

It's Shoe Time!

The opening of Selfridges Shoe Rooms, plus an orgy of other foot-related happenings – heel heaven

Christian Louboutin
£1,635



Bless-Choo

The Jimmy Choo Apartment recreates Tamara Mellon's own New York pad, complete with hand-painted wallpaper, gold foil ceiling and faux tusk table...

Jimmy Choo
£650



Louboutin's apartment

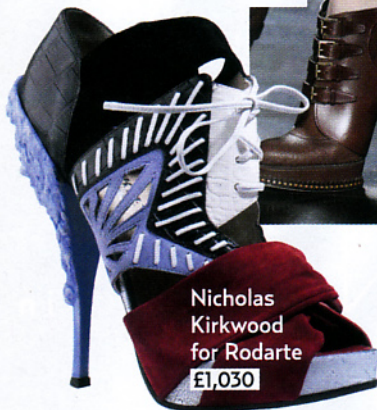
Inspired by Christian's Paris home, it features a chandelier he personally picked up in Venice

CALLING ALL POTENTIAL CARRIE Bradshaws: this is going to be your month. First up, the 'World of Manolo' at Liberty, a special boutique stocking an exclusive collection of styles in classic Liberty prints. Next, the opening of *Shoes*, a new musical at Sadler's Wells theatre. And the biggest news? Three years in the making, Selfridges Shoe Rooms are finally unveiled.

Stocking 4,000 pairs, and with a floor space bigger than the Tate Modern's Turbine Hall, it's not so much like entering a shop as a whole different planet, with art installations, individual boutiques with one-off interiors (based on the designers' homes) and six material-themed 'salons' that get progressively more luxurious. Here's the scoop...

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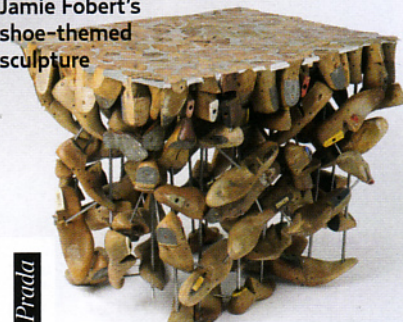
Find one-off styles by cool Brits like Nicholas Kirkwood or heavy-hitters like Prada



Nicholas Kirkwood for Rodarte
£1,030



Jamie Fobert's shoe-themed sculpture



Prada

Shoe Rooms presents

ART A revolving exhibition space will feature foot-related art installations, including sculpture from Jamie Fobert (above).

EXCLUSIVES Don't miss the first Repetto boutique outside France, complete with real ballet-studio barre and pointe shoes display.

THE HIGH STREET'S HOTTEST The Shoe Rooms will house Topshop and River Island's first-ever stand-alone shoe stores, plus a Havaianas 10-metre year-round flip-flop wall.

Heel tips by Anne Pitcher, buying director at Selfridges

- Forget comfort – choose shoes that make you look great. Then take a Nurofen!
- If you only buy one pair for winter, make it a high-heeled hiking boot. I love Dior's.
- Every woman needs a pair of Dorothy shoes – my favourites are Giuseppe Zanotti's crystal-covered satin heels.
- Check out under-the-radar Italian brand Marsèll for the best beaten-up ankle boots.
- For extra style kudos, don't stop at the big shoe brands. We're also stocking footwear from clothes labels like Vionnet – their block heels are amazing.