



Wearable Art

You probably won't find that one-of-a-kind stunner in your average jewelry store, even if they customize. "We are a step above customizing," explains designer, goldsmith and owner of D. Muscio Designs Dawn Muscio. "Our pieces are handmade from start to finish, and the customer is involved from the consultation to the sketches to the wax model to the finished piece," which certainly has its benefits, as customers can expect higher-quality features, such as heavier prongs and shanks and a superior squared comfort fit on all rings. "We are evolutionary jewelers," says the artisan of 18 years. "It's kind of a journey, so it makes the piece that much more special." Visit 1441 Dresden Drive, Suite 120 in Atlanta, or log on to dmusco.com. —LaConia J. Dean



What a Surprise

Yellow Box Beauty combines the act of treating yourself with the thrill of discovering new beauty products. When Nicole Jaffe realized she had a knack for finding the next best thing, she decided to offer the items in a monthly subscription program. The boxes may contain makeup or bath and body products, but it's always something off the beaten path. "We do prestige: no drugstore or mass-market items," Jaffe says. "It exposes customers to brands they might not have tried or known about." Visit yellowboxbeauty.com for personal and gift subscriptions.

—Chaundra Louard



Go With The Flow

Toss those granny panties and log on to lunapads.com for fun, colorful alternatives to traditional pads and tampons that let you feel good—even sexy—about having your period. "[It] doesn't have to be a drag," says co-owner Madeleine Shaw. And it won't be when you see how cute you look in Lunapads' washable padded underwear (including things) that you can just drop in the machine and go. They're also good for the environment. "Most women don't realize how incredibly wasteful disposable pads and tampons are," Shaw adds. Fourteen billion end up in North American landfills every year.

—L.J.D.