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New
Wedding
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**MARCIA
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Engaged
At 43!

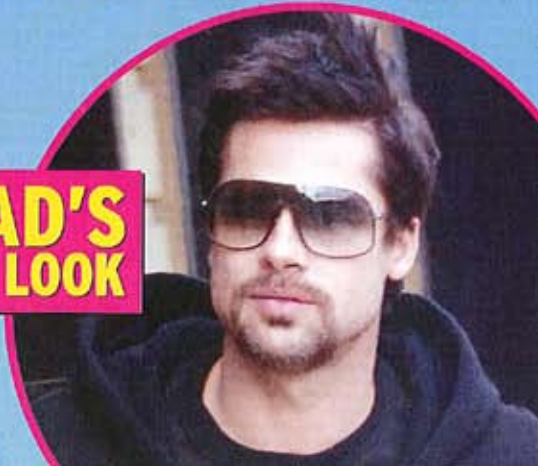


THE DIVORCE IS FINAL

MOVING ON FROM BRAD

Leaning on VINCE,
struggling to forgive &
bracing for BRAD'S next
step with ANGELINA

**BRAD'S
NEW LOOK**



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Dazzling Denim

Are These Jeans Wor

And that's just the starting price! Check out the new designer denim that even Hol ly

Escada

Designer fans

Jessica Simpson and Paula Abdul

Why so pricey?

Real turquoise stones, silver thread, sequins and Swarovski crystals give these denims (developed by design director Brian Rennie) serious style. Need another reason to get out the plastic? Only seven pairs exist, and it took 15 men in India approximately 500 hours to produce each pair!

Where to buy Escada, 212-755-2200



Simpson

Jordache

Designer fan

Brittany Murphy fronts its fall ad campaign.

Why so pricey?

Each pair is customized for the buyer, who picks the fabric, cut and style. "I've had good luck with the classic fit," Murphy tells *Us*. "It appeals to every shape." Other denim details: Four people can spend eight hours on one pair, sanding or spot-tinting to create special effects.

Where to buy Call 212-944-1330



Murphy

Roberto Cavalli

Designer fans

Paris Hilton, Christina Aguilera and J. Lo

Why so pricey?

Not only are these distressed denims embroidered by hand with silver thread and elaborate beading, but the front creases are actually sewn in. Cavalli fans take note: The embellishments are designed to fit in with other items in the designer's collection.

Where to buy Saks Fifth Avenue stores



Lopez



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wood can't afford to dress down **BY JENNIFER O'NEILL**

Zac Posen

Designer fans
Claire Danes and Naomi Watts

Why so pricey?

Special "Z" rivets finished with antique pewter, gunmetal sheen and aged brass accent the five-pocket jeans. Posen created three limited-edition styles for 7 for All Mankind; all come with a one-of-a-kind pewter pendant.

Where to buy Exclusively at Neiman Marcus — one per customer only!



Danes

Great China Wall

Designer fans
Beyoncé and Charlize Theron

Why so pricey?

The Great China Wall partnered with 7 for All Mankind on three gem-studded styles — flare, boot-cut and A-pocket. Available in five washes, the denim is airbrushed and distressed by hand, and the pricey crystals are by Swarovski.

Where to buy Neiman Marcus



Beyoncé



TOTAL COST

\$995



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Are They Worth It?

"Yes!" Robert Verdi, host of the Style Network's *Fashion Police*, tells *Us*. "You should spend your money on great basics and a few extraordinary items — so extraordinary jeans are the best situation to be in."

Jeans lover Jessica Alba (here at the Teen Choice Awards on August 14) tells *Us* she usually won't emphasize her curves, but "it's nice to throw a little [in] sometimes!"

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