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## RUNWAY READY

TOP ST. LOUIS DESIGNERS  
STRUT THEIR STUFF



Clockwise from above: Bee-Baa toddler tee shirt; camel-colored cashmere ruffie wrap by Angelina Accoutrements; STL Style designers Randy and Jeff Vines



If fall sees you headed back to school, or you just get in that fresh-start spirit, your wardrobe could probably use a little sprucing up, whether you're headed to the corner office or the classroom. But before you head to the big box, consider making a more unique sartorial statement, courtesy of some of St. Louis' independent fashion designers.

Show your urban sensibilities in the leopard sweaters, scarves and other knit goods by the designers at *Skif*: when Hollywood came calling for the sleek, futuristic sweaters in the "Matrix" movies, *Skif* was their designer of choice. Now you can take the look home, for guys and gals, along with an always-evolving collection of pants, skirts, hats and other offbeat accessories. Shopping at the combination store/workshop is a treasure hunt, and there's nearly always a friendly shop dog around, too ([www.skifo.com](http://www.skifo.com)). Get to wear cheeky tees to work, or on the weekends? The twin brothers behind *STL Style* shirts (and underwear) are hometown-proud, and we couldn't be prouder of 'em: their designs—like a toasted ravioli frolicking on The Hill; neighborhood shout-outs to Sullard, the Central West End, Dogtown and Lafayette Square; and even "St. Louis-The Perfect Ghetto-way"—embrace all that is original and real about our town ([www.stl-style.com](http://www.stl-style.com)). Like your threads ladylike, with a little rock-and-roll edge? You'll love the tunics, tanks, hoodies and sassy dresses and skirts from *Squash by Les*: designer Lesley Timpe started out with her signature Bella hats in 2004, and before she knew it, had a legitimate calling on her hands. The line, in sizes from XS to XL, now encompasses lots of layering pieces in vintage fabrics: Timpe finds all over the country ([www.squashbyles.com](http://www.squashbyles.com)). Speaking of layering, you'll be swathed in luxe in a butter-soft cashmere wrap, sweater, poncho or scarf from *Angelina Accoutrements*. Designer Jen Sertl makes the deal even sweeter because she