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Get ready for fall with this style hot list!

'Today' style contributor **Bobbie Thomas** shares the latest buzz about what's new and what's cool: Black nails, single rings and more

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Haute chocolate

Summer is ending, and we're beginning to set down the glasses of rosé, but be prepared to fall for an even sweeter drink as the weather turns brisk: chocolate! We're witnessing a movement toward couture chocolate boutiques, where the confection is being offered up as an experience (à la wine bars), rather than a quick fix. At Max Brenner Chocolate by the Bald Man, you can sip Suckao (shots of pure chocolate), or cradle a Hug Mug during the "chocolate drinking ceremony" (\$8.90-\$14.80; maxbrenner.com). Indulgent? Maybe. But it sounds like pure bliss all the same.

And for those chocohaulics who just need a fix, two new alternatives to the traditional candy bar are causing quite a sugar buzz. Lava bar's liquid chocolate offers a smooth substitute for crunchy candy bars with their "squeeze me" pouches (\$1.95; lava-bar.com), while last but not least, Bubble Chocolate is helping addicts curb the calories and avoid a meltdown (\$1.75; bubblechocolate.com). The candy is packed with air bubbles — promising all of the flavor, with none of the filling.