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Where to shop right now: 10 must-hit stores for May

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May is a month to peruse Vera Wang gowns, menswear from Billy Reid and Rye 51, the new Athleta store — the first in Texas — and a salute to Brazil at Macy's featuring designs from Calvin Klein designer Francisco Costa. Here are 10 top shops to visit:

Rye 51

There's not an annoying skinny jean or sparkly pocket at Rye 51 in West Ave and that's the way it should be. Men's clothing and accessories at Rye 51 and its more genteel counterpart Q Custom Clothier are for discerning men who value quality, fit and style, rather than last fad.

Owner Raja Ratan introduced custom suiting options to shoppers (the custom tuxedos are so very swoon-worthy) and is going in a more relaxed direction with a new Custom Casual Collection. Ratan offers five shirt options, three pant styles and two jackets in the collection, men choose design and fabric, are measured and the completed item are ready in about four weeks.

Billy Reid

As convenient as it was to shop Billy Reid in The Galleria, it makes more sense in its location on Westheimer. The white bungalow is infused with sophisticated southern charm, much like the designer himself and the men's and women's seasonal offerings are on target for a steamy, southern summer.

Reid, a Southern gentleman who is renowned in New York for throwing a good party, will be in Houston on May 31 for a big grand opening.

Athleta

There was a time when a girl needed a sports bra, so off to Academy she went. These days we have options. thanks to retailers like Lululemon and Houston's newest and first Texas store for the fit-in-training, Athleta.

The store carries intelligent and attractive apparel for every sport and is



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Athleta opened its first Texas store at Town & Country Village on Houston's west side.

