

Hanna Andersson



GRANDMA'S BEST

Cover your little one's baby soft skin in baby soft cotton clothes from Hanna Andersson. The well-known children's clothier has expanded from "the best little children's catalog ever" to 16 stores nationwide; their first store in the Southeast recently opened in Phipps Plaza. The sweet collections range from baby to mom and dad. Dress the whole clan head-to-toe in comfortable, quality clothes meant to be lived in and still look good. The long-lasting, super soft fabrics are inspired by Hanna's grandmother, the original Hanna Andersson, who made pure cotton baby clothes in Sweden. It gives baby soft a whole new meaning. Phipps Plaza, 3500 Peachtree Rd., 404-467-7623.

MATCH MAKING

Handbag designer Elaine Turner believes that every woman should feel like a queen, and the crown logo on all her items is not the only way she shows it. Her beautifully crafted bags and clutches are the perfect way to complete an outfit. And now at her new in-store Tootsies boutique, you can match Alice, an oversized metallic clutch, or Hillary, a zebra-print shoulder bag, with the perfect outfit — from the likes of Monique Lhuillier, Zac Posen and countless others. Here, the Houston native dishes about her designs, and offers advice for the holiday season.

>> Why is Atlanta a good place for your line?

The bags have Southern charm; they are lady-like. Women desire to be sensible in all my markets. In Dallas, Atlanta, Houston — they have similar styles.

>> What is the best bag to take shopping?

A great, big patent city tote — something utilitarian with a glamorous aspect.

>> What about to give as a gift?

Handbags are personal, so a lot of our gift-giving customers prefer the clutches or the small goods like passport holders or an evening wallet, something not as personal. The passport holder or brag book is a great gift. Something fun and unexpected, to open it up and have a silver croc passport holder — I'd love that!



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What a Gem

After 10 years as an IT professional Mickey Lynn called it quits to follow her heart. And the rest of the world is so glad she did. The Atlanta-based designer makes dazzling necklaces, bracelets and earrings from colorful gemstones that make you want to jump for joy. Hand-made sterling silver hammered bangles, accented with 14K gold fill, and pieces with stunning Peridot, Labradorite, smokey topaz and green amethyst gemstones round out her fall and winter collection. Treat someone to a beautiful gift or get one for yourself. After all, Christmas shopping is hard work, so you deserve a special treat. Available online at mickeylynndesigns.com or at Pink Lemonade, 3802 Roswell Rd., Buckhead, 404-846-0841, pinklemons.com.

Jeweled bangles



TIP OF THE MONTH

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME. This holiday, the Atlanta Braves have a host of gifts for those loved ones who are just waiting for spring training to pick back up again. From the new state-issued Atlanta Braves license plate benefiting the Atlanta Braves Foundation to amazing deals on the Opening Day Holiday four-pack of tickets, the dead of winter can feel like the dog days of summer in an instant. Only available through Dec. 14, the Holiday four-pack includes opening day, games against the New York Mets and more, plus passes to FanFest 2008 in January, where you can actually meet current and former players. For more information call 404-577-9100 or visit atlantabraves.com.

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