

Giveaway: Go Vintage With Rakuda



This post is sponsored by Rakuda.

By Andrea Surujnauth

Summer is almost here! This year's fashion style is all about the vintage look, and no outfit is complete without the perfect bag. You want something fashionable and functional,

something that will go with your cute summer dresses and rompers. You also want a bag that offers comfort and durability. You want something that will look cute when you are carrying your laptop to the library but also be large enough to take on a romantic hike through the woods with your sweetheart. Well, we have the perfect go-to bag for you from Rakuda!

Rakuda Blue Cargo Carrier has one main inner compartment along with three outer compartments. It's adjustable straps and drawstring make it easy to carry around. This bag is extremely lightweight and durable, so no need to worry about having to purchase a new bag mid-summer. This bag is perfect for overnight trips, hikes or even everyday use. Rakuda's canvas backpacks are made with genuine leather accents and copper fittings. Plus, the bright blue color will add a pop of fun to your ensemble.

Now, one lucky CupidsPulse.com reader will win a Rakuda Blue Cargo Carrier! Comfort, ease and a fashion-forward look is guaranteed with Rakuda bags.

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter for a chance to win a Rakuda Blue Cargo Carrier, go to our [Facebook](#) page and click "like." Leave a comment under our giveaway post letting us know that you want to enter the contest and where you would carry your new bag. We will contact the winners via [Facebook](#) when the contest is over, and they will have three days to respond back with their contact information. The deadline to enter is 5 pm EST on Monday, May 13th. Good luck!**~~

Congratulations to Suzanne Magdelijns!

Rakuda... It's not just a bag; it's a lifestyle.

Lindsay Phillips Shoes Won't Let Your Spring Date Be a Flop



sponsored by Lindsay Phillips.

This post was

By Sarah Ribeiro

There's no better time to have a first date than the spring. The birds are chirping; the flowers are in bloom; and you can *finally* wear your favorite sundress and sandals. This weekend, take some time out for a romantic walk in the park or a rooftop dinner at sunset. Embrace the warm weather and show off your spring style in adorable shoes by Lindsay Phillips.

You'll have no trouble picking out the perfect spring date outfit with these shoes. They're completely customizable, so you can add the perfect accessory to each shoe. The "strap" line allows you to opt for over 1,000 interchangeable options, while the "snap" line lets you choose from over 60 toe-centered snap-on brooches.

Slip on a pair of the Alex heels, the Devon wedges or the Courtney peep-toes for a dressy look. They'll all give you a little added height – perfect for your date to lean in for a kiss! Plus, both the Devon and Courtney shoes show off your flirty pedicure.

If your feet tend to feel tired after a long day at work, try out a pair of the Liz ballet flats. They come in linen, canvas and patent leather to ensure that you have a matching pair for any outfit, and the ruffle flower perched on the toe is the ideal accessory for a simple summer outfit.

While you may want to look sophisticated for your hot date, sometimes a more simple shoe is the way to go. Choose comfort *and* fashion by opting for a chic, updated flip flop. The Kelli flop is more than your typical sandal: you get the comfort and ease of a basic flip flop with an added pizzazz. The decorative stones on the toe base are sure to catch your partner's eye and round out your fabulous first-date outfit. Remember that you can purchase additional "snaps" to jazz up the flop even more! That way, you won't have to worry so much about deciding what shoes to wear – just slide these on and

head out the door.

The best part of Lindsay Phillips' shoes are the bright colors. You'll have no trouble finding a pair to match your favorite bright yellow skirt or to stand out against a pair of cut-off jean shorts. The Kelli flop, for example, comes in black and stone as well as vibrant pink and bold turquoise. These colored flops even have a "candy-stripe" sole in bright colors that's both eye-popping and sweet, making them wearable outside of date night.

Our tester immediately noticed that these shoes would be the perfect travel partner. With the mix-and-match straps or snaps, life on the road is so much easier. Plus, your partner will be thrilled when he finds out he doesn't need to lug around an extra suitcase filled with shoes on your next Caribbean getaway. Now, *that's* relationship bliss.

These shoes just scream "fun" – and guarantee that you'll have a great time while wearing them!

Giveaway: Step Into Luxury With Ahnu Maia Sandals





This post is sponsored by Ahnu.

By Andrea Surujnauth

Shoes may be the trickiest part of any outfit: you want to be stylish yet comfortable, avoiding painful footwear whenever possible. Thanks to Ahnu, you don't have to stress about this issue anymore! With summer just around the corner, it's time to store your boots in the back of your closet and pull out your open-toed sandals. Lucky for you, we're doing some warm-weather shopping for you: the Ahnu Maia Sandals are the perfect addition to your shoe collection. They're easy to throw on after a yoga class with your man or wear on your next day-date to lunch at your favorite art museum.

The leather straps have a soft metallic sheen to please the fashionista in all of us, while the microfiber suede footbed will keep your feet happy all day long. Plus, they come in an assortment of colors: rugby tan, medium grey, black, chocolate chip, pansy, new navy, espresso and medium charcoal. Our tester loved the subtle pink accents on the medium charcoal pair, saying that they provided a lovely pop of color to make her shoes stand out. Regardless of your color choice, you're sure to find a pair that fills that gap in your closet.

Now, a CupidsPulse.com reader will have the opportunity to win a pair of Ahnu Maia Sandals, valued at 90 dollars, in the color of their choice. With these sandals, you'll be putting your best foot forward, both fashionably *and* comfortably.

