COMING UP ROSES

Florals: not just for spring anymore. These autumn-worthy bouquets are made for the bold.
FALL FASHION

1. RED VALENTINO SKIRT, $995, modaoperandi.com
2. REBECCA TAYLOR TOP, $375, Topshop, Topshop.com
3. TOPSHOP BAG, $68, Topshop, Topshop.com
4. STUART WEITZMAN BOOTS, $695
5. JENNIFER BEHR HEADBAND, $595
6. ALICE + OLIVIA SKIRT, $795
7. LEELA ROSE DRESS, $1,195, Neiman Marcus, Lelarose.com
8. ABBEY GLASS DRESS, $455
Gabi Lee
Co-owner of the Sentimentalist

Gabi Lee’s Atlanta roots run deep: Her indie bridal shop, the Sentimentalist, sits on Westside land that was part of her family’s dairy farm in the 1870s. Lee, 30, founded the shop in 2013 with her mother, Krista, after working for Portland designer Elizabeth Dye. “The shop stocks vintage and handmade gowns that buck bridal norms: capes, watercolor hues, and modern separates,” she says. “I think my style, and the style that we carry here, is equal parts comfort and costume,” she says. “Give me a bustier, or give me full-on caftan.” —GRAY CHAPMAN

Shopping Small (Or Not at All)
Last year I went 365 days without purchasing any apparel for myself. I committed the year to learning to clean and mend the pieces I already have. I don’t buy clothing unless I literally know the hands that sewed it.

Vintage Era
Currently, the late 70s and early 90s: wrap skirts, Danskin leotards, jumpsuits, natural hair, clean makeup, Stevie Nicks, and Carole King.

My Take
I represent Atlanta head to toe. When I’m in New York or LA, I literally carry Fossil & Hide and Amber Casciano (stylist at Melrose & McQueen) cards and pass them out when I’m asked about my party jewelry or red hair.

Local Designer
Megan Huntz. I love the minimalism with modern lines and simple, neutral pattern play.

To be here making your pieces in the city, employing people in my community, and I can buy my clothes from you? That’s the way it should be.

On Fashion “Rules”
The best thing you can possibly do for yourself is to wear the things you feel good in. You’d never tell a five-foot curvy girl to wear a tent dress, but guess what? I look good.

Passion Projects
I’m on Liliana Bakhtiari’s campaign for Atlanta City Council; I’m with Bee Nguyen’s campaign for Georgia House District 89; and I work with Empowering Refugees to befriend and help support Syrian refugee families.

Mother-Daughter Style
We share a passion for detail and a love for old architecture, antique furniture, ballet, theater. We have totally different aesthetics, but I won’t pick out an important outfit without her opinion.

Handpicked
Gabi seeks out independent designers like Jennifer Behr, who paints these earrings by hand.