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With a career spanning over 30 years, Manolo Blahnik is one of the world's most influential footwear designers. By 1971 he'd moved to London from Paris and was making shoes. A year later his designs were used by Ossie Clark. The rest is history. Pictured is his first-ever sketch. At Manolo Blahnik, 49-51 Old Church Street, SW3 (tel: 020 7352 8622; manoloblahnik.com).



Diego Della Valle of JP Tod's fame created one of the world's most well-known casual shoes in the late Seventies. The Gommino, above, was a driving shoe with a leather upper, and rubber sole. The shoe was an instant hit due to its non-fussy, unpretentious design and today still remains the star of the show in Tod's boutiques (tel: 020 7235 1321; tods.com).

This autumn Salvatore Ferragamo has drawn inspiration from its extraordinary shoe archives and has launched the Creations collection. All products are revivals of the most historic shoes and bags from the huge archive, below, which consists of over 13,000 models. At 24 Old Bond Street, W1 (tel: 020 7629 5007; salvatorreferragamo.it).



## It list

Celebrity classics with a past, by Mariella Tandy

Founded over 50 years ago, Ballantyne cashmere became known for the intarsia technique, where separate pieces fit together like a jigsaw to create a pattern. The intarsia diamonds, known as the 'Ballantynes', are the brand's internationally renowned symbol. Even the Queen, pictured left in 1966, was a fan. Visit ballantyne.it.



One of the first bags made by Hermès led a quiet life until it was seen on the arm of Grace Kelly, above. It was renamed in her honour and is now an instantly recognisable global ambassador for the Hermès brand. At 155 New Bond Street W1 (tel: 020 7499 8856).



*Gucci's Bamboo bag, above, was born out of necessity in the post-war years when leather and metals were scarce. It is still one of its bestselling designs today, at 34 Old Bond Street, W1 (tel: 020 7629 2716).*