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT:** To enter for a chance to win a pair of Ahnu Maia Sandals, go to our Facebook page and click "like." Leave a comment under our giveaway post letting us know that you want to enter the contest and how you would style your new shoes. We will contact the winners via Facebook when the contest is over, and they will have three days to respond back with their contact information. The deadline to enter is 5:00pm EST on Monday, April 22nd. Good luck!~~

Congratulations to Nicole DeGroh!

Giveaway: Leave Your Heavy Handbag At Home, Thanks to SHOLDIT Clutch Wrap



This post has been sponsored by SHOLDIT.

By Nicole Cavanagh

You're all set for your first date with that special someone, but you can't leave home without your heavy and unorganized purse. You spend the night lugging it around because you *needed* to bring your phone, wallet and keys as well as a full supply of makeup. Of course, your handbag gets in your way and cuts into your shoulder; plus, you have to dig around to find your favorite lip gloss, and you're constantly searching for a

clean spot for it to rest.

Finally, put your traditional bag frustrations to an end with the SHOLDIT Clutch Wrap, a fashionable and functional solution. SHOLDIT incorporates the look and feel of a scarf and the simplicity of a clutch. It combines it's trendy style with the security of an across-the-body bag to create the perfect date night accessory.



The SHOLDIT Clutch Wraps are available in a variety of colors, prints and materials, sure to complement any outfit. They may look like a traditional infinity scarf, but they actually have two spacious zippered-pockets to hold your top necessities. The SHOLDIT Clutch Wrap can be worn in a variety of ways to fit your unique style and keep you looking your best. It's the perfect option for a perfect night out!

Now, one lucky CupidsPulse.com reader will have the opportunity to win their very own SHOLDIT Clutch Wrap, a value of up to 79 dollars. Be happy, comfortable and fashionable with SHOLDIT accessories.

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter for a chance to win a SHOLDIT Clutch Wrap, go to our [Facebook](#) page and click "like." Leave a comment under our giveaway post letting us know that you want to enter the contest and how you will style your new Clutch**~~

~~Wrap. We will contact the winner via [Facebook](#) when the contest is over, and they will have three days to respond back with their contact information. The deadline to enter is 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, March 25th. Good luck!~~

This giveaway is now closed.

Giveaway: From the Office to Date Night, Spring Ahead with TSUBO Sallis Wedges





This post has been sponsored by TSUBO.

By Nicole Cavanagh

Spring is right around the corner, so you know what that means: time to set your toes free! We've spent the last few months with our feet trapped inside of boots, and it's finally time to give them some wiggle room. From strappy sandals to pumps or wedges, the warm weather shoe options are endless. But does looking good mean we have to sacrifice our comfort? Not anymore, thanks to [TSUBO](#) shoes.

TSUBO, Japanese for "pressure point," designs shoes that are fashion forward and extremely comfortable. Their shoes combine fresh style with their signature Pod technology, which is

strategically placed cushioning at the foot's pressure points.

One of our favorite picks from their Spring 2013 collection are the Sallis wedges. You can wear these cute shoes at the office during the day and then head straight to that date with your cute neighbor. You're ready to tackle the world while looking and feeling great! These wedges are available in three wonderful colors, sure to cover all of your fashion needs: black, elephant and putty. Plus, the back zipper adds an extra hint of sexy and makes it easy to slip them off at the end of a fun evening.

The Sallis wedges are a hybrid "shootie," and they're a perfect accessory that blends fashion with function. These four-inch demi-wedge heels are made from latex foam for soft comfort and cushioning with additional latex foam pods at the forefoot and heel pressure points – sure to keep your feet happy.

Now, one lucky CupidsPulse.com reader will have the opportunity to win a pair of their very own TSUBO Sallis wedges, valued at \$180.00 dollars. With these beauties, you'll be putting your best foot forward, both comfortably and fashionably.

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter for a chance to win a pair of TSUBO Sallis wedges, go to our Facebook page and click "like." Leave a comment under our giveaway post letting us know NOT ONLY that you want to enter the contest BUT WHY YOU NEED THESE SHOES. We will choose one winner via Facebook when the contest is over, and they will have three days to respond back with their contact information, shoe size and color choice. The deadline to enter is 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, March 11th. Good luck!**~~

Congratulations to Ann Norris O'Neal!

Giveaway: Lyric Culture: Wear Your Heart on Your Sleeve for All to See



sponsored by Lyric Culture.

This post is

By Nicole Cavanagh

With Valentine's Day being yesterday, love is certainly in the air. They say that "you are what you wear," so there's no better way to express and celebrate the love in your life than with unique gifts from Lyric Culture, a company who always makes sure to "put a whole lotta love into every design."

Since music is the language of love, singer-songwriter Hanna-Rochelle, who founded the company in 2006, decided to marry fashion with her love of music and bring artists' words to life. Lyric Culture is a music-inspired lifestyle brand based on the song lyrics of legendary artists such as Bob Marley, The Beatles, The Rolling Stones, Bob Dylan and Pink Floyd as well as current hits made famous by Rihanna, Usher and Carrie Underwood. They produce an assortment of creative, stylish, and bold apparel, jewelry, accessories and home goods. We especially love their adorable and comfortable decorative pillows!

If you're hoping to accessorize better this spring, look no further than our Lyric Culture giveaway! CupidsPulse.com is giving away two love-filled Lyric Culture products to two lucky readers: the Bold as Love by Jimi Hendrix scarf (\$65) and the All You need is Love necklace (\$35), inspired by The Beatles hit song.

