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As I gazed across the spring strappy sandal selection at my favorite department store, a virtual gumball machine of expensive designer goodies, I realized. Candy is to little girls what designer shoes are to big girls. There is no item in a girl's closet quite as lip-smacking as a perfect pair of designer shoes.



A recipe of carefully-planned foot architecture, colors that pop and incredible embellishments makes for the perfect foot confection and happy, happy girls across the planet. Here are some pairs I just can't stop thinking about-what's your favorite flavor?



Alexander McQueen's Neon Flash Shoe Boots

For Serious Sally's who are not into the Rainbow Brite look, Alexander McQueen's open toe and open-heel shoe booties (shooties?) do the trick. They can toughen up a dress in an instant, or add a flash of color to your usual Darth Vadar-like get-ups. Best of all, these are a perfect transitional pair- wear them into fall with tights. Net-A-Porter.



Christian Louboutin Dillian Ruffle Shoe

Feeling French? These multi-buckle, tomato-red ruffled pumps will add a little couture flair to any ensemble. Throw on skinny black pants and go. Brown's Fashion.



Christian Louboutin's Metallic Multi-Buckle Sandals

Your career as a reality TV star may not have taken off, but you can still bring the drama by buckling these bad boys on. Just don't wear them for long in the sun, we'd hate to see this Christian Loubou-tan. <u>Saks Fifth Avenue</u>.

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Michael Kors Ashley Wedge

We're still trying to figure this shoe out. It's obviously here on earth as a visitor from another galaxy. It's half the ugliest shoe ever, and half incredible structural masterpiece- we might need to try them on to decide. Michael Kors.



Christian Louboutin's Paquita 120 Satin Gladiators

We don't know about you, but whenever we see gladiators, no matter how fabulous, we can only think of how Elizabeth Taylor famously blurted out "Gladiator!" at the Golden Globes. This blush satin pair would absolutely win the most-worn-in-the-closet award. Net-A-Porter.



Lanvin Satin Ankle-Strap Pumps

With this Swarovski-studded pair, we'd be happy to see you come and go. An unbelievable luxury and perfect finish to any ensemble. There is literally no outfit this pair would look bad with. Net-A-Porter.



Miu Miu Sandali Sequin Slides

These shoes are like cookies that were dipped in rainbow sugar and placed on a dessert tray. Who wouldn't love the 5-inch heel and sequined exterior? Saks Fifth Avenue.

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Christian Louboutin's Very Galaxy 100 platform pumps

Looking to kick your outfit into another dimension? If hot pink metallic leather, 4.5 inch heels, a sexy open toe and signature red sole don't do it, we don't know what will. They're like Space Mountain for your tootsies. Net-A-Porter.



Versace Embellished Cut-Out Heel

This studded pair of cutout booties encrusted with jewels looks like it was created in an alternate dimension- or did you recently kick Lady Gaga in the face? <u>ELuxury</u>.



Christian Louboutin Very Croise Slingback Sandals

A colorful twist on his classic shape, Louboutin's Very Croise in tan and turquoise is a squirt of fun in a serious outfit but not too outrageous for everyday wear. Also available in pink for the Elle Woods in you. <u>Luisaviaroma</u>.



Vivienne Westwood Lady Dragon Jelly Heels

A far cry from the lameoid jellies you wore as a kiddo, this V. Westwood pair adds a fresh kick to a casual weekend outfit or bikini and coverup. EPaulet.



Giuseppe Zanotti Jewel Thong Sandal

From the beach to a night out, these glamorous thong sandals will take you there. And as my grandma once said, "Even the most scandalous

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dress looks less trampy with flats." So pull on that plunging Herve Leger, you'll still look appropriate. ChickDowntown.