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best-kept secret the cat's miaow

You spent \$10,000 on this season's must-have leather handbag and you have reaped just about all the jealous looks you are likely to from friends and colleagues. Now the season is drawing to a close, what will become of your fading treasure?

You could park it at Milan Station or hide it deep in your closet to await vintage status ... or you could visit Ava Lau to get your bag remodelled.

Lau's shop, Cat Products in Causeway Bay, has made a name for itself by creating bespoke leather accessories such as bags and wallets, but it also repairs bags and remodels them to customer-specified designs. Just let her know what you want and Lau will bring it into being.

Need some inspiration? Lau has just turned a bucket-shaped handbag into a pocket organiser, charging \$500 for the service (prices vary).

Although Lau can work magic on bags, she will refuse two kinds of order: those that require her to modify a fake product and those that entail remodelling an old bag into an exact copy of a new style available in shops.

Cat Products, shop 12A, Apple Mall, 15 Hysan Avenue, Causeway Bay; tel: 2808 4949. Open Monday to Saturday, 2pm to 9pm; Sundays and public holidays, 2pm to 7pm. Winnie Yeung