"Call it a modern twist on wearing your heart on your sleeve. So, go ahead...say it with a song."

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter for a chance to win either the Lyric Culture scarf or necklace, go to our Facebook page and click "like." Leave a comment under our giveaway post letting us know that you want to enter the contest. We will contact the winners via Facebook when the contest is over, and they will have three days to respond back with their contact information. The deadline to enter is 5:00 p.m. EST on Friday, February 22nd. Good luck!**~~

This giveaway is now closed. Thank you to all who entered!

Celebrity Looks for the No nonsense® Girl



sponsored by No nonsense.

This post is

[No nonsense tights and leggings](#) are the perfect addition to your wardrobe and allow you to change up any look with a pop of color. Paired with dresses, sweaters and blouses, these affordable products are a wintertime must-have that keep you warm and comfortable without compromising style. Conveniently available at food, drug and mass retail stores, No nonsense products can help you get the celebrity look you desire.

Emmy Award-winning TV personality and co-author of the New York Times bestselling style guide “I Have Nothing to Wear!”, Jill Martin will be the new spokesperson for No nonsense. As the company-proclaimed No nonsense woman, Martin says, “The new tights and leggings are on-trend and very high quality without breaking the bank. They’re just my type of product!” We paired our No nonsense green, opaque tights with a navy blue, polka dot dress and a stylish pair of brown, leather riding boots. This outfit can also be accented with a brown belt and a sweater. For the No nonsense black, cotton leggings, we added a long, denim button-up shirt and a pair of yellow flats for color. What we loved most about the No nonsense tights and leggings was our ability to match them with so many different items in our closet.

If you are looking to add these to your wardrobe, the opaque and fashion tights are available in a wide range of colors and styles and work great with any skirt or dress and your favorite pair of boots. The No nonsense leggings, also available in a wide range of colors and styles, are an excellent addition to a long shirt, blouse or sweater and can be a subtle accent to any outfit.

For the latest trends in tights and leggings, ‘Like’ [No nonsense on Facebook](#) and follow them on Twitter.



Giveaway: Make a Lasting Impression With Tsubo Boots



This post is sponsored by Tsubo Boots.

By Sarah Ribeiro

You and your sweetheart have been together for a few months now, and it's finally time to meet the parents. You know you have to dress to impress, but winter's on its way, and with it comes the death of all your favorite outfits. You have the perfect sweater dress picked out, but don't want to clunk around in winter boots all night, and the cold air forces you to bundle up and to pack all your cute shoes away, leaving you

feeling less than stylish in the snow. If you want any chance to impress your beau's parents, you have to find a way to stay attractive and fashionable despite the weather.

Thanks to Tsubo boots, you don't have to worry about style this winter. Tsubo's women's Hollis boots are the perfect accessory to keep you dry and warm in the snow while still looking perfect for any meet-the-parents situation. These streamlined boots, made with latex foam for comfort, are sleek enough to look sexy with any outfit. Pair them with skinny jeans for a casual look, or try them on over leggings or tights with a sweater dress or tunic for a warm wintry style.



The Hollis boots by Tsubo.
Photo: Tsubo.com.

They're not your ordinary heeled boot, either. These wedges give you the perfect amount of height in your daily life, date night, or around the office – without clunking around in a too-thick heel. Plus, the decorative notch on the back heel of each boot adds a unique flair that sets these boots apart from your normal winter wear.

One lucky Cupid's Pulse reader will get the chance to win a pair of women's Hollis boots from Tsubo – a \$300 value. With these boots, you'll be sure to look cute and make a lasting fashionable impression.

~~GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter for a chance to win a pair of the Hollis boots by Tsubo, go to our [Facebook](#) page and click "like." Then, leave a comment under our Tsubo giveaway post and let us know that you want to enter the contest. We will contact the winner via Facebook when the giveaway is over, and he or she will have three days to respond back with his or her contact information. The deadline to enter is 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, December 3. Good luck!~~

Congratulations to Daena Cavallino for winning. We hope you love your Hollis boots!

Giveaway: Keep It Simple and Luxurious with Line Knitwear's Quantum Sweater





This post is sponsored by Line Knitwear.

By Jennifer Ross

Every woman knows just how hectic life can be and sometimes your personal style can fall through the cracks along the way while you are working and running around playing “Super” mom.

Why not take some fashion advice from a few sensible and stylish celebrities and wear outfits that easily transition from work to play? Hilary Duff, Mila Kunis and Bridgit Mendler want clothing that is both simple and luxurious. The Quantum Sweater at www.MadisonLosAngeles.com, made by Line Knitwear, does just the trick, updating your wardrobe and keeping you in style. This sweater is soft, light and comfortable. It’s so

fashionable that not even a necklace or bracelet is needed to accessorize it. What's really great is that this color-blocking top also changes with the seasons taking you from spring to summer and even into fall!



Quantum Sweater.
Photo: Line Knitwear

Just like Duff, you can wear it over a swimsuit as a cover-up for a day at the beach. Or you can wear it over a camisole with your favorite jeans while hanging with your girlfriends. Even the sweater by itself, paired with a hot skirt and killer heels, will leave you looking great for your mate on your next dinner date. Lucky for you, Line Knitwear is giving away a Quantum Sweater, size extra-small, to one CupidsPulse.com reader! Even at a size extra-small, this sweater is sure to fit many people since it is designed to be over-sized.

