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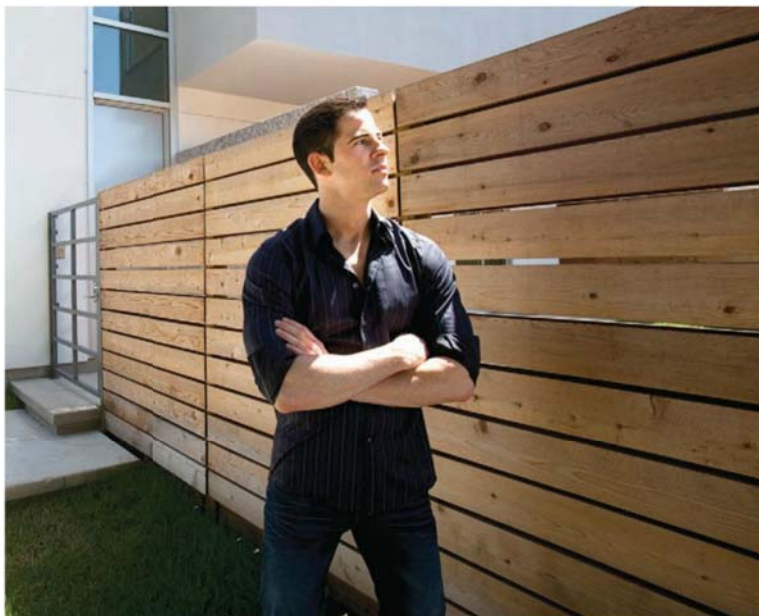
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TRENDWATCH

# Lip Lock!

Fire engines, candy apples and kissable lips have one thing in common: a rich pure color red that epitomizes both heat and sweet. As summer tilts to autumn, the hue is everywhere. It's racing down the runway; think gauzy glam by Monique Lhuillier. And the color is never more lovely or luscious than when it's pressed into lip service. Interior designer and décor-store owner Laura Umansky proffers a porcelain box emblazoned with a red smooch. Meanwhile, in a collaboration with Le Métier de Beauté, Neiman Marcus Fashion Director Ken Downing's new lipstick in "Kissable Koral" is, he insists, "a shade that goes from demure to sexy depending on your mood—and kissability." —Amber Bell



1. A look from Monique Lhuillier's fall 2011 collection. Select pieces are available at Neiman Marcus. 2. Kiss porcelain box, \$9, at Laura U., 1940 Westheimer Rd., 713.522.0851. 3. Red stingray cuff with white sapphire trim, \$985, at DeVille Fine Jewelry, 5700 Woodway Dr., Ste. 250, 281.501.3810. 4. Red candleholders, \$19-\$29, at bu Concept, 4502 Westheimer Rd., 713.677.1500. 5. Lottie Russo patent leather concealed platform stiletto heel, \$295, at roughjustice.com. 6. Colour Core Moisture Stain Lipstick in Ken's Kissable Koral, \$32, and nail lacquer in Ken's Kontagious Koral, \$18, at Neiman Marcus.

WISH LIST



Briscoe and Maloles Georges Duo flat, \$315, at Barneys New York in Dallas, 469.221.4700

## Shoe Shine

What does a charming bauble queen need to comfortably complement her late-summer look? "Ballet flats. I've decided they're my favorite style of shoe," says Houston-based jewelry designer **Katy Briscoe**. "I'd love to find a pair that's two-toned metallic. I'd say that's at the top of my wish list this season." With a predisposition for things that shimmer and shine, Briscoe is sure to swoon over the newest flats for fall from Maloles, a French shoe line created by ex-magazine fashion stylist Maloles Antignac. Meanwhile, Briscoe's own fall collection—which features unique elements like freshwater pearls, agate, colorful tourmaline and ebony—is now available at Saks Fifth Avenue, in the Galleria. —AB

"Ballet flats never go out of style. They go with everything, and they're great for travel."

—KATY BRISCOE

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