



FOOTLOOSE

SLIP ON A PAIR OF THIS SUMMER'S
PLAYFUL SANDALS. BY DEBRA HUNTER

METALLIC STILETTOS, CANDY-COLORED SLIDES, FLIRTY FLATS—so many darling sandals and so little time to wear them all. Atlanta also has a bumper crop of new accessory boutiques to feed our shoe fetish. We asked the owners of two of them, Sabot and Monkee's, for advice on summer shoe musts.

The IT Shoe. "Anything pink," says Christi Bennett, owner of Monkee's. "Sexy pumps in all shades, or a mule with just a little detail like a pink flower accent."

Outdoor Wedding Strategy. A kitten heel or a ballet flat prevents getting stuck in the mud. Think "sweet," Bennett says. "You don't want to upstage the bride."

Carte Blanche. Yes, you can wear white shoes, but opt for a sandal that's open-toed and heeled. And, if applicable, don't forget the self tanner. For a modern take, pair with an all-black ensemble, suggests Desiree Osmon of Sabot.

Office Apropos. "Don't push it," says Bennett. "Companies are going more conservative, so trade anything open-toed for a round-toe T-strap or slingback, which are sexy and professional. If you're feeling adventurous, go for a mule."

Pedicure Perfect. Avoid clashing sandals and toenail polish. "A French pedicure goes with everything," notes pedicure pro Shanna Squires of Spa Sydell. ☉

Above: Clockwise from "Cocktail" striped slide, Betsy Mueller, \$275; "Genius," Kate Spade, \$275; "AC Rita," Adriana Caras, \$320; "Fran," Kate Spade, \$250; gold strap wedge, Rafe, \$230; faux crocodile and suede mule, Terre Peck, prices vary; "Atlanta," Hollywould, \$295. All from Monkee's, (404) 351-9050.

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LAYERING LITE

LOVE THE LOOK OF summer's sheer, gauzy blouses, silk sweaters and cropped blazers but want something to wear underneath that doesn't add bulk? Atlanta-based **Autrepeau**—French for "other skin"—offers a new line of innerwear that provides barely-there underpinnings for contemporary looks. Owners Amy Kistler and Anna Roop, who both worked nearly a decade in Manhattan's investment world, started their company to improve the wearability of very tailored feminine suiting and itchy sweaters. "We made the woman's equivalent to a man's white undershirt," Kistler says. "A lightweight layer beneath increases comfort and helps protect fabric from deodorant and sweat, cutting down on dry cleaning." The gossamer-like tops come in black, white and nude, and in styles ranging from cami-

soles and cap-sleeve tees to long-sleeve crews. We love the discreet embroidered logo.

Available locally at Boogaloo's, Ginger Howard, Potpourri and Parisian. For info, visit autrepeau.com. —D.H.