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter for a chance to win a Quantum Sweater by Line Knitwear, go to our [Facebook](#) page and click on the "like" button. Then, leave a comment under our Quantum Sweater giveaway post and let us know that you want to enter the contest. We will contact the winner via Facebook when the**~~

~~giveaway is over, and he or she will have three days to respond back with his or her contact information. The deadline to enter is 5:00 p.m. EST on Monday, November 12th. Good luck!~~

Congratulations to Ann Marie Johnson for winning the Quantum Sweater! We hope you love it!

Giveaway: Be Fashionable and Confident During Your Next Date Night With Isabelle Grace Jewelry





This post is sponsored by Isabelle Grace Jewelry.

By Sarah Ribeiro

Being a woman can be tough. If you're climbing the corporate ladder, then your days are spent at the office, always trying to stay one step ahead. Or if you're a mom, you're dealing with busy days and late nights. And what about the women who juggle a career while raising their kids? All that work makes you tired and irritable – and leaves you no time for your relationship.

Luckily, celebrity women have found the secret to staying fashionable in the midst of their frazzled lives. Hollywood has been filled with ladies perking up their outfits with

[Isabelle Grace Jewelry](#). Women like Roselyn Sanchez, Ali Landry, Lindsay Price and Alyson Hannigan have been spotted sporting their handcrafted personalized jewelry, proving how easy it is to add something special to your everyday look.

Isabelle Grace's personalized line allows you to keep a chic look when you accessorize while displaying that you're a proud girlfriend, wife or mom: their necklaces and bracelets come with charms that can be engraved with your partner or children's birthstones, names and birthdates.

Lucky for you, Isabelle Grace Jewelry is giving away a Little Love Necklace to one CupidsPulse.com reader! You can personalize it with up to three characters, making it a romantic addition to your next night out on the town.



Little Love Necklace.
Photo: Isabelle Grace
Jewelry

~~GIVEAWAY: To enter, "like" the [Cupid's Pulse fan page](#) on Facebook and leave us a comment on the post letting us know you want to enter the Isabelle Grace Jewelry giveaway. We'll choose a winner on Monday, October 15th at 5 p.m. EST and notify them via Facebook. Once we do, the winner will have~~

~~three days to send us their contact information. If we don't hear from him or her in that timeframe, we will choose another winner.~~

Congratulations to Leza DiBella, the lucky winner of our personalized Isabelle Grace Jewelry Little Love Necklace giveaway. Thanks to all who entered!

Fashion never stops – no matter how busy of a woman you may be.

Giveaway: Stay Dry and Cute on a Rainy Day with Ahnu Laguna Boots





This post is sponsored by Ahnu.

By Sarah Ribeiro

We've all been there: it's your first date with your tall, dark and handsome crush from the accounting department. You want to look perfect for this guy and have picked out your favorite date outfit to wear to a movie in the city. Unfortunately, as you're getting ready for the night, it begins to downpour outside. You want to make a good impression for your new man but can't see yourself trekking through puddles in 3 inch open-toe heels. Clunky old rain boots aren't an option either. Luckily, the new Laguna boot from [Ahnu](#) can save your date night from being a fashion disaster and keep your feet dry and warm, no matter what the weather brings.

The Laguna puts a modern spin on your average rain boot. Rather than your typical boxy slab of rubber, these patent leather boots come in a streamlined shape that lean less towards puddle-jumping in the schoolyard and more towards walking through the water in the city. Wear them on a rainy date or even just on a romantic stroll with your sweetheart after a storm.

The boots are not only waterproof for practicality, but they also come in three wonderful colors for the fashion-minded bunch: Golden Brown, Black and Wine Tasting. Plus, the front laces help you secure the boots and keep you extra comfortable – and the side zipper provides an easy on/off for when you get home.

Now is the perfect time to try them out before the wet weather begins. Ahnu is giving away a pair of Laguna boots to one lucky CupidsPulse.com reader! Enter the giveaway below and never worry about the weather ruining your romantic night again.

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter for a chance to win a pair of Ahnu Laguna boots, go to our Facebook page, click on the “[Like](#)” button and leave a comment under the giveaway post, saying that you want to enter the contest. We will contact the winner on his or her Facebook page when the giveaway is over. The deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8. Remember to click [here](#) to enter!**~~

Congratulations to M.J. Moore, the lucky winner of the Ahnu Laguna boots! Thanks to everyone who entered!

Favorite Celebrity Engagement Rings



By Sarah
Ribeiro

Engagement rings can be one of the most important elements in beginning a marriage. They signify the bond you have with your partner, their commitment to you, and the security of your relationship. Of course, there's also the glamour and

luxury that comes with a gorgeous diamond on your hand! Here are some celebrity engagement rings that perfectly represent both the strength and extravagance of celebrity weddings and marriages:

Top Celebrity Engagement Rings

1. Kate Hudson: Hudson's engagement ring from Muse rocker Matthew Bellamy is an outstanding statement in such a private celebrity relationship. The \$200,000 platinum ring is a nine carat emerald-cut diamond with tapered baguettes on the side. The two have been engaged for a year, and although they have no wedding date set, they do have a son together, Bingham.

