.com.

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The New Nudes
Pale and pretty tickers that are perfect for everyday wear.

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Love That!

Underrated luxury
Patek's multi-band powder. The softy. (Herndon, \$1,432)

The stainless steel dial and metallic leather strap give this sophisticated watch a shot of pizz. (Crosby, \$195)

A textured silicone strap takes the style of this simple piece up a tick. (Swatch, \$15)

This elegant watch with a braided leather strap and a leather buckle is new for the ages. (Longines, \$1,400)

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Gray Matter
Black watches in smoky colors set the tone for fall.

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Look What We Found!
Stud Power

MORE PARK AVENUE
than punk rock, this season's colored studs add cool embellishment and texture to accessories. Use judiciously. One touch gives a chic tote edge; more leads to sleek-chic overkill. 1. Loving clutch has a baby-intruder feeling. Chinese Laundry Bag, \$41. 2. Iron-colored water-snake skin purse has an impressive belted construction so it opens like a book. Bottega Veneta, \$260. 3. Soft suede T-strap meets sleek, steezy studs. Michael Kors, \$175. 4. Fantastic with gray metallic leather belt has a sculptural buckle. Origins, \$100. 5. Geometric detail adds gangster glamour to a leather shoe. Alberta Ferretti, \$565. 6. Red foam makes a studded cuff bold and clever. (noted by www.rosegold.com, \$28). 7. Distressed leather covering leather studs adds sophisticated new facets to a chic clutch. Jack Jones, \$200. 8. Gold pyramids look chicer than silver on a red double-wrap belt (try it over a sweater). Herndon-Herndon, \$78. 9. Etched silver ballerinas are a fall-to-bed alternative. Nine West, \$79. 10. Give a lift to ordinary clothes with a slight wedge heel in trendy, slim profile. PocketDog, \$58. 9

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