

# lookout

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**spring  
in your  
step**



WARM-WEATHER SHOES SURE  
TO GROW ON YOU RANGE  
FROM SEXY SLINGBACKS  
TO WILD WEDGES 24



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## plant your feet

A crop of new spring shoes is popping up at stores now, from “Charlie’s Angels”-inspired platforms to leg-lengthening nude pumps. This means that, as snow boots and wool socks go dormant, there’s a fresh bouquet of soles. “There’s no central trend, except maybe the wedge,” says Alexandria personal stylist Allison Lukes Teer. “But if you’re going to buy one pair, I’d say go for something nude or metallic — they’re versatile.” Here are some options — at prices both luxe and less spendy — of top trends.

**On the Cover:** Clockwise from left of stem: Green leather wedge (\$165, Zelaya Shoes, 4940 St. Elmo Ave., Bethesda; 301-656-8550); Juicy Couture yellow platform (\$195, Piperlime.com); Michael Michael Kors nude slingback (South Moon Under, 2700 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington; 703-807-4083); Earthies wooden mule (\$165, Zelaya Shoes); Elie Tahari nude slingback (\$298, The Shoe Hive, 127 S. Fairfax; Alexandria, 703-548-7105); Sofft cage cork wedge (\$105, The Shoe Hive); Boutique 9 gray platform (\$198, Piperlime.com); Via Spiga snakeskin platform wedge (\$165, Zappos.com).





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**1. Put a cork in it:** Cushy Quercus suber bark makes for comfy wedges like Coclico's luxe black ones (top, \$365, Zelaya Shoes) and Land's End Canvas' well-priced suede pair (bottom, \$98, Canvas.landsend.com). **2. Silver wedges** add style and non-teetery height. Think Cynthia Vincent's studded babies (top, \$295, Piperlime.com) or Kelsi Dagger's strappy ones (bottom, \$89, Sassanova, 1641 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-471-4400). **3. Meow mix:** Audrey Hepburn loved ladylike kitten heels; now you can, too, with Bettye Muller's patterned pair (top, \$340, Sassanova) or Caressa's black beauties (bottom, \$145, Zelaya Shoes).

**4. Go with the grains:** Wooden wedges by Cynthia Vincent and Sam Edleman (top and bottom, \$350 and \$160, Piperlime.com) evoke breezy heroines of the 1970s. **5. In the buff:** Nude pumps make gams look a zillion miles long. Good stick stretchers include Loeffler Randall's strappy ones (\$550, Sassanova) and Sofft's peep-toes (\$110, Zappos.com). **6. Menswearable:** Boy's clubby faves like wingtips and saddle shoes seem fresh when rendered in girly, way-beyond-the-frat-house shapes like wedges (top, \$369, Billyreid.com) or ballet flats (\$138, Jcrew.com).