



behind the label Dorothy Lee

Who's behind it? Having debuted her line only last season, Chinese-American designer Dorothy Lee is being hailed as the next Phillip Lim, thanks to a style that appeals to the young and hip. Raised in Los Angeles and a graduate of London's Central Saint Martins College of Art and Design, Lee completed stints at Peter Som and Chanel before launching her label.

Why we love it? Lee describes her style as a "juxtaposition of smart, slouchy and sophisticated, replete with detail". The pieces are easy to wear and can be mixed and matched or worn on their own. The beauty of each garment, she says, lies in the unusual and unexpected details.

The spring collection features structured pieces in soft fabrics such as cotton voile, silk oxford and lyocell jersey (which feels like silk and is eco-friendly) in neutral tones, yellow, navy and sage. Her signature details include geometric cocoon sleeves, back ties on jackets and tiered ruffle hems on what would otherwise be basic dresses. Stand-outs include a cascading ruffle-sleeve cape coat (US\$328), a cotton dress with a tuxedo bib (US\$272) and a tank dress (above; US\$196), which is great for layering.

Where can I get it? Dorothy Lee is available at www.revolveclothing.com and www.tobi.com.

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Dream jeans It's been four years in the making, which must be a record in the world of denim, but the adidas Original Denims by Diesel line is now available in Hong Kong. The collaboration, which has seen the two lifestyle brands work together for the first time, has resulted in a limited-edition jeans collection co-designed by adidas and Wilbert Das, Diesel's creative director. There are two styles for men: the adi-thanz (above left; HK\$1,500 to HK\$2,300), a skinny, straight-leg jean, and the adi-viker (HK\$1,600 to HK\$2,300), a more relaxed straight-leg, medium-waisted style. Both are available in three washes, from light to dark indigo. Women can choose from the straight-legged adi-matic (above right; HK\$1,500 to HK\$1,600) and the high-waisted bootcut adi-ronhary (HK\$1,600 to HK\$2,300), both available in two washes. Other details for the girls include three folded pleats on the back

pockets and a leather patch on the back. The men's styles feature adidas' iconic three stripes on the hip side seam and on the inside seam of the ankle cuff. Available at both adidas Originals Concept stores, one of which is shop B, 6 Kingston Street, Causeway Bay, tel: 2504 2186.



Super stars Luella Bartley's new bags are inspired by comic book superheroes, indie flick *Ghost World* and its star, Thora Birch. The collection features kitschy materials such as plastic and patent leather along with exotic skins, including python and ostrich.

Standouts include a limited-edition bright red plastic pocket satchel (left; HK\$45,500) with lots of compartments for storing necessities. Or choose something multifunctional such as the python pocket clutch (right; HK\$56,000), which can be opened or folded in half, depending on the look you want. The collection is available at Luella, shop 2084, Elements, 1 Austin Road West, Tsim Sha Tsui, tel: 2196 8368.

