

DIVINE DIAMONDS

Anyone planning a Valentine's Day proposal would do well to check out new Irish company Voltaire Diamonds, who produce pieces like this stunning engagement ring, left, which features a princess-cut diamond set in a platinum split shank. A private-appointment-only policy cuts out the overheads of a retail premises and thereby allows the store to offer customers prices of up to 30 per cent less than other retailers. Voltaire also offers a one-on-one design service, so each piece is a bespoke one-off. www.voltairediamonds.ie



LIFE'S LITTLE LUXURIES: TIFFANY

Nothing says "I love you" like a Valentine's Day gift from Tiffany. The Tiffany Keys collection has become a must-have item among some of our favourite fashionistas: Jessica Biel, Leighton Meester and Keira Knightley. Plus, it's more affordable than you'd expect from the iconic luxury brand, with Tiffany Keys from €100, and chains from €50. *Brown Thomas Dublin, tel: (01) 605-6666*



HEADS-UP

Wicklow-based French designer Sophie Rieu has just launched a new line of sustainable accessories. The floral brooches and hair pieces are made from sustainable textiles — tweed, flannel, cashmere, lambswool, Irish organic wool and recycled wool. They come in a varied palette that will work for winter and spring: jade, herringbone, brown check, glossy black, red and beige. Retailing at less than €30, they are the perfect pay-day treat to oneself. www.unicomdesign.net

Valentine's gifts

Our definitive guide to what to get your loved one for Valentine's Day

Bra, €34.50; briefs, €14.50; both Wonderbra, stockists nationwide

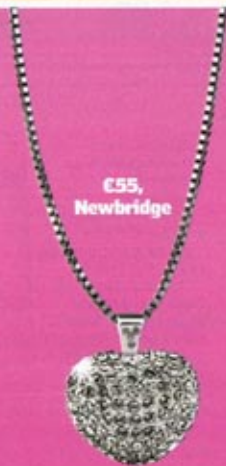


€93, Van Peterson, Debenhams

€7, Dunnes Stores



€55, Newbridge



T-shirt, €85, Sonia by Sonia Rykiel, BT2



€11.50, Tesco



€89.55, Irregular Choice, Schuh



€20, Marks & Spencer



€65, Wildfox, Harvey Nichols

