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The Buy: Shi Studio

You can see it in your mind: the perfect necklace to go with the new low-cut fire-engine red dress you picked up for the approaching fall party season. Unfortunately, you can't find it in any store. And jewellery making is not one of your hobbies.

Thank goodness for Victoria-based Shi Studio (www.shistudio.com),

which lets you be the designer while remaining ignorant in the finer points of metallurgy. All you have to make is a couple of clicks on a website. First, you pick your accessory: pendant, earrings, leather cuff or belts and buckles. Then you select the shape and one of 100 Chinese



or Indian brocades to fill it with (to be covered with fine glass). Place your order and — voilà — in two or three weeks your creation will arrive.

We love the cuffs — a little bit girly and a little bit rock 'n' roll. But that's just us. Go make your own!

Visit www.shistudio.com. Pendants start at \$32; earrings \$46; belt buckles \$62 and cuffs \$54.

— Domini Clark

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