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Winter's nearly gone, now's the time for shoes

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I freakin' love shoes. Can't ever get enough. Straight up, I have an obsession.

I cried tears of joy at my first real-life Manolo Blahnik sight-

Last winter, instead of going to the pharmacist, I bought Steve Madden pumps and boom! -my depression was

Purchase of black satin beaded Nine West stiletto sandals when already dead broke; check. (Baby, no matter what the bank says, they are priceless.) Been there, done that.

Trust me, that's merely the tip of the iceberg. I understand the addiction, pleasures and sacrifice that come with loving shoes.

And I know that shoes are not contrary to some fiends' beliefs — simply something that we use to cover, protect or mask our feet. They are so much more than that!

Truth is, you can't look or feel good about what you're wearing if your shoes aren't crack-alackin'. Fendi bag, bangin' H&M top, Diesel jeans ... think you're hot, well, if the look of your shoes aren't smellin' right then fo'get about it.

So yeah, all "yadayada" aside, my point is that shoes are seriously critical and you should always pay attention to how you dress your feet. And since my shoes and I are fabulous - a rare combination to come by consider me your fairy-shoe mother and read below some of the most fantabulistic shoes of this spring season and who knows - one day your feet attire may just be as rockin' marvelous as mine.

Alyssa, black (available in other colors) leather slide san-

By Steve Madden, ~ \$60

Essentially, the saucy black sandal is where a spring/summer shoe wardrobe begins. Everyone needs some; class, parties, work, the nasty, it's functional for all.

Geena, gold strappy sandal By Chinese Laundry, ~ \$60

Livia Ballerina Flat, gold (available in other colors) closetoed, one-inch heel

Available exclusively at Payless, \$14.99

OrMermaid, sequin flat

By Rebels, ~ \$50 Get a gold or champagne shoe because they're so it right now and because it's been a long time coming and once the trend

fades, it's not coming back for a long time.

Touch Me, pump with ruffles By Seychelles, ~ \$70

This is a great example of how a pump doesn't have to be dull. This shoe has a little oomph and yet is still very elegant and could go with pretty much anything. Also the toe is rounded yet a little pointy, a look that we are going to be seeing more often. And it's called Touch

Anything from Nine West, ~

I can't pick a favorite, I just really can't. Nine West's line this season is amazing. I kid you not. I won't even step into a store because I just don't know what might happen. Visit www.ninewest.com and you'll understand, plus it's way better procrastination than away mes-

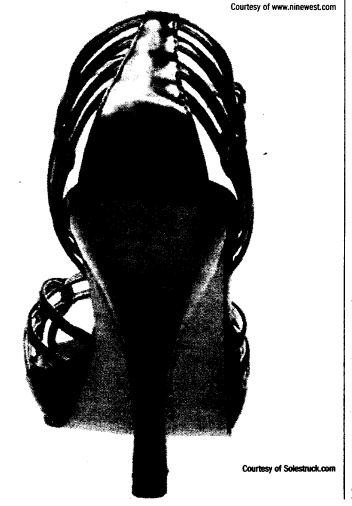
574 Classic, available in several colors, suede and mesh upper with rubber sole

New Balance, \$65

I love these shoes no matter how many people get them. They're colorful, practical, and instead of ending your outfit like some sneakers tend to do, they bounce an outfit right back up







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