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### Book It

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### Brand New Boots

Cobra Society designer Alex Davis has combined modern geometric shapes with traditional woven designs to create her debut collection of boots for fall '11. Female artisans from a village in Morocco's Middle Atlas Mountains weave kilim fabrics to create the shaft for each boot, while the Goodyear-welted boots are made in Spain. The Los Angeles-based brand offers four different styles: the Otto bootie (above), the mid-calf Alcazar, the knee-high Marley and the over-the-knee Zeus. Davis comes from a PR background and has worked at Stella McCartney and Bismarck Phillips. Cobra Society boots will be sold internationally in such stores as Restir in Tokyo; Le 66 in Paris; A Man & A Woman in New York; Gallerie in Aspen, Colo.; Katia Boutique in Houston; and online at Net-a-porter.com. Retail prices range from \$795 to \$1,195.

### Art Appreciation

Industry veterans Maggie Finneran and Michael Toschi this fall will launch Luv, a women's and kids' collection. The line revolves around a single silhouette: a lightweight EVA ballet flat featuring a Lycra upper for adults and a Mary