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Recession Jewelry

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Dripping in diamonds doesn't feel so appropriate these days, and some tuned-in jewelry designers are taking advantage. *I'm Tired*, a Santa Monica, CA accessories company, recently created a \$10 bracelet made of recycled tires, with a metal bar with the phrase, "I'm tired of the economy." New York City-based *Emily Elizabeth Jewelry* is making recession-themed pieces that are more about self-protection than expression: basic chains with lucky charms like four-leaf clovers, fortune cookies, horseshoes, shooting stars, and wishbones for \$48 to \$90. But her best design is the Recession Betty Necklace, which features a vintage money bag worthy of Scrooge McDuck—engraved dollar sign on the front, rope-tie on top, and all. The company's website says, "Who knows, maybe this lil' money bag will attract some moola your way!" If only it were that easy.

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