

treat yourself!

8 sweet ways to get your fill of the season.

1. Pack a Lunch

Bringing lunch to work usually means a healthy meal that costs less than takeout and has fewer calories. Yet the idea of brown-bagging it is so unappealing when a boring brown bag is actually involved. A good excuse, we think, to add a stylish lunch bag to your back-to-school shopping list. The colorful machine-washable neoprene (wet suit material) lunch totes

from Built insulate hot or cold foods and drinks for up to four hours (*Tortuga Lunch Tote in Soho Stripe*, \$22, builtny.com). Pair your bag with a shiny, golden .6-liter Sigg aluminum water bottle (\$20, mysigg.com). Both totes and bottles come in so many pretty designs and colors that picking a combo will be as much fun as it was to get a spiffy new lunch box and thermos back in elementary school.

2. Get Wrapped Up

Who knew a 2-liter soda bottle could be so chic! Clothing company Sweet Skins transforms recycled plastic into plush fleece hoodies, such as this wrap (*Blu Moon*, \$85, sweetskins.com). So soft, it will make you feel as if you're wrapped in a blanket—although, with its satin seams and bell sleeves, it certainly doesn't look like one. Perfect for those first chilly weekends.

3. Pretend You're A Kid Again

Halloween was so much better when we were the ones getting the candy instead of doling it out! Luckily, we can stock up on old favorites at groovycandies.com, where retro sweets come in sampler boxes by the decade: 50s Classic, 60s Groovy, 70s Happy and 80s Totally Awesome (\$18-\$19 each). Razzles, anyone?

Fall brings a clean slate—that ageless, back



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WOW. REALLY?

\$7.5 billion

That's the amount of money spent at family clothing stores in the United States during the back-to-school shopping season.



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