

## Eyecatchers

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### Move over, Manolo: Create custom shoes



This might be the best gift you can give your tootsies — a pair of custom-designed shoes or boots that you helped create. Kathy Myczkowski is the business partner from Poland, and Tamara Chubinidze is the creative designer from the Republic of Georgia, who co-owns a company called **Tupli** in New York. When a client comes to their shop on Madison Avenue, she meets with the designer and an illustrator to create her one-of-a-kind pair of sandals, pumps or flip-flops. Foot measurements are taken and materials chosen — leathers, silks, skins or satins plus stones and gems. The shoes are made in Georgia, which takes about a month. If you prefer, the duo can refurbish an existing pair of your shoes as well. Prices for shoes start at \$600; for boots, \$1,200. By appointment only: 212-472-2576.

— Marilyn Johnson