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FLIP OUT

Our mothers told us to wear sensible shoes and save flip-flops for the beach, but naturally, we didn't listen. Turns out all of those years sans arch support have finally caught up with us. To the rescue comes Planet Flops, a line of sandals designed with comfort in mind (they were developed by a podiatrist). Available in metallics, neons, solids and two-toned styles, the flip-flops are made by "tapping" the Brazilian rubber tree—a process that's harmless to the tree but results in softer and more sustainable shoes. Plus, buy a pair and Planet Flops will plant a tree in the Brazilian rainforest! → planetflops.com
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Alva Bikini Set: BEDFORD STREET LAUNDRY, \$98, bedfordstreetlaundry.com, Bunny Sunglasses: KAREN WALKER, \$210, OLIVER GOLDSMITH (on right), \$395, Barney's New York

SCOUT IT OUT

For her new line Scout & Catalogue, Toronto-based designer Breanna Musgrove did exactly that. She and her boyfriend spent a year exploring his hometown in Mexico and she was immediately inspired by her new surroundings. Using the vibrant Mexican beaches and laidback, outdoor lifestyle as a backdrop in which to start creating, she began dying and sewing her new line of handbags and scarves. "Mexico inspired me in all the ways that completely changing your environment can. It was warmer, messier, and more vibrant than my life in Canada," she says. "I couldn't help but want to make something to communicate all the change that was happening within me and around me." The result is a collection of easy, eye-catching bags and scarves hand sewn and dyed by the designer back in Canada. → scoutandcatalogue.com ZINZI EDMUNDSON



Constellation Clutch: SCOUT AND CATALOGUE, \$68, Myrtle, Echo Park LA.

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Native New Yorker and Bedford Street Laundry designer Jessica Yuen is a self-described "total city mouse" (so much so that, true fact, she doesn't know how to ride a bike). And we totally believe her, too: she was raised in Queens, studied at Parsons and then cut her teeth at Donna Karan and the *New York Times T* magazine. So, what's this Big Apple diehard doing with a spring collection that's more Kelly Kapowski than Blair and Serena? "I was inspired by Peggy Oki, the sole female member of the legendary Zephyr skate team," she says, "I've always been enamored with Cali skate and surf culture, so designing this collection was a great excuse to learn more about it." The resulting collection—Bedford's first with swimwear—is a boardwalk merry-go-round of pastels, neon, mesh inlay and even snap-back closures. All in active silhouettes that recall skating's humble pool-trespassing beginnings. → bedfordstreetlaundry.com ZE

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