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# Hidden gems all mine

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FASHION: To really stand out from the fashion crowd, head off the beaten track to one of the city's hidden gems.

Think one-off pieces, handmade jewellery and uber-cool threads by up-and-coming designers.

Halfway down Hutt St, Anna Williamson owns Mai-Loui - a quaint little boutique stocking her handmade clothes, from cocktail dresses to casual wear and corporate attire, as well as at least a dozen top labels.

Williamson, 27, says shoppers should support local boutiques that try to "up the ante" against department and chain stores.

"Once you find a winner boutique stick with it," the city resident says.

"Your wardrobe will be grateful because it'll be different not holding what the rest of Adelaide has.

"Adelaide needs a bit of a shakeup in the fashion stakes and why not start now with new, inspiring boutiques." Just off Rundle St, Ebenezer Place is becoming a mini-fashion hub, with about eight retailers already there and another two, Scent and Jade Foxx Empire, moving in later next

Adam Darrie co-opened the hair salon/fashion shop DAS. Boutique on the strip last month. "Especially lately it's really

caught on," he says. "There's been a big birth in youth culture here, so we're starting to see more of these really cool little places." The eastern end of Grenfell St also houses a string of fashion shops including Rm 232, which stocks leading edge labels for those who can afford it; Proposals Studios for exclusive evening/bridal wear; and At Last Shoes, specialising in footwear for plus-size women's feet.

Others in town include Push Pin in Compton St, Red Ruby Vintage (Peel St), Irving Baby (Twin St) and Little Tokyo in the Adelaide Central Market.







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