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**SOLD ON RESALE
METRO SHOPS SPECIALIZE IN DESIGNER LABELS WITHOUT HOITY-TOITY PRICES**

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For the woman who wants a closetful of great clothes, but who doesn't have the money, here's a tip:

Metro Denver has a number of upscale consignment stores that sell designer labels at a fraction of department-store prices.

Consignment stores aren't for everyone.

It takes time to ferret out your size and style, and you'll have to stop by your favorite places frequently, but in the end you'll often luck out - finding, for example, a flawless, perfect-fit Ann Taylor dress for \$14.

Below is a sampling of upscale women's consignment stores in the area. Check the Yellow Pages under Clothes & Accessories — Consignment & Resale for more listings.

Act II Consignment Clothing

1226 W. Littleton Blvd., Littleton

795-1122

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday.

This store is on par with the better resale boutiques, catering to career women and college students. There's always some kind of special. The store touts Liz Claiborne, DKNY, Anne Klein and Jones New York. Owner Charlene Sloan prides herself on making shopping fun.

Designer Encore

12087 W. Alameda Parkway, Lakewood

988-2803

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday; until 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Owner Sally Meier offers from career to casual, party dresses and cocktail wear. Good label dresses run \$50 to \$120, depending on the name and quality. Donna Karan is high end. Meier said the store does well with moderate to better and "bridge" labels such as Ellen Tracy. The shop also offers a couple of new lines of workout wear and a few vintage items. Prices are marked down every 30 days. Beginning in January, the shop will offer a closet-cleaning service to help clients organize their wardrobes.

Favorites Again

963 N. Park St., Castle Rock

688-8383

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Favorites Again draws clothes originally purchased at such stores as Saks Fifth Avenue and Neiman Marcus. Owner Janet Brunger looks for clothing for the career woman, including Evan Picone and Liz Claiborne. For college women, the store offers items from The Limited and The Gap. Favorites Again stocks size 2 to 20. After 10 years in business, Brunger knows the size and style interests of her regular customers and gives them first crack on incoming items.

Flo's Elite Repeat Boutique

2725 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver

753-6003

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday

Flo Salz has been in business 21 years. Her store offers everything from designer suits to funky and outrageous clothing and glitzy dresses. Flo's sees a lot of St. John, Louis Feraud, Anne Klein and Ann Taylor. The store specializes in gently worn, near-new, but will take some items a bit older. Often merchandise comes in still bearing price tags. Clothes are discounted 25% after the first month and 50% after two months.

Irene's

2342 S. Colorado Blvd., Denver

759-3010

Hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Irene Myers specializes in better and designer items for the professional woman. Depending on the age and condition, you could buy a St. John suit for \$200-\$300. Other names that make the rounds on a regular basis are Ralph Lauren and Yves Saint Laurent. The store also carries a selection of coats and handbags, including an occasional Chanel.

Lana's Resale Boutique

2434 E. Sixth Ave., Denver

322-0555

Hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Second location: Mercer Place, 2371 E. Evans Ave., Denver

Both of Lana Mercer's stores specialize in current, natural fiber designer clothes, vintage jewelry and vintage clothing. The emphasis is on quality. Lana's Resale Boutique has a Polo linen and silk sweater for \$22, Gucci and other designer handbags, designer shoes (some customers bring in shoes still in the box), and clothes from Ann Taylor, Anne Klein, Ralph Lauren and Laura Ashley. Mercer encourages women to come in and experiment.

Modern Millie's

2223 S. Monaco Parkway, Denver

759-4861

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Modern Millie's has been in business for 25 years. Owners Eileen Stager, Madeline Bowman and Kelli Mott stock designer clothes and sport clothes, and is currently loaded with cocktail and formal dresses, catering to everyone from teens to seniors. The store doesn't keep anything longer than two months.

Rich Rags

600 Downing St., Denver

861-2130

Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Rich Rags, in business for eight years, cultivates a hoity-toity image. Owner Pat Lickly selects better-label designer career wear, furs and shoes

from individuals and stores. Items are priced about one-third of the original. As they stay in the store, items drop to half and sometimes less than half. New items on consignment are marked 10% above wholesale and eventually reduced. Lickly also runs specials of an additional 10% to 20% off, and Rich Rags has an "almost-free" rack. In addition, Lickly has 600 evening dresses, gowns and jackets that can be rented or purchased. Rental price can be applied toward purchase.

Sixth Avenue Fashion

1704 E. Sixth Ave., Denver

377-4327

Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Sixth Avenue Fashion caters to the business woman, but also offers casual wear. Owner Monique Acres, who has been in business almost three years, gives regular customers deals, such as two for the price of one, and at the end of the year everything is half price. The most expensive item is \$69.

The Snob Shop

2804 E. Sixth Ave., Denver

355-6939

Hours: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

The Snob Shop, which has been around for 28 years, caters to the sophisticated shopper. "A thrift-store shopper is going to be appalled and walk out the door," owner Jo-Ann MacDougall said. In business for 10 years, MacDougall stocks better brand-name labels and designer fashions and gets overstock from 20 retail stores. The Snob Shop carries everything from casual to black tie, but if it's a T-shirt, it's a \$100 T-shirt. Prices are about one-third to one-fourth of retail. An \$800-\$1,000 Louis Feraud suit is \$175 to \$225. Many items are in the \$50 range. Everything is in perfect condition — brand-new or almost new — and the store is well organized.

Second Chance Boutique

2223 S. Monaco Parkway

757-7805

Hours: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Myra Kupper's 5-year-old business offers upscale and designer sports and career wear, cocktail dresses, fur coats, and an occasional wedding gown. She takes only the best, offering selections from Oscar de la Renta, Calvin Klein, Valentino, Liz Claiborne and Anne Klein. From in-store fashion shows to serving wine, Kupper's store prides itself on presentation. Also, everything is discounted 25% through the end of the year.

INFOBOX

If you want to sell by consignment, most shops will look at clothes by appointment. Shops generally take current or classic, in-season fashions in good to excellent condition (no stains or holes). Some will not consign items more than a couple of years old; all want the clothing to be cleaned, pressed and on hangers. A general rule for the upscale consignment store: Clothes have to be in the state in which you'd buy them at a department store. Shops price the garment and generally give you half, after the sale.