



Ken Thompson, freelance stylist

Diva's Closet, by appointment, 9361 6659

"When you need vintage this is the place. Vivacious Regina, the store owner, will guide you through the decades with great finds predominantly from the US. Ask to see the exquisite 1920s beaded gowns."

Belinda Menswear, 29 William Street, Paddington, 9380 8873

"Any shop that stocks top-line Yohji Yamamoto is a definite must-see. This shop has some of the best sales staff. They know your wardrobe requisit and give fabulous advice."

Macleay on Manning, 85 Macleay Street, Potts Point, 9331 4100

"This store has some of the cutest and best made baby wear in town. They stock an amazing label called Bo & Billee and cute things like camouflage nappies. Great for gift ideas. They also have some great accessories for styling from Italian and Dutch designers that you won't see anywhere else in Sydney."

Neil Grigg Millinery, 3 Bay Street, Double Bay, 9328 0079

"There's nothing quite as romantic as a bespoke hat. Executed under the eye of master milliner Neil, the peacock feather trims are a total indulgence. They also stock a range of beaded hats and cute scarfs."

J. Farren-Price, 80 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, 9321 3299

"When you want to get real, this is the place. Whether you're rewarding yourself with a Rolex or wanting to purchase some of the most exquisite diamond earrings in Sydney, this jewellery store has breathtaking examples backed up with well-versed authority on their product."

Tali Shine, author of The Glam Girl's Guide to Sydney Shopping

Varese, 45-51 Cross Street, Double Bay, 9328 6015

"The shoes in this shop are show-stoppers. From Walter Steiger to Casadei and Roberto Cavalli, I adore these red-carpet fantasy heels. This is the place where you can try on a pair of heels and feel like a princess."

Zoo Emporium, 332 Crown Street, Surry Hills, 9380 5990

"This is the vintage store that looks as though they have preserved the clothes straight from the backs of dancers from Studio 54. It also has a cute selection of new singlets and tops made out of vintage fabrics, which are very cool."

Theodora and Mariña, 43 Bay Street, Double Bay, 9363 1048

"The place to come for that perfect formal occasion frock. They stock labels like Zimmermann, Cacharel and Diane von Furstenberg and there are also some cute accessories."

The Corner Shop, 43 William Street, Paddington, 9380 9928

"It's such a cute set-up and they hand-pick vintage and customised pieces, so you never worry about running into someone wearing the same outfit. It also has fabulous cutting-edge labels."

Tuchuzu Boutique, 90 Gould Street, Bondi, 9365 5371

"The vibe here is young and fun and there's a great selection for guys as well as girls. It has everything from sexy dresses to brightly dyed Bonds singlets."

Ella Argent, fashion director, New Woman Magazine

From St Xavier, 75a Gould Street, Bondi, 9365 4655

"For a really cool and relaxed environment, this is one of my favourites. It has a really nice urban feel to it and stocks great street labels like Buddhist Punk."

Broadway Betty, 259 Broadway, Sydney, 9571 9422

"This is one of the vintage stores I can always go to and find something I like. I'm probably lucky here because it doesn't have the traffic flow like the eastern suburbs vintage stores. There's always a great mix of eras."

Mimco, 436 Oxford Street, Paddington, 9357 6884

"Amanda Briskin, the designer, is really ahead of what's happening in the accessory market. I love the amazing use of patterns and prints on the bags and there's always something new and original in all her jewellery."

Dragstar, 96 Glenayr Avenue, Bondi, 9365 2244

"Its pieces are young and funky but not necessarily clingy and body-hugging like a lot of its competitors. The clothes all have good cuts and great shapes."

Pretty Dog, 1a Brown Street, Newtown, 9519 7839

"This is where up-and-coming designers sell their collections before they become household names. It has great Melbourne designers as well as Sydney designers and you can always find something a little more quirky and clever."



Style counsel: Tali Shine, top, and Ella Argent, above. Opposite: Rachel Wayman, far left, Judith Cook and Ken Thompson. Photos: Jennifer Soo, Quentin Jones, Jon Lindsay, Stephen Baccony