

in the mix

Rebecca Minkoff's
Bread and Wine Bag.

spring fling

The search for warm-weather elegance served as the inspiration for the whimsical, feminine Amanda Pearl handbag line. Founded by designer Amanda Brotman, who cut her teeth in the houses of Marc Jacobs (as technical designer and production manager) and Erin Fetherston (as collection designer), the spring 2008 line features fanciful confections such as a duchesse satin pearl-shaped minaudière and a crescent-shaped handbag with a handle of thick beading. The Amanda Pearl permanent collection, meanwhile, features two classic clutch shapes that are available in 12 different hues. Amanda Pearl is available at Mario's of Seattle and at amandapearl.com, and will retail from \$380 to \$2,790. The company will also feature an occasional offering of limited edition, handcrafted accessories throughout the year.

— Lauren Benet Stephenson

Amanda Pearl handbags.



bag medicine

"My mother is half French," says California fashion designer Rebecca Minkoff, describing how her roots inspired the new Bread and Wine Bag. The 1.5-by-2-foot cream canvas and leather carryall is Minkoff's eco-friendly offering for grocery shopping, and gets its name from the two exterior pockets labeled "bread" and "wine." The Italian leather is made in a metal-free process and the bags are assembled in New York, like Minkoff's other offerings.

The Bread and Wine Bag will go on sale in Bloomingdale's in Los Angeles and Manhattan next month. Shopbop.com also plans to stock the bag, which has a retail price of \$350. Five percent of sales are given to the conservation group The Earth Organization, a grassroots nonprofit committed to the rehabilitation of the planet. Minkoff says that other sustainable bags are in the works.

— Joanna Ramey

on the hunt

Fans of Mulholland Brothers' deerskin polo bags and alligator briefcases will feel right at home in a corner suite of San Francisco's historic Huntington Hotel, which was recently decorated by the locally based luxury accessory company. The tan sectional sofa is covered in the same polished linen used in the deerskin bag's lining. The light gold and black animal-print carpet reflects Mulholland's classic leather hunting and sporting goods, such as fishing rod cases and rifle holders. In the foyer, gold foil wallpaper resembles the sturdy hardware in Mulholland's handmade bags, suitcases and made-to-order pieces. The hotel project celebrates Mulholland's 20th year as it continues to branch out from its outfitter roots.

— J.R.



The Mulholland Brothers' suite at the Huntington Hotel.