



velvet underground

A favorite of forward-thinking women everywhere (including the socially conscious actress Natalie Portman), Charmoné Shoes' limited editions feature all man-made materials for shoes that are "animal-safe (non-leather), eco-friendly and sweatshop-free"—without giving up an ounce of style. (Birkenstock beauties, take note!) Armed with degrees from the Fashion Institute of Technology and executive experience from the Silicon Valley, Charmoné partners Jodi Koskella and Lauren Carroll create their designs from fine velvets, satin ribbons and tassels, and Swarovski crystal embellishments. The Spicy model featured here (available in red or black) is just one of three sexy numbers in the Saffron collection; others, in the Wildflower collection, include sweet mary janes, work pumps and casual flats. In European sizes 35.5 to 41, the shoes range in price from \$300 to \$500 (charmoneshoes.com).



lip service

Philosophy has added A Few Good Men to its grooming collection. A trio of lip shines come in travel-convenient sizes for your dopp kit or pocket (just be sure to have a Ziploc in your carry-on). They come in three guy-ried yummy flavors (Milk Man is chocolate, Ice Cream Man is bubblegum and Gingerbread Man is, you guessed it, ginger). If, as they say, variety is the spice of life, why settle? These Men are worth bringing home to meet papa (\$25; philosophy.com).

eye need that

Exotic face creams and poker have much in common—and not just the quest for expressionless faces. With each ultimate offer, someone else must raise the stakes. Kanebo Sensai Premier claims

its eye cream is the world's costliest per ounce, ever—and worth it. A highly permeable and stable vitamin C derivative boosts the synthesis of face-firming collagen 2.5 times more effectively than others. **Marcia Cross, Liv Tyler and Eva Longoria** are believers. Your move, La Mer (\$320; Bergdorf Goodman, Barneys and Takashimaya; kanebo-international.com).

