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Adventures in Paradise

As shoppers blithely disregard seasonally appropriate dressing, all-weather clothes have taken the retail lead. Dresses by Fighting Eel are the new catch of the day: perfect paired with a blazer and boots but chic enough to stand alone in warmer weather.

The sleeveless jersey dresses, which are

available in black, brown or purple, have an open-placket neckline with insets made of vintage fabrics. No two dresses are alike. They are manufactured in Hawaii, with labels that bear the slogan "Made in Paradise." And paradise comes at a relatively reasonable price: \$188 will buy you a one-of-a-kind frock for all seasons (at www.searlenyc.com).



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