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Three times a winner

An ingenious three-in-one sandal won the best new fashion and accessory product at Top Drawer in Earls Court this year. It is called Slinks, and it's based on a handmade padded leather sole with a selection of interchangeable uppers making three different sandals. The uppers made

with rosettes and glass beads, some silver plated, fasten securely on the three attachment points. It's the ultimate summer traveling sandal and comes in a pretty Fairtrade silk bag, with instructions. Slinks cost €155 a pair and come in black, taupe, cream or dusky pink in sizes 35-42 (3-8 UK). They were designed by Jane Rafter, a talented Irish/Australian graduate of the National College of Art and Design, whose graduate collection featured a memorable patchwork white organza dress, each pocket containing a piece of treasured memorabilia. A clever idea, and everyone wanted one. Slinks can be purchased online from www.janerafter.com