CHARM SCHOOL

Remember those friendship bracelets you used to weave together and pile on as a kid? You know, the ones you'd sleep and shower with day in and day out and then wear torn and tattered until they fell off? Well, you may no longer be braiding string in your spare time, but the concept of a friendship bracelet is certainly one we can all still embrace. Think of these charm bracelets by Ettika as the acceptable grown-up version of your childhood trinkets. The LA-based brand makes colorful friendship and charm bracelets, as well as inspirational necklaces, rings, bags, and belts. Designed with peace, love, and happiness in mind, these pieces are meant to be shared with friends and are often adorned with symbolic charms like hearts, peace signs, good luck horseshoes, hamsa hands, and more. After developing a cult following among celebrities and fashion stylists on both coasts, the bohemian-chic accessories ($25–$75) made their way around the world, including a stop at Harvard Square’s travel-inspired boutique, Passport (43 Brattle Street, Cambridge, 617.576.0900). With designs this adorable, we couldn’t help but be charmed.