



Peepshow Girly Boutique in Halifax.

# 10 BEST

## cool dress shops in Canada

- 1. Rebel Rebel:** Mod meets Boho-chic at this lively shop in downtown Victoria. Look for baroque details such as vintage rhinestone trim on some of the dresses here. 585 Johnson St., Victoria, B.C., 1-250-380-0906.
- 2. Dream:** "It's been a black dress year," says Wendy de Kruffyff, owner of this popular Gastown shop that carries locally designed clothing. 311 West Cordova St., Vancouver, B.C., 1-604-683-7326.
- 3. Nokomis:** Located in Edmonton's Whyte Avenue shopping district, this shop's house line includes vintage-inspired jersey dresses with leafy screen prints. Nokomis means grandmother in Ojibwa. Bring in a photo of your granny and get 10 per cent off. (Good for your first visit only.) 10818-82 Ave., Edmonton, 1-780-432-7462.
- 4. Blame Betty Boutique:** Named for pin-up model Bettie Page, this Calgary shop carries sexy vintage reproduction dresses from around the world. 829 17th Ave. S.W., Calgary, 1-403-244-9100.
- 5. Fresh Collective:** This Toronto shop is staffed by the 17 hip young designers whose work is carried here. Look for retro-inspired prints by Fresh Baked Goods and Nude's demure but sexy charcoal grey wraparound dress with lace trim. 692 Queen St. W., Toronto, 1-416-594-1313.
- 6. Victoire:** New York City has Soho; Ottawa has Nodal — the fashion-forward neighbourhood along Dalhousie Street. Victoire carries dresses than can go straight from the office to a posh party. Victoire, 238 Dalhousie St., Ottawa, 613-321-1590.
- 7. Boutique Scandale:** Gypsy-chic dresses designed by Montreal's Georges Lévesque. Sure, they're almost as expensive as a trip to Paris, but ... they last longer. 3639 St. Laurent Blvd., Montreal, 1-514-842-4707.
- 8. Peepshow Girly Boutique:** This kickin' shop in Halifax's Heritage district carries contemporary cocktail wear. The target market is women aged 20 to 40. 1717 Barrington St., Halifax, 1-902-404-3886.
- 9. Twisted Sisters Boutik:** Located on the oldest street in St. John's, this shop has some of the country's coolest clothes, ranging from cocktail wear to woolly winter dresses that look great with tights. 175 Water St., St. John's, 1-709-722-6004.