

FASHION MEMO

Childishly bright primary colors are making a play for most popular.



Clockwise from left: Prada crocodile handbag, \$45,000; prada.com. Chrissie Morris shoe, \$1,190; Uffizi, (973) 912-9222. Céline luggage, \$3,300; bergdorfgoodman.com. Rupert Sanderson sandal, \$1,095; rupertsanderson.com.



Renzo Piano Reflects

Forty years later, the architect remembers one of his most meaningful Italian commissions.

The B&B Italia building was this little job I did a long time ago with Richard Rogers, when we started working together. In this country building, we were testing something that we would eventually design on a bigger scale — the idea of exposing and expressing the structure. Rogers and I share the same value that architecture should serve as shelter for human beings and that making shelter is not just a technical activity but also a semantic one between desire and space. The B&B is an expression of this, with its flexible design and its unpretentiousness. Piero Busnelli, the founder of B&B [who died in January], understood these ideas. He was interested in curiosity, production and experimentation. I was a lucky young man at age 30 to have this sort of client, one who trusted me and had a wonderful imagination. I remember he used to sit in his chair, lean back, close his eyes and say, “O.K., I understand. I can see it.” Busnelli was a dreamer. When you build this kind of structure, you don’t really think — you just do it. bebitalia.com



THE SCENE



When in India

On the outskirts of Mumbai, homegrown concept shops are starting their own suburban sprawl.

Bandra, a posh neighborhood in western Mumbai, is best known as Bollywood’s playground, housing the grand abodes of some of India’s brightest stars. While the area’s shopping scene has long been identified with the cacophonous street stalls of Linking Road, a new wave of boutiques selling fashion, art and interiors has cropped up amid less crowded areas. The recently opened design collective **Culture Shop** (shown above) offers T-shirts and framed prints illustrated by emerging graphic artists. For housewares, there’s **Freedom Tree**, which carries screen-printed rugs and colorful lampshades. **NorBlack NorWhite** incorporates traditional handicrafts into edgy streetwear — think bandhani bomber jackets and ikat jumpers. Meanwhile, the city’s chic set has a new style temple in **Bandra 190**, seven floors of shops including **Kitsch**, which carries Alexander McQueen, Chloé and Stella McCartney. kultureshop.in; freedomtree.in; norblacknorwhite.com; kitsch.in — SARAH KHAN

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