

CASES IN POINT

Make your case for style. From the office to the plane to a night on the town, these luxe accessories are necessities that add pleasure to business.—Ryan Stern

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GOLD GIRLS DO

Protect yourself in style: Rock a Just In Case condom case for chic discretion. The sleek compact comes in colors like Luscious Lime or Goddess Gold (above; \$28), and can be adorned with Swarovski crystals (online only; \$150). They say it best: "Love well. Love wisely." www.justincaseinc.com.



GOLD WITH ENVY

Forget the generic black nylon PDA case—the Guccissima gold leather BlackBerry case by Gucci mixes business with leather; \$195.



SILICON 'N GOLD

You travel in style—so should your laptop, in Louis Vuitton's Sac Basophore case with gold hardware and trim; \$940.

STOREFRONT

Spring clean your closet and let the shopping begin for brand new wardrobe staples, flirty dresses, and sexy shoes.

■ A refreshingly low-key signature stop among the coterie of clothing boutiques on Melrose is the **Diane Merrick Clothing Salon**, still going strong after 35 years in the same spot, 8588 Melrose Avenue, West Hollywood. It's the go-to store for celebrities shopping for sexy staples like Splendid tees and Paige jeans, as well as great antique jewelry (including diamonds)—without the over-the-top music and paparazzi at nearby Kitson. Co-owners Diane Merrick and Julia Cohen have sweetened their spring collection with new designer Clue's gorgeous, perfectly fitting T-shirts. The unique stitching and asymmetrical lines are a fun twist on the basic tee, and they come in the softest supima and jersey cottons; 310-657-5115.

■ Shopping for dresses takes a whimsical, artistic turn at the **Leona Edmiston U.S.** flagship boutique at Sunset Plaza, with 30-foot-high ceilings and framed frocks from Edmiston's collection on the walls. The mezzanine level of the 2,200-square-foot store features a VIP dressing room where guests can lounge on cherry red leather couches and indulge in a "froctail" or two. In addition to Edmiston's flirty, feminine gowns and dresses, the store will stock her latest accessories, including an upcoming fragrance line; 8591 Sunset Boulevard, West Hollywood, 310-855-9121.

■ On April 1, you can skip the traffic on Melrose and shop for the hottest new kicks and handbags at Fred Segal Feet online at www.FredSegalFeet.com. The site will offer the entire in-store collection, including five-carat diamond-encrusted sneakers and hand-painted one-of-a-kind shoes from emerging designers including Andre and DZINE. —R.S.

Leona Edmiston's Kelsay dress

