

Sales & Bargains

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Fall Into It

As brides-to-be know, a wedding dress can set you back a pretty penny or even two or three thousand dollars. So, do check out [J. Crew's](#) Web site or catalogue (800-562-0258) for a look-see at a silk-satin strapless classic wedding gown for \$550. And choices for bridesmaid dresses also make the grade and don't squeeze the purse strings. And for high-priced gowns at discounted prices, [Angeri](#) -- an Alexandria-based Web site -- offers a limited number of hand-selected couture designer gowns and samples from names like Givenchy, Nancy Issler and Carmela Suter.

Elizabeth Gibbens is the Jil Sander specialist at [Saks Fifth Avenue](#), in Chevy Chase, and she'll be happy to assist you in buying one of the German designer's minimalist outfits; she's also a very hip resource to go to when you'd just like to update wardrobe pieces you already own. Call her at Saks or on her cell (202-423-7817) to make an appointment.

Silver Spring's [Nomad & Medina](#), an upscale wholesale importer of Moroccan chic, has launched its series of special container sales, continuing until Sept. 18.

Don't touch that credit card before you read our discussion on [must-haves for fall](#). Tip: Brooches are very big this season as are tweeds.

For a great selection of brooches and tweed suits, as well as romantic blouses (another must for fall), head to [Proper Topper Georgetown](#). If you like Anna Sui, Proper Topper has the D.C. exclusive on her clothing.

Counter Intelligence

Head to the Fall Beauty Event (Sept. 17 to Sept. 25) at [Neiman Marcus](#) to size up the latest new products for your fall face and body. Experts will be on hand to give you tips on all the trends. If you're willing to spend \$85 on a new fragrance or cosmetic, you get a sleek satin clutch filled with lots of goodies, including sample sizes of the new Paul Smith fragrance for men and women, Molton Brown shower gel, Kiehl's hand salve, Lancome mascara, Prada perfume and Darphin moisturizing balm.

New in Town

[A La Lelia](#), a sleek new store featuring hip women's clothes from the likes of Catharine Malandrino and Rozae Nichols, has just opened in Old Town Alexandria on lower King Street, where the offerings are becoming increasingly snazzy.

[Purebeauty](#), a newcomer to the Connecticut Avenue area, combines spa and salon services, like back facials and haircuts for men and women, with a section for skin products from makers like Bliss and B. Kamins.

To Do

This Saturday, Sept. 18, makeup artists from Stila will show you how to rock your look while rocking the vote. Visit [Sephora Georgetown](#), register to vote and you'll receive a personal makeup consultation from a Stila artist. Stila gets our vote; yours?

Denude Med hosts a mother-daughter makeup workshop featuring Jane Iredale Skincare Makeup this Saturday, Sept. 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The complimentary program will feature individual mini facials and makeup application.

Be sure you make it to Muleh on Wednesday, Sept. 22, for Dangerous Liaisons. The Fashion Group International and Muleh will feature a preview of the holiday collection of Development by Philip Lim.

Fashion Alert

On Sunday, Sept. 26, at Olsson's Books in Courthouse, Carson Kressley, Fab Five member of Bravo's "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy," signs his new book, "Off the Cuff: The Essential Style Guide for Men and the Women Who Love Them."

Starting Sept. 29, Loehmann's will be featuring a selection of haute fashions (evening gowns and wedding dresses) from Badgley Mischka.