Related Link: [Jessica Biel Had No Say In Her Engagement Ring](#)

2. Kate Middleton: The royal duchess of Cambridge was definitely given a ring fit for a queen. Her celebrity love Prince William presented her with his mother Princess Diana's engagement ring, a round-cut blue sapphire surrounded by 14 diamonds. At the time it was worn by Diana in 1981, it cost 30,000 British pounds – the equivalent of roughly \$47,000.

3. Angelina Jolie: Being one of Hollywood's most luxurious famous couples, this duo will no doubt have an over-the-top celebrity wedding celebration. Newly-engaged Jolie was given a rectangular-cut diamond on a yellow-and-white gold band. Rumor has it Pitt commissioned a jeweler to find the finest-quality diamond for his love, even requesting a cut shaped perfectly for her hand.

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No Limits For This Famous Couple's Ring

4. Beyoncé Knowles: One of Hollywood's most expensive wedding rings naturally belongs to one of the highest-grossing Hollywood couples. The rapper gave Beyoncé a *\$5 million* celebrity engagement ring before their secret marriage in April 2008. The 18-carat diamond, made by jeweler Lorraine Schwartz, is emerald-cut and set in a platinum band. For security purposes, the singer wears a fake copy of it, which is still worth more than \$5,000.

5. Natalie Portman: In 2010, the famous actress, vegan and humanist was gifted an eco-friendly engagement ring to fit her lifestyle. Husband Benjamin Millepied found ballet dancer-turned jeweler Jamie Wolf to design the \$35,000 ring, which uses recycled platinum and an antique oval center stone surrounded by pavé diamonds from a conflict-free mine, meaning no miner was hurt or treated unfairly when mining the stones. Millepied personalized his choice by making the ring a statement to his love's activism and loving nature, a sweet statement for an even sweeter couple.

Which celebrity engagement ring is your favorite? Tell us below.

Giveaway: Tsubo Kemma Boots Offer Fashion and Function

For Your Night Out



This post is sponsored by Tsubo.

Maybe you're one of those women who thinks guys aren't paying attention to what you wear on a date. Or, perhaps you're the type who always sacrifices comfort for the sake of fashion. After all, fashion and comfort couldn't possibly go hand-in-hand, could they? Well, we just found a company that designs amazing shoes that seamlessly fuse both!

Tsubo, Japanese for “Pressure Point,” designs shoes that are fashion forward and extremely comfortable. Tsubo men’s shoes, women’s shoes and [Tsubo sneakers](#) combine fresh style with signature Pod technology, strategically placed cushioning at the foot’s pressure points that provide amazing comfort.

We gave Kemma, the classic black ankle boot pictured above, a test drive by walking 25 city blocks to see if these boots could really stand up to the concrete slabs. We were prepared for a nice long foot massage and pain killers after the walk but surprisingly, that wasn’t the case at all. The Kemma’s not only held up, but so did our feet! These are the perfect boots for your next date night; a classic boot with wonderful design and when you slip them on your feet...complete heaven!

Now, one lucky CupidsPulse.com visitor will have the opportunity to enter for a chance to win a pair of their very own Kemma’s valued at \$190.00. Here’s all you need to do:

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter for a chance to win your very own Kemma Boots, go to our Facebook page, click on the “Like” button and leave a comment under the giveaway post, saying that you want to enter to win. We will contact the winner on his or her Facebook page when the giveaway is over. The deadline is 12:00 p.m. on Monday, September 24th. Remember to enter [here!](#)**~~

Congratulations to Stacy Plapinger, the lucky winner of the Tsubo Kemma boots!

New York Fashion Week: Whitney Port Steps Out in Style for Nine West



New York's Fashion Week kicked off in typical style with the unveiling of a brand new footwear retail entity. Nine West hosted an event at the opening of the first Nine West Vintage America Collection concept shop – a culmination of Nine West's

collaboration with Kate Ciepluch. It features a collection of American-inspired modern footwear and accessories. Whether you're single or have a significant other, it looks like you have new options for those nights out on the town.

To celebrate the new store, Nine West's Brand Ambassador of Culture and Noise, Kelly Cutrone, TV personality and fashion consultant to Whitney Eve, Whitney Port and the new America's Next Top Model judge, Katy Perry stylist Johnny Wujek all made special appearances for Fashion's Night Out. In addition to opening the new store, Nine West took the spirit of vintage out onto the streets of SoHo and partnered with mobile accessories boutique The Styleliner. They featured curated vignettes of Styleliner exclusives and Vintage America product. If you ladies were having a hard time looking for a new pair of shoes for that upcoming date, you may be in luck.

To celebrate the evening, guests enjoyed cocktails, beverages provided by Arizona Iced Tea, and experienced a piece of Kate's American road trip as they snacked on treats by Tiny Pies of Austin, TX. The store featured an interactive social photo booth, opportunities to win tickets to Coachella 2013, an experience with Kate Ciepluch, and more. The newly launched collection will be available exclusively at the Nine West Vintage America Collection SoHo store, as well as online at Vintage America Collection. We're not even 24 hours into Fashion Week and Nine West is already helping you get a leg up on looking great for that potential Prince Charming.

Giveaway: Housewives Jewelry



This post is sponsored by Housewives Jewelry.

