

Shopping

« Salon with Style

A haircut will never again be just about your coiffure. Minneapolis's **Salon Rouge** is draped in Parisian sophistication, what with its rich toile-cloaked walls, Boucher murals, and Belvedere shampoo bowls from Europe. Even a trim has a decidedly Marie Antoinette feel thanks to Richard Staab and Jeffrey Dunn, the duo that brings this salon one step closer to sanctuary. 6 S. 13th St., Mpls., 612-374-2201

Home Collection

The largest brand rollout in **Macy's** history is a good thing, indeed. The department store has teamed up with **Martha Stewart** on an exclusive collec-

tion of home goods, including fine linens, classic glassware, professional-grade cook's tools, and DIY cake-decorating kits. The splashes of Martha's signature blue throughout the store lend a chicness to Macy's that we haven't seen since, well, Marshall Field's. *Macy's, 700 Nicollet Mall, Mpls., 612-375-2200, and 10 other metro locations*

Stylish Spandex

Whether you're getting in gear or onto the couch, **Lucy** has something comfortable for you to do it in. The women's shop is a beacon of hope in a sea of spandex options. Comfy pants in six styles and three lengths ensure at least one pair will fit like a glove, not a girdle. Tanks and tops, hoodies and zip-ups

are all here, too, in an array of colors and patterns. Sweating never looked so stylish. *Galleria, Edina, 952-922-8590*

Bag

On the morning Laura Nelli sat up in bed and said, "I'm going to make handbags," the only thing she had ever sewn was a shark pillow in home-ec class. But she liked working with colors and textures, and handbags combined the two. Nelli got her first break in a Duluth vintage boutique, and has been perfecting **Nelle Handbags** ever since. Her three collections of handmade clutches—for wedding, holiday, and everyday—incorporate sumptuous silks and semiprecious stones. They're simple, beautiful, and, despite the

current clutch craze, timeless. *Clutch Boutique, 5005 France Ave. S., Mpls., 612-455-0606*

Cycling Couture

Cycling might be cool, but *those outfits*. Are Day-Glo colors really necessary? We think not. Ryan Carlson and Brent Gale of **Twin Six** agree. The design duo creates fashionable alternatives that are rooted in good graphics. Think jerseys with argyle, houndstooth, racing stripes, and brewery emblems—in colors that won't turn your stomach. It's no surprise that local bike shops and major retailers like REI have snatched up the line. We're hoping that pleasantly padded bike shorts are next. www.twinsix.com

Trendspotting

Have you heard? Tights are in and leggings are out. Belts and bracelets are the new *It* accessories. Skinny and wide are both denim dos. Metallics are here

High Five Pet Pampering

Off-Leash Park

BURNSVILLE

There are seven fenced acres of sniffable space, plus a circular romping path for true lap dogs. But **Alimagnet Dog Park** isn't your typical puppy playground. It has a swimming pond, a heated shelter with heated water bowls, flood lights for nights, free pick-up bags, and even a paw-washing station. BYO towels.

1200 Alimagnet Pkwy., Burnsville

Pet Boutique

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Urban animals deserve an urban-shopping experience. So walk your Weimaraner over to **Bone Adventure Pet Gear**, and sniff out the latest from hip designers. You'll find hemp collars and leashes, fancy frosted biscuits, and graphically pleasing pet beds (plaid is so last year!). *Mmmmeow.*

312 E. Hennepin Ave., Mpls., 612-378-0211, plus two other metro locations

Canine Spa

HOPKINS

For purebred pampering, mutt makeovers, and every kind of coat cleanup in between, nothing beats a visit to **Shampooch Grooming Salon**. The friendly staff is skilled and gentle, even with skittish types, and the grooming area is spotless. That is, until Spot spies the big fake fire hydrant in the lobby. What a relief!

1585 Hwy. 7, Hopkins, 952-746-4777

Pet Portrait

MINNEAPOLIS

All the photos or picture collages in the world really can't capture Princess's personality. Happily, **Carol Peltier** can. She creates folksy, colorful pet portraits versus classical realist art. Send her a photo and give her some background, and, in about two weeks, you'll have an original piece just as playful as your pet.

www.angryfrenchwoman.com

Pet Product

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Your poor pooch has been parading around the dog park in a cheap, plasticized-fabric collar for far too long. It's time to outfit him with one of Alisha Zavadil's smart **Bark + Biscuit** designs. When the Minneapolis resident had trouble finding a chic collar for her Great Dane, she decided to take matters into her own paws—and made one of her own.

www.barknbiscuit.com