

# What INSPIRES Me

THREE OF THE WORLD'S CHICEST SHOE DESIGNERS LET YOU IN ON THEIR CREATIVE PROCESS

**THE DESIGNER**

## Burak Uyan *Burakuyan*

**Known for** Graphic, architecturally influenced creations

**His new collection** "Sculpted nature. Shapes and colors are derived mainly from butterfly wings. But I also incorporated other architectural and natural motifs, such as marble."



**MARBLE-PRINT PUMPS**

"The pattern is based on an image of a marble quarry."

Leather and satin, \$1,050; net-a-porter.com.



**MESH SANDALS**

"This royal blue came from the Paris Peacock butterfly."

Satin and mesh, \$1,330; neimanmarcus.com.

Butterflies found at a taxidermist in Paris



**WATERSNAKE SANDALS**

"Its design echoes the play of shadows inside this iconic restaurant [below]. The hue matches the green swallowtail butterfly's."

Watersnake, \$1,040; net-a-porter.com.

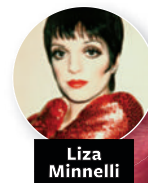
The glass roof of Les Ombres in Paris's 7th arrondissement



THE DESIGNER

Paola Bay  
*Zoraide*

**Known for** Ideas sparked by her personal archive of vintage shoes, clothing, magazines, and more  
**Her new collection** “I wanted to celebrate famous women having fun in ’70s New York. Studio 54 was so happy.”



Liza Minnelli



**DONNA PLATFORMS**

“This is so high—definitely a disco style. But you can walk in it. Maybe you cannot run after the bus, but I guarantee the walking.”

Embossed calfskin, \$820.

The pattern is made using an artisanal leather-pressing technique.



**LIZA WEDGES**

“One of my favorites because it’s very, very comfortable. You can wear it 24 hours a day.”  
Kidskin and leather, \$790.

Elsa Schiaparelli suit, 1938



Donna Summer



The heel is 6 inches high!



Betty McGlown



**BETTY SANDALS**

“The good-girl shoe, in honor of Betty McGlown, who along with Diana Ross was an original member of the all-girl group that would later evolve into the Supremes. I also love color, like the shocking pink of Schiaparelli.”  
Velvet and kidskin, \$670.

All available at thecorner.com.





THE DESIGNER

Rupert Sanderson  
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**Known for** A less-is-more philosophy that results in sleek, not overly embellished, footwear  
**His new collection** “A huge influence is the wonderful concoction of strong, vivid shades and textures, weaves, and topstitching you sometimes see African women wear.”



Ra, the ancient Egyptian sun god

**FLAMANTE SANDALS**

“I thought of how the sun is depicted throughout art history and said, Why not do a bursting sun on a shoe?”  
 Suede, leather, and cork, \$875.



**HYDRA PEEP-TOES**

“Growing up in the U.K., The Dukes of Hazzard was almost alien. Daisy? No one in England looked like that. But we thought everyone in America did. This is my homage.”  
 Denim and leather, \$835.



A display of silks in Tanzania

**KIBO WEDGES**

“In Africa, there’s such a different way of responding to colors and materials. It can’t help but be inspiring.”  
 Leather and grosgrain, \$725.

Cousins Luke, Daisy, and Bo from the original Dukes of Hazzard



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