By Daniela Agurcia

Ever wonder how the women from *The Real Housewives* always look so fabulous? In addition to their wardrobe, they seem to have a little secret called accessorizing, and with the right piece of jewelry, any outfit can go from shabby to chic in the matter of minutes. But how can we find or even afford the same great accessories that give the housewives their playful elegance? Look no further than [Housewives Jewelry](#), a company

that sells designs inspired by the dynamic personalities of the celebrity housewives for a fraction of the cost. Additionally, many of the pieces by Housewives Jewelry have been worn by the housewives themselves! Even more exciting is the fact that we are giving away two amazing pieces from the collection, including the Newport Necklace in Denim Blue Swarovski Crystals and the Flower Cluster Chandelier Earrings.

~~**GIVEAWAY: Just go to our Facebook page and click on the "Like" button. Then, leave a comment saying that you want to enter the giveaway, and you will automatically be entered to win! The contest ends at 5 pm on Friday, August 24th, and the winners will be contacted via their Facebook page. The Newport Necklace, inspired by Gretchen of 'The Real Housewives of Orange County,' or the Flower Cluster Chandelier Earrings, as seen on 'The Real Housewives of New York City,' can be the perfect accessory for your summer outfit!**~~

Congratulations to the winners of our Housewives Jewelry giveaway: Lynette Barbieri won the Newport Necklace, and Leanne Conway won the Flower Cluster Chandelier Earrings! Enjoy your new jewelry, ladies!

Two New Ways Women In High Heels Can Stay Sexy and Comfortable





This post is sponsored by Foot Petals.

By Sarah Ribeiro

After running around the office all day and standing for two hours to give a presentation to a new client, your new man calls and asks you to dinner. You embrace the chance to sit down, but after your meal, he suggests that you take a nice stroll around the block to get some fresh air. You don't want to appear high-maintenance or out-of-shape for that matter, so while your feet cry in pain, you hold his hand and smile.

After all, you really like this guy. But, then the unthinkable happens! You're walking on the sidewalk and your shoe gets stuck in a crack, scuffing the heel of your expensive leather shoes. You can't take it anymore and you

begin to cry, your date now thinks you have some very big emotional issues. If only you had known about Foot Petals!

Foot Petals, the brand known for their fabulous and fashionable shoe inserts and shoe cushions just launched two new revolutionary products to bring comfort to women in high heels.

The first new product, Stiletto Shieldz, solves the annoying problem of when your stiletto heels get scuffed or scratched. Stiletto Shieldz is a clear plastic shield that adheres to your heels (works on leather, synthetics, wood, etc.) and will protect them from scuffs while appearing invisible to the eye.

The Stiletto Shieldz for high heels retails for \$6.95 and is sold at www.footpetals.com and department stores, including Nordstrom.

The second new Foot Petals product, Pressure Pointz, adds comfort to trouble spots. Pressure Pointz are small shoe cushions that women in high heels can stick in a specific spot of their shoes to create a defense layer between their shoe and skin to avoid blisters and uncomfortable rubbing. Many women in high heels currently use band-aids or tape to try to solve this problem, but Pressure Pointz is a more permanent and practical solution that also provides more comfort than at home solutions. Pressure Pointz for stiletto heels retail for \$6.95 and are available at www.footpetals.com and in department stores, including Nordstrom.

Giveaway: Reese Witherspoon's

Sexy Sophisticated Style



This post is sponsored by Bliss Spa Products.

By Ann Csincsak

Since we first watched her in *Legally Blonde*, Reese Witherspoon has caught our eye with her simple style. Although her style is quite different from the flashy California-girl look of her character, Elle Woods, she still knows how to turn heads with her bold outfits.

This first look I love because it shows her sophisticated yet girly personality. She is right on trend with her floral print top and dark washed jeans and dresses it up with some gold jewelry and a fabulous clutch.

- 1. Modcloth.com Run and Hydrangea Top, \$34.95**
- 2. Luck Brand Sofia Skinny Jeans, \$99**
- 3. RayBan Original Wayfarer Glasses, \$149 MUST HAVE!**
- 4. BCBG Tess Foldover Clutch, \$83**
- 5. Kendra Scott Drew Bangles, \$120 SPLURGE!**

The second look is the ideal date look. A cute, feminine skirt, simple top and accessories are all you need to look and feel sexy and confident. Men love when women wear dresses, and this one is a great option if you want to dress to impress. Keep your accessories neutral with your hair in an easy-to-manage style if you're hoping to catch his eye.

- 1. Nicoli Beige Handbag, \$138**
- 2. Rachel Zoe Beau, \$188**
- 3. H&M Navy Tank, \$7.95**
- 4. J. Crew Postage Stamp Mini, \$98**
- 5. Tory Burch Colorblock Glasses, \$148**

Whether this blonde starlet is dolled up for a movie premiere or spending the day with her husband and children, she always looks stunning. Take some tips from Reese's effortless style and look put together for any occasion without seeming like you tried too hard.

For lots of these great style and accessories, check out Vintage Sweet and Chic.

PLUS: BLISS SPA PRODUCTS GIVEAWAY

This week, we are doing an amazing GIVEAWAY from Bliss Spa Products, one of my favorite product lines. The giveaway includes a ton of Bliss Spa products and a tote bag to keep them all together.

All you have to do is follow @BlissSpa on Twitter and tweet them, saying you're there for the #giveaway!

Supermodel Ines Rivero Says Confidence and Communication Are Important For Finding Love





By Daniela

Agurcia

After nearly two decades of walking the runways and posing for photographers, Victoria's Secret Angel Ines Rivero is experiencing the *other* side of the modeling industry as she sits on the panel of judges for nuvoTV's new reality show 'Model Latina South Beach.' In this exclusive interview, the Argentine supermodel, who has been featured on the cover of renown fashion magazines such as 'Elle' and 'Vogue,' talks about her role on the show as well as her experience as a model, her family and her advice for women everywhere.

