

# Designer spotlight

Meet the brains behind three lingerie and undie lines—then shop with our **TONY** discounts. By **Celia Shatzman**



## WHITIE TIGHTIES

**About the line:** Designers Vaso Mitrou and Troy Sayakumane are so in sync, they finish each other's sentences. "We can't work individually [anymore]," says Sayakumane. Mitrou interrupts, "It's become a handicap. We work on our own stuff and then switch." The duo's line of men's and women's undies is silk-screened with hand-drawn and computer-generated images of grenades, flamingos and skylines. Tees, hoodies and totes boast similar grab-bag imagery, including a giraffe standing atop a car, with a man parachuting through the background. "That's about the animal world revolting against the machine world," says Sayakumane. "I like creating a world that's a bit corny, but would also be fun to live in."

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## BRULEE

**About the line:** Cali transplant Kristian Giambi's collection flirts with the inner-as-outerwear craze. "I design many of my pieces to have versatility and transition appeal," she says. "Although it's lingerie, that doesn't mean it must go unseen." The sleek, sophisticated camis, bodysuits, rompers, bralettes, boy shorts, lounge pants, leggings and more are all handcrafted locally using a moody palette of dark silks, cottons and jersey. "They're classic pieces with an edgy twist," says Giambi of unexpected detailing like hand-cast gold or Swarovski-studded hardware.

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## T-LUXE

**About the line:** "Lingerie is the most intimate thing on your body—do you really want to wear panties that've been soaked in chemicals?" asks designer Tiffany Phipps, whose collection is mostly eco-friendly (except for the elastic). The delicate pieces are crafted using sustainable fabrics sourced in the U.S., including soy, organic cotton and organic silk; even the tags are printed on 100 percent postconsumer recycled paper with soy ink. Flirty details like ruffles and ruching add a touch of sass to the line's bralettes, robes, bustiers, tanks, nighties and rompers. "T-Luxe isn't about cutting-edge design," says Phipps. "It's about retooling the way we create things—and making timeless pieces is part of the ecosensibility."

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