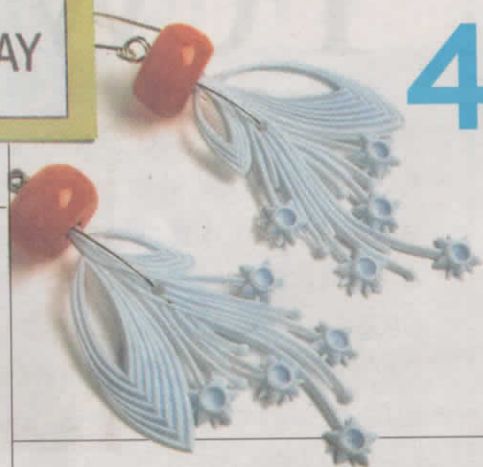


## The Elements of Smile

**WE ADMIT TO** being embarrassingly forgetful about birthdays, anniversaries and just about every other special occasion. (Last-minute presents grabbed at CVS? Guilty as charged.) But we have a leg up this year with Pink Loves Brown's crisply old-school Periodic Table of Sentiments card set (\$12 for six, [Pinklovesbrown.com](http://Pinklovesbrown.com)), which offers a cheeky, chemistry-nerd take on cards for occasions from birthdays to wedding anniversaries. Whether you remember to send them, well, that part's up to you.

## 4 A Different Dangle

**LIKE NECKLACES BEFORE** them, earrings have grown ginormous for spring. Few designers get this trend better than Cali's Betsy & Iya, which combines vintage materials — plastic flowers, snippets of lace and beads — with bold silver to form statement-making, swingy bijoux. A nice stock (\$25–\$85) just arrived at Betsy Fisher (1224 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-785-1975); for necklaces and additional styles, visit [Betsyandiya.com](http://Betsyandiya.com).



## A Cuff of Kindness

**MACCHIATOS AT** Starbucks have been so scalding lately, it's a wonder the company hasn't been sued à la McDonald's. Still, surviving in a chilling time (and clime) means we need our caffeine drip. Canada's Contexture Design clearly appreciates this, which must be why it bends architectural veneer scraps into coffee cuffs (\$68, [Contexture.ca](http://Contexture.ca)). The eco-chic C's protect paws from hot cups; they can also be worn as tough bracelets when you're drinking iced lattes this summer.



## Right in The Kisser

**THE WINTRY MIX** of weather has made our pout so chapped that regular lipstick often looks cracked and crazy-music-teacher-ish. Which is what makes the newest Kiehl's batch of lightly tinted lip glosses so appealing. The creamy-but-not-sticky balms—in four new neutral shades—deliver a rosy

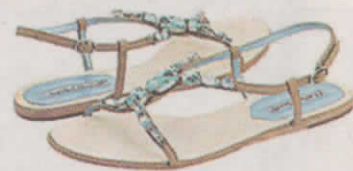


## dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOELOGGER

**Enough with the snow and ice already; I am completely sick of winter. Will spring ever arrive? Please help me.** — DENISE

■ Manolo says, from what the Manolo has heard (but not felt, as he has been traveling in South America for the past several months), this has been the particularly nasty winter in the Northern Hemisphere, with the frequent storms of ice and hail and snow and impossibly frigid temperatures, such as the recent record of 5,013 degrees below zero in Minneapolis,



with wind chills into the negative 7,000s.

And so while the Manolo has been toastily sunning himself into golden brownness on the sandy beaches of Juan Ignacio, Uruguay, he has not been insensitive to the desperate cries of his many frigid friends.

Indeed, the Manolo has been think-