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## Shopping

# Thrift store 101

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Our four Salvation Army stylists (see page 50) offer extra-credit tips for scoring—and caring for—vintage.

### Look #1

Raised on the thrift stores of Ohio, **Sharon Anderson**, who considers herself ageless, developed a love of clothing that led her to NYC, where she busies herself styling, shopping, crushing her dog Nina (right) and working on her Bef du Suede belt collection ([befdusuede.com](http://befdusuede.com)).



**How do you get that bad smell out of vintage clothing?**  
Wash it again and again in All Small & Mighty with Bleach Alternative.

**What will you be hunting for this spring?**

I always look for the same things: coats, jackets, dresses, shoes, bags and jewelry. Everything, actually.

**Would you buy something if it had stains?**

Unless it can be cut off (if it's close to a hem) or otherwise disguised, no. I don't have lots of

closet space, so I'd always be inclined to overlook it for something in a more ready-to-wear state.

**What's your best vintage find?**

Vintage black suede Azzedine Alaïa ankle boots (\$20) in perfect shape—totally slamming!

### Look #2

Twenty-nine-year-old **Hilary Rosenman**'s first job was as a fashion market editor at *Manhattan File*. Next, she helped her friend Charlotte Ronson launch the C. Ronson apparel line, before starting her own shoe collection, Madison Harding ([madisonharding.com](http://madisonharding.com)).



**Who's your favorite tailor?**

Ramon's is awesome (300 W 11th St between Bleecker and Houston Sts, 212-226-0747).

**What will you be hunting for this Spring?** Vintage home goods at the Salvation Army for my apartment.

**What's your favorite vintage boutique?**

Circa Now (238 E 6th St between Second and Third Aves, 212-254-2555) is reliably excellent.

**What's your best vintage find?**

An old-school navy Polo boys' blazer with silver buttons and all, at a

Salvation Army in Queens. I found it in the kids' section (which has the best stuff). I love a shrunken fit.

**What else is worth buying small?**

I've bought shoes that are two sizes too small, and then had them stretched at Arty's Shoe Repair (243 Eighth Ave between 22nd and 23rd Sts, 212-255-1451).

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### Look #3

**Quinn Asteak**, 26, keeps herself busy as the market editor at *paper magazine*, when she's not hard at work codesigning the clothing line *Thesethreethings*. She's also a contributor at *TONY* and the manager of *Fille e Joie* (197 Grand St between Bedford and Driggs Aves, Williamsburg, Brooklyn; 718-599-525), which she (naturally) considers to be the best vintage boutique in Brooklyn.



**What will you be hunting for this spring?**

I'm all about the mini-smock dress. They're just so easy and breezy for the summer. The maternity section is a secret gold mine for these. I'll also be looking for some patterned forty-shorts to go underneath in order to avoid potentially scandalous panty situations.

**What do you always buy?**

I'm never afraid of a dowdy-looking dress—you can always modernize

it by changing the hem or sleeves.

**What's your best vintage find?**

When I went home to Easton, Pennsylvania, recently, I found a red-and-gray houndstooth suit (\$7) by Oleg Cassini at Family Thrift. I found the blazer first; the matching pencil skirt was on the other side of the store.

### Look #4

Born and raised in New York, **Nadia Hosni**, 29, started her career as a publicist for Tommy Hilffiger, before spending six years covering the men's fashion market. Currently, she's a fashion editor at a New York-based magazine and a freelance stylist.



**How do you get that bad smell out of vintage clothing?**

Send it to the cleaners, and then give it a thorough spray-down with Febreze.

**What will you be hunting for this spring?**

Miniskirts, short shorts and costume jewelry.

**Would you buy something if it had stains?**

If it has good bones, then it could be a great layering piece. I would definitely buy something if it were too big, and take it to a tailor.

**What's your favorite vintage boutique?**

I always visit What Comes Around Goes Around (351 West Broadway between Broome and Grand Sts, 212-343-9303) for inspiration—they have an amazing vintage archive.

**What's your best vintage find?**

A pristine Chanel purse.