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The interior of Delfina Delettrez Fendi's new jewelry boutique in Rome.



Rome's New Gem

Delfina Delettrez Fendi is following in her family's fashionable footsteps. The 20-year-old jewelry designer recently opened a namesake boutique near Rome's Piazza Navona. The store looks like a modern-day alchemist's shop, with 185 antique pharmacy drawers lining the walls, penicillin-green shelves, and a Giò Ponti dressing table. Luckily, Fendi's Gothic-inspired pieces—enameled insect charms, sapphire-encrusted snake rings—are more bijou than beast. 67 Via del Governo Vecchio; 39-06/68-134-1105. —VALERIE WATERHOUSE

BESPOKE TRAVELS

Ever wanted to sit in the front row at a runway show? Tour operator **Remote Lands** has launched customizable trips to Fashion Weeks in Hong Kong, Bangkok, Mumbai, and Delhi. Travelers not only get prime seats, they also go backstage, attend VIP parties, and are escorted around town by local magazine editors. It isn't cheap—prices start at \$15,000—but what fashionista could resist? 646/415-8092; remotelands.com. —JASON SHEELER



Picture yourself front-row during Hong Kong Fashion Week.



Mital Shah, author of the Well Souled series, right. Above: The first title.



Favorite Find

For the latest **Versace** collection, Berlin-based collage artist Tim Roeloffs created a fabric of his native city (*above*). The result is a dreamlike metropolis that adorns flowy dresses and covers structured bags. 888/721-7219; versace.com; from \$2,335.

—JENNIFER FLOWERS

SOUTH AFRICA

COOL-HUNTER

Mital Shah left her high-profile job as a Vera Wang executive in New York City and set off on a quest to define what style means in different countries around the world. She documents her discoveries in a coffee-table-book series, *Well Souled*. The first of five installments centers on South Africa; interviews with trend-setters share the spotlight with local jazz musicians and leopards lurking in the bush. Next up: India, coming in 2009. 800/627-1059; wellsouled.com; \$110. —J.F.