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Being a judge on 'Model Latina South Beach,' which premiered on Monday, May 28, sounds like an easy job. But of course, drama is inevitable when the stakes are so high: ten Latina models will compete for a chance to win \$25,000, a position as nuvoTV's spokesperson and a contract with international modeling agency, Q Management. Even so, Rivero enjoys playing judge. For her, the most rewarding part of the experience is being able to pass on the lessons that she's learned as a model and help the young women grow in the industry.

Lesson number one: Rivero stresses that confidence is sexier than physical appearance. Many single women focus on their looks when trying to get a man's attention. Even Rivero was guilty of this mistake, telling us, "I used to be worried about all of the little things wrong with my body, but now I don't care what people think."

It looks like Muriel Villera, 21, of Hialeah, Florida, took Rivero's advice to heart. Last night, she was crowned this season's winner. She believes that her personality played as big of a role in her success as her beautiful face and perfect figure, recently saying, "There is nothing more attractive than ambition and confidence." Next stop for this Latina? A move to New York City to use what she learned on the show and focus on her modeling career.

While Muriel hopes to be a positive example for aspiring models, Rivero believes that women get the wrong impression from this industry, often thinking that they need to be as skinny as them or that they need surgery to look a certain way. She argues that men are generally attracted to women who are natural, so instead of trying to cover up, just be confident with you you are. Recognizing the great influence that models have on women everywhere, she says, "I think we can inspire women by being healthy and in shape and showing off our bodies with confidence."

As for finding that self-confidence, Rivero thinks that

“finding a balance,” both physically and emotionally, is the most important step. She tells us that she’s learned to live her life by being optimistic and trying to find the good in all situations. “Confidence comes from having joy inside you, not necessarily by the way you look in the mirror,” she shares.

Related: [Why Amazing Confident Women Remain Single](#)

When asked if husband Jorge Mora is supportive of her career, Rivero says, “Absolutely.” Regardless of how demanding and revealing her career may be, he understands her lifestyle – after all, he is a professional singer and relates to being in the public eye. Despite her hectic schedule, her husband and daughter always remain her top priority, and she supports them both in whatever they do.

As for the secret to her lasting relationship? Communication. Rivero says she and Mora know how to respect each other’s space and to always talk through their issues. “One of the first things we did was learn how to fight effectively, so that helped us through a lot of problems,” she says. “Learning to talk about things is key, and we’re pretty good at it now.”

Be sure to catch the reruns of ‘Model Latina South Beach’ on nuvoTV!

**Celebrity Stylist June
Ambrose Tells Us How Women**

Can “Find Their Fabulous”



By Daniela Agurcia

Celebrity stylist June Ambrose has worked with A-listers including Alicia Keys and her husband Swizz Beatz, Jay-Z and Sean Combs, and now, she's sharing her fashion tips with CupidsPulse.com. "Fashion is your voice, your expression. It's how one exudes confidence from the inside out," she explains. Watch our video interview with Ambrose to learn more

about her personal style advice, her go-to date night outfit and her role as a Caress Fabulista.

For more videos from CupidsPulse.com, check out our YouTube channel.

Giveaway: Win a BikiniaBella Beach Bag to Match Your Teeny Weeny Bikini!





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It's finally time to show off your bikini-ready bod that you've worked so hard to perfect! Hit the beach or the pool, but don't forget to pack your sunblock and shades in this fabulous, functional and customizable ClaireaBella's BikiniaBella Beach Bag. You can customize your bag by tacking on all the glitter and sparkles you want while picking out your own bikini, skin, hair and eye color for your BikiniaBella.

Reality stars have been spotted carrying their ClaireaBella bags this summer! Teresa Giudice from 'The Real Housewives of New Jersey' posted an adorable photo of her daughter Audriana holding her mom's bag, while Tracy and Christy from

'Jerseylicious' have been toting their bags around town.



Can't wait to get your hands on one? One lucky CupidsPulse.com reader will do just that!

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT: Just go to our Facebook page, click on the "Like" button and leave a comment saying that you want to enter the giveaway before 5 pm on Wednesday, July 18. You will be automatically entered to win! We will contact the winner on their Facebook page when the contest has finished. Don't wait – this customized bag is perfect for the summer, so ENTER NOW!**~~

This giveaway is now closed.

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Giveaway: Towne & Reese Jewelry – As Seen on ‘The Bachelorette’ Star Emily Maynard





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By [Whitney Baker](#)

If you've been watching this season of 'The Bachelorette,' you've surely taken note of Emily Maynard's fabulous wardrobe. Week after week, she continues to impress us with her easy sense of style, transitioning effortlessly from date to date. Whether she's wearing jean shorts and a crochet sweater for a day by the water or a one-sleeve gown at the Rose Ceremony, one thing remains the same: her eye-popping jewelry. And now, CupidsPulse.com readers have the opportunity to win one of two Towne & Reese jewelry giveaways OR receive **15 PERCENT OFF the entire Towne & Reese collection**, including the highly-anticipated Fall 2012 Collection, from Pea Pod Paper &

Gifts. Use the discount code **cupidspulse** at checkout.

