



**YA GOTTA  
HAVE  
SOLE!**

*Summer 2006* is almost upon us and it is time to start stepping out and showing off the tender tootsies that you have been keeping under wraps until now.

However, given all of the sumptuous choices in the marketplace today, a shoe lover has to make some choices, otherwise you could end up having more shoes to wear than there are days of summer.

So, in response to all of the shoe questions Shoelover receives, Shoe Stör gives you *Shoelover's Shoes of Summer*.



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Betsey Johnson  
Starburst Upper  
\$200  
Betsey Johnson



## Get High On PLATFORMS

**Platforms** are all the rage this summer, with designers doing their best to contribute to your height.

Karcy Raffia  
Espadrille  
\$295  
Polo.com



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Do yourself a favor though - don't go too gaga over the return of the platform as it could be over before you know it.

Buy a really good pair that will last you the season and be seen as "retro" or "vintage" the next time platforms make a comeback.



DKNY  
Bastille Criss  
Cross  
\$165  
DKNY.com

Robert Clergerie  
Ugar  
\$498.25



Keep away from anything with too much cloth, as it is difficult to clean, or anything too Technicolor as the next time you pull them out of storage you will have a "What was I thinking?" moment.

If you do buy cloth platforms, be prepared to dye them black after this season.



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Gianfranco  
Ferre  
\$654.95  
Zappos Couture



With the right pedicure, sandals can have you looking like a throwback to Cleopatra in search of her Marc Anthony.

## Strappy SANDALS

Kate Spade  
Kimora  
\$327  
Saks



Miu Miu  
\$397.02  
Raffaello  
Network

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Sigerson  
Morrison  
\$243.95  
Zappos Couture



Sergio Rossi  
Kashba  
\$573.95  
Zappos Couture



As opposed to the faddish platform,  
flat sandals will always be wearable  
in the right situation.



Report  
'Noe' Sandal  
\$49.95  
Nordstrom

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Yves  
Saint Laurent  
\$440  
Barneys.com



When it comes to shoes, Shoelover's motto is "Less is more".

Buy fewer pairs of better quality shoes.

Look for product that is made by the craftsmen of northern Italy, rather than northern China.

Shelli Segal  
Beverly  
\$125  
Nordstrom



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DonaldJPliner  
Netta  
\$245

## Sexy SPIKES



Roberto Cavalli  
\$729



Louis Vuitton  
Tupelo Buckles  
\$825  
eLuxury

Contrary to popular belief, not everything is coming up platform this summer.

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Top designers are still cutting timeless **stiletto** designs.

Clearly, some designers understand the difference between fad and fashion. Here's a hint, a fad is something you follow and fashion is something you are. A well designed stiletto is not a purchase, it's an investment.





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