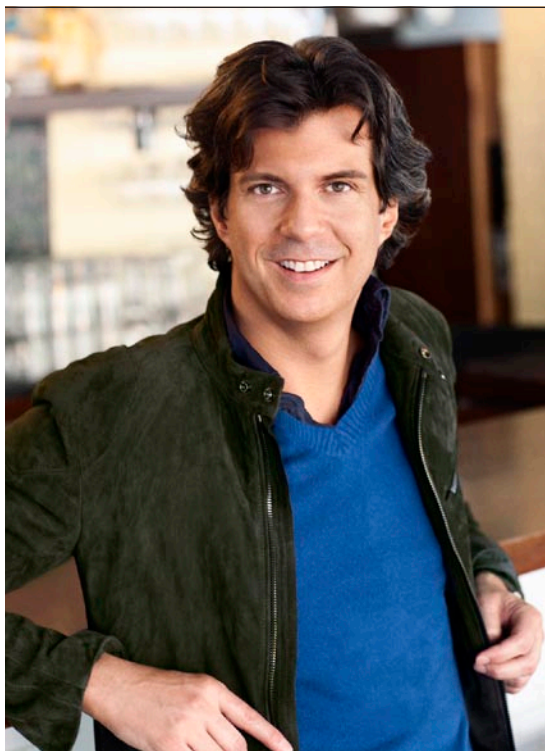




# Adam Says

O'S CREATIVE DIRECTOR, ADAM GLASSMAN, OFFERS ADVICE ON SPRING ESSENTIALS.



**Q** I LIKE THE NUDE TREND, BUT I'M AFRICAN-AMERICAN; BEIGE DOESN'T CUT IT. ANY IDEAS FOR WOMEN WITH DARK SKIN?

**A:** Fashion designers often use the word *nude* when they really mean *beige*. What I mean when I use that term, however, is a shade that matches your complexion, whether it's ivory, olive, or dark brown. I'm a huge fan of skin-toned footwear for making legs look longer. Nine West, Steve Madden, and Stuart Weitzman offer a range of caramel and chocolaty shoes. And I'm so impressed by Tkees sandals and ballet flats: With six "makeup foundation" shades, everyone can find her perfect pair. Meanwhile, flesh-toned clothes are versatile, slimming, and sexy; try a blouse or skirt, and you'll see what I mean. And although nude swimwear is often a disaster, I was happy to discover Lycra and mesh bathing suits by Cali Dreaming that blend in with your body—naturally flattering!



Tkees flats, \$95, flip-flops, \$48; tkees.com.

Cali Dreaming bikinis and one-piece bathing suits, \$165 each; shopbop.com.

## ON MY RADAR Sleeker Slickers

When it rains, it pours—great-looking raincoats are everywhere this season! Three I love:



**SMOKY, NEUTRAL**  
transparent polyurethane. (\$285; terra newyork.com)

**SHIRTDRESS-INSPIRED**  
silk and nylon trench. (Club Monaco, \$199; 212-459-9863)

**FINELY TAILORED**  
water-repellent cotton. (Jane Post, \$295, Saks Fifth Avenue; 877-612-7257)

## Green Stuff

### Eco-Fabulous

Every year I'm more amazed by the strides being made in organic, vegan, recycled, sustainable, and otherwise Earth-friendly fashion. A couple of especially inventive, polished accessories prove how far we've come from stiff faux-leather purses and hemp sandals.



**YOU'D NEVER KNOW**  
this elegant fabric satchel, lined with recycled satin, isn't made of leather. (Reveal, \$169; revealshop.com)

**SUEDE-LIKE STRAPS**  
are made from soda bottles; renewable raffia wraps the platforms. (Daniblack, \$185; jildor.com)