Related Link: [‘The Bachelorette’ Season 8, Episode 5: The Dos and Don’ts for Taking Your Relationship To The Next Level](#)

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT:** Send an email to cupid@cupidspulse.com, with **‘Towne and Reese Giveaway’** in the subject line, saying that you want to enter the contest. Once you do, you will automatically be entered to win either the Daisy Turquoise Ring or the Brooke Earrings in Crystal OR Mint Green! Both of these pieces were worn by Maynard on ‘The Bachelorette.’ Giveaway ends at **5pm on Monday, July 9th** so act quick!~~

Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to everyone who signed up!

Ashley Grulich won the Daisy Turquoise Ring, and **Elizabeth Gottier** won the Brooke Earrings in either Mint Green or Crystal.



Towne & Reese
Daisy Ring in
Turquoise. Photo:
Towne & Reese



Towne & Reese
Brooke Earrings
in Mint Green.

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Pea Pod Paper & Gifts, a one-stop shop for all things paper and gifts, is a company known for their quick turnaround time and impeccable customer service. In addition to selling personalized paper products, monogrammed gifts and party supplies, they also have a wide range of jewelry, including Towne & Reese items.

What to Wear to a Summer Wedding





By Sarah

Thaman

Spring has arrived, and along with it comes prime wedding Season! If you have a relative or friend getting married this summer (and you didn't get called to bridesmaid duty), you may be wondering what appropriate attire might be. How can you dress to impress while still embracing the summer style? While the rules vary, here are some great ideas for three common types of weddings: Formal, Semi-Formal, and Casual/Beach.

Formal: Formal, or black-tie, affairs typically call for full-length dresses. Channel your inner goddess with a color block maxi paired with a headband and silver bangles. Mint green is a hot trend, and pairing this hue with an emerald jewel tone

make it ideal for day or night. Wear your hair down, or stun with a low, loose bun. A small black clutch is a perfect complement, holding all of your night's necessities.

Related Link: [What to Wear on a First Date](#)

Semi-Formal: Semi-formal weddings are often harder to decipher. It's always better to be more dressed up than underdressed, so opt for a flirty cocktail dress. A chiffon dress with bright-colored accessories will always hit the mark. Nails are another great accessory – and they often go overlooked. Choose a pair of neutral peep toe heels and perfectly pedicured toes for an added pop of color.

Casual/Beach: If the event calls for casual attire, such as a beach wedding, choose a feminine sundress. This is a perfect opportunity to sport a trendy print such as florals. Dress it up with a pair of adorable wedges, or dress it down with a pair of flat sandals. A peachy cheek and a cute, pastel bag complete the look.

Related Link: [What to Wear to Meet His Family](#)

When choosing a color of dress, consider when the wedding will take place. If the event is during the day, opt for lighter colors. Remember that while you want to look your best, this is the bride's day. Out of courtesy, stay away from ivory, or all-white dresses. If the event is taking place in the evening, consider darker, jewel tone frocks. Follow these tips and you can't go wrong. Who knows, you may just end up meeting your future husband – possibly a groomsman?

Author Bio: While I may not be a professional stylist, I pride myself on choosing fashion that looks polished and classic, and I'm always helping friends choose their date outfits.

Although I'm a writer for HandbagHeaven.com by day, outside of work I take joy in being a matchmaker, a newlywed, and a momma to my precious puppy, Luna.

Giveaway: Nicole Richie “Fashion Star” Casual Chic Style



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This post is

By Ann Csincsak

One of the hottest new shows on television and a personal favorite of mine is Fashion Star! Nicole Richie shines every week with fashion forward styles and gorgeous Jewelry from her company "House of Harlow." Although her ensembles may be a little out of most people's price range, I have developed some great styles from her that everyone can afford and look spectacular in.

The first look (image above) is a classic casual get-up that maintains some of spring's favorites trends...Bangles, Pops of color, and Headbands. Pair this daytime look with some heels and your ready for an evening out on the town.

The next outfit sports spring's hottest trend and that's the romper. Nicole shows us that although shorts are mostly considered casual, this romper takes your look from daytime drag to everyday chic! Wear this on any date and make your guy's jaw drop with how you can make casual look SEXY!

For more information on any of these styles or to purchase any of the STELLA AND DOT jewelry from these articles check out <http://www.stelladot.com/sites/anncsincsak>. Stella and Dot has the best jewelry for any occasion.

GIVEAWAY ALERT: This week we have a GORGEOUS piece from LOLO Jewellery. This is a show stopper and a must have for any jewelry box. In order to win this fabulous piece you need to follow LOLO on Facebook and leave a comment asking to enter the contest. It's that simple.

LOLO striking large blue oval Swarovski crystal and sterling silver cocktail ring.



Here is the [link](#) to their facebook page. Make sure to 'LIKE' and leave a comment saying you want to enter.

You can also follow them on twitter and leave a comment as well. Either way you are entered.

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Platinum is a Celebrity's Best Friend, It Can Be Yours Too





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By [Lori Bizzoco](#)

When it comes to celebrities and their diamonds, nothing makes them glow better than when they're set in precious platinum. Whether it be diamond rings, earrings or bracelets, platinum is a celebrity favorite. Ann Hathaway, Mila Kunis Halle Berry, Sandra Bullock, Nicole Kidman and many more have worn it over and over again on the red carpet. In February, Jennifer Hudson who gave an emotional tribute to Whitney Houston at the Grammy's, wore a radiant pair of platinum and onyx earrings by Neil Lane.

But, what happens if you don't have a movie stars budget?

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