

shop review

Swarovski

— Aditi Pandey

Curious faces peeping to get a look at Swarovski's bedazzling crystal collection has become a common sight at the ground floor of City Centre. Their other outlet is next to Pizza Hut in Durbar Marg.

The products available at Swarovski are designed, produced and imported from their factory in Austria. Inspired by images of both flora and fauna in nature, their crystal pieces include colourful parrots gracefully flapping their wings on a tree branch or elegant lotus flowers floating on a crystal water bed, and the like. Beside these decorative items, the shop also offers artificial crystal jew-

eleries like crystal earrings, pendants and bracelets for ladies. "Keep them away from water, oil and similar items, they will last very long," says Govinda Agrawal, manager of the Swarovski outlet at City Centre.

One look inside and anyone will know, this shop is meant to pamper women of all ages. Unique ornaments and adorable mini decorative



pieces of cats, dogs and insects like ladybirds grab immediate attention. As an additional charm to its collection, Swarovski also provides crystal encrusted ladies' watches. Although majority of their products target women, men can find exclusive shirt cuffs at the stores. Despite the showroom's very posh look, customers can be assured of reasonably priced items.!

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Get sun protected with IsaDora

— Sabrina Singh



For ladies wanting to travel light and easy, and also sun protected, IsaDora's Sun Protection Makeup Travel Kit has four easy items as solutions. Weighing half a kilogram, this kit carries a compact powder of terracotta tan colour, tangerine lip gloss, pearly berry lip gloss and lip moisturizer (brush applicator included). To protect you from the sun the compact powder has SPF 8 and the lip moisturizer has SPF 20, over which you can apply your normal lipstick. The kit is priced at Rs. 980 and delivery charge within Kathmandu, Lalitpur and Bhaktapur is Rs. 150.

Swedish company IsaDora has presence in over 40 countries around the world. In Nepal, its outlets are located at Durbar Marg and Bluebird Mall, Tripureshwor. !

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Denim Desire

— Suyasha Sitaula

We are wearing denim day and night, and nothing seems to look better now a days. Parineeta Malla, co owner, Punkie Universe, admits that she wears jeans "literally everyday"; her favourites for everyday wear being plain and traditional jeans. "But for dressy occasions, I like the sequenced ones. Sometimes, a little bit of the torn effect also looks wonderful," she added.

Even as work-wear, jeans are gradually but finally setting in. "Classic jeans look perfect for work when paired with a smart top. If they are ripped and dyed all over, one might project a wrong impression at the workplace though," opines Malla.

Indulgence in denim seems no signs of abating even in 2010. The most fashionable jeans of the spring-summer 2010 are torn, skinny jeans in dirty khaki, gray, blue or black colors. Treated denim is also out in force this spring/summer. Another big denim trend is patches - over the knee or on the elbow. The denim on denim look is also popular - pair a long or short sleeved denim shirt with jeans (a couple of shades darker than the top) or denim shorts; finish off with camel-coloured, ankle length leather boots and a leather belt for a killer look.



As for men, denim silhouettes include slim and skinny jeans that are tapered below the knee, and ergonomic seams and rolled hems. The torn and ripped looks have made their comeback this season and are a rage with designers and runways across the world. In Nepal though, the young opt more for this look while the middle-aged seem comfortable with the classy look. "I used to wear torn jeans earlier but not so much now. Torn jeans symbolizes rebelliousness and is popular among the young," says Spandan Moktan, MD of Eleven 11. Classic denim jackets with 80s glam rocker style are also very much in trend right now. Jeans with 'volume through thighs' too are big this season. !

FYI

Get trendy denims at:

1. Levi's, City Centre, 4011757
2. Spykar, City Centre, 4011542
3. Labels, Durbar Marg, 4241802



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