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much more new-new. The colour was rich and buttery again — even the straps and leather accessories had been lovingly re-coloured. Of course, it doesn't look good-as-new — close examination still reveals old scars — but it's as-good-as-you-can-get without shelling out on a new bag.

Colorwash gives no guarantees on results, but will offer as much info as possible as to what to expect. If damages occur due to their negligence, they may offer compensation, although that's happened only a handful of times. Bag colouring services start from \$100.

Colorwash is at #03-27 Mandarin Gallery, Tel: 6235-9130.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR OLD BAGS LOOK NEW AGAIN

→ Your beloved designer bag is looking a little worse for wear — what used to be a rich plum is now a washed-out lavender, and there's a nasty chocolate stain on the handle. Is it time to abandon bag?

Maybe not. Hope comes in the form of **COLORWASH**, a seven-year-old outfit who may be able to inject new life into your ageing beauty.

We sent our two-year-old Miu Miu to Colorwash with some trepidation. Sure, it's a little faded in places, but will colouring make it look weird? After examining the material and condition of the bag, Gemma Gil, the Korean lady boss, explained what we can expect. She'll use a colouring chemical to touch up the faded colour, and give the rest of the bag a colour refresh. Colouring a bag is like an art, she says, from the mixing of the right colour to knowing how much to spray and where. Reassured, we left our bag with this 'artist.'

A week later, we returned to a Miu Miu that looked



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ROTTEN ORANGE

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TERMITES IN CHANEL!

"I had a Chanel 2.55 in with tiny worms kept crawling on the stitches. I disinfected the bag and let termites crawl out, then I washed it and dried it for three days. Insects just love quality leather!"

HOW TO NEVER HAVE TO CLEAN YOUR

→ Yes, these Ray-Ban prescription specs are pretty cool. But what make them really fab are the **CRIZAL** lenses they come with. For blur sotongs, Crizal lenses are spectacles lenses that stay clean and crystal clear no matter how much you abuse them — they're scratch-resistant, reflection-proof, and repellent to smudges, dust and

water. We've seen the lenses in action, and are impressed by how water rolls off and fingerprints don't stick. You can fit Crizal lenses on all brands of spectacle frames. The best thing is they don't



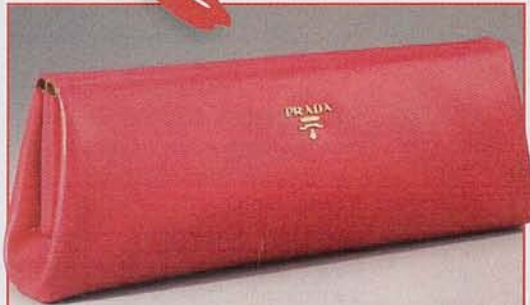
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cost much more when you buy. It will encourage the two brands you can choose that?

Crizal lenses are available at all retailers. Prices start above Ray-Ban spectacles and from \$192 (right)



DESIGNER BAG DISASTER STORIES FROM COLORWASH'S GEMMA GIL.




ROTTEN ORANGES IN MY PRADA! "I had a customer who had a red Prada bag which she used only for Chinese New Year. She left a mandarin orange in her bag and forgot about it for a year. When she brought the bag to me, there was a black patch where the orange had rotted and the texture had changed. The only thing I could do was moisturise and clean the bag and colour it to black."

TERMITES IN MY CHANEL! "This lady had a Chanel 2.55 infected with tiny worms. They kept crawling out of the stitches. I disinfected the bag and let the termites crawl out, then I washed it and dried it for three days. Insects just love quality leather!"



OUR SPECTACLES

cost much more than normal lenses. And when you buy Ray-Ban specs, your optician will encourage you to get Crizal lenses, as the two brands have a partnership. Of course, you can choose not to, but why would you do that?

Crizal lenses are available at all authorised eyewear retailers. Prices start from \$60 for standard lenses. The above Ray-Ban spectacles here are priced from \$168 (left) and from \$192 (right). 

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