



Top Hats

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Sure, hats can keep the sun away, but whether you're wearing a bonnet or a beret, hats are haute and are meant to make a statement. If you've ever gone to the Kentucky Derby or are planning on making it to any of the Triple Crown races in the near future, you know the hat always comes before the horse.

SWIRLS & CURLS

London milliner Philip Treacy recently made a stop at Neiman Marcus to showcase his latest collection of structured yet sophisticated hats. This black linen headpiece in a beret-like shape has an attached headband (not meant to be seen when worn) that's accented on the top with curled embellishments of trimmed feathers, wire with beaded tips and delicate spirals. \$1,012 at Neiman Marcus, 2600 Post Oak Blvd. 713-621-7100, neimanmarcus.com



HAT CZECH

All of local designer Gabriela Dror's one-of-a-kind hats are handmade in the Czech Republic. Perfect for a Sunday brunch or a day at the track, this turquoise and white hat is made with 100 percent Sineway straw. \$420 at gabrieldror.com.



TOPPING OFF

If you're looking for the perfect topper to wear to brunch with friends, out for a nightcap on a patio or just to cover up humidity-prone hair, Eric Javits offers this classic fedora. It's the perfect accoutrement to those wide-legged linen slacks or a breezy cotton dress. \$198 at Nordstrom, 5192 Hidalgo St. 832-201-2750, nordstrom.com



WIDE ANGLE

Kokin knows a lot about. After all, his celebrity clientele includes Julia Roberts, Laura Dern and Sarah Jessica Parker. This nude straw wide-brim hat with black brogan bow is perfect for a weekend at the beach or a getaway on a luxury cruise. \$395 at Tootsies, 4045 Westheimer. 713-629-9990, tootsies.com ✦