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CIGARS and handmade shoes go together like a soup and sandwich. That's why 50 top puffers of Cigar Report came to the Madison Avenue boutique of Silvano Lattanzi, the Roman behind some of most expensive shoes ever created. Guests feasted on appetizers of tobacco-flavored shrimp and chicken and sipped tobacco-infused grappa as the cobbler presented the shoes he made for Vladimir Putin and Nicolas Sarkozy, and the velvet slippers he made for Pope Benedict XVI.

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## Gotta Have Sole

Silvano Lattanzi never knows when an order will come in for a pair of his shoes. "There is no peak season for me. If a client closes a good deal, or has a nice love affair, then they celebrate with a pair of our shoes," he says with a smile. Since 1971 Lattanzi has been making shoes out of a small workshop in Casette D'Ete, Italy. His designs are some of the most expensive in the world -- a crocodile skin pair retails for \$22,000. Each shoe is custom made, beginning with the hand-sewn sole, using century old techniques. Lattanzi is one of the last shoemakers who uses absolutely no plastic, and this dedication to his craft has attracted some powerful customers: Lattanzi created loafers for the pope, dress shoes for Vladimir Putin, and a pair of leather combat boots for Arnold Schwarzenegger that look equally good stomping out a forest fire or dining at the Governor's mansion. --BENJAMIN POPPER



**The Pope's Slippers**



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**The Pope's Slippers II**