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# SUNSHINE AND SHADOW

Not that I've ever hit so much as a punching bag, but I've always derived great joy from outfits that make me feel, however falsely, like I could kick some ass. It may be that in my formative years I watched too many episodes of *She-Ra*, *Princess of Power*, or read too much *Nancy Drew*. Whatever the reason, though, the result is that I'm instantly bowled over by anything that manages to look, like my superhero and crime-fighting heroines, pretty and tough at the same time. Imagine my glee, then, to discover *Sunshine and Shadow*, Brooklyn-based designer Lily Raskind's collection of sportswear-inspired—in the most abstract sense—dresses, shorts and camisoles. Far from crafting track-suits and hoodies, Raskind creates feminine tank tops with mock-suspender straps, boxing-short inspired washed-silk culottes, and bold-print canvas shorts and tops. "I've always been inspired by street style and sports," the 29-year-old RISD textile-design grad says. "You know, I love getting a new pair of sneakers. I want things to be feminine, but still edgy." Unlike many young designers, she has no formal apparel training and her resume is more a hodgepodge than a list of blue-chip assistantships. "I've just hustled, doing whatever freelance I could get to support this," she says. "This is the first season that I've been able to really just focus on it. And, actually, I'm still hustling." KATE WILLIAMS  
*For more information, see [sunshineandshadow.com](http://sunshineandshadow.com).*



## fair leather friends

Everyone has their good luck charms. Whether you stuff them in purses, hide them in back pockets, or clip them onto key chains, plenty of us still believe positive vibes can be waved in our direction via some magical trinket. Sabrina Dehoff, a Berlin-based womenswear designer who previously worked for Lanvin, offers a new spin on the concept with the debut of her self-titled jewelry line. Her first collection, called "Little Helpers," is an array of handmade glove-leather puffy pendants charming shapes—including a 'protective' gold mask, a white peace dove, and a sultry black pair—that dangle from long, extra-fine gold chains. "I really like creating my own little world," Dehoff says. "These will give you strength and help you to fight against bad moods—there's a little helper for everybody." And doesn't it make you feel good to know that? TIFFANY JOW *For more information, see [sabrinedehoff.com](http://sabrinedehoff.com).*

## BATHING BEAUTIES

The only complaint we've got about Agent Provocateur is that their cheeky knickers often seem like they should be saved for special occasions, and, dammit, those special occasions don't come along nearly as often as we would like. Thankfully, the elegantly erotic lingerie line is launching a swim collection that boasts the same attention to droll detail as their unmentionables. After all, if you're lucky, lounging around poolside in a retro-fashioned leopard one-piece or a sexy lime-green silver-star-spangled bikini might just lead to a moment (wink, wink) that's worthy of breaking the AP out of the underwear drawer. KW Available at Agent Provocateur's new San Francisco store, 54 Geary St.; for more information, see [agentprovocateur.com](http://agentprovocateur.com).

