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## RETAIL THERAPY

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### Nana

After having built a loyal client base on U Street, Jackie Flannigan decided to relocate her shop to Mount Pleasant. Nana's new digs are airy, open, and smartly merchandised. The shop offers new and vintage clothing and accessories for the ladies, and a few things for babies, too.

Jackie's also a patron of the arts, and graciously offers her shop as a platform for local artists and designers to showcase their work. Most recently she's invited local artist Katharine Watson to create and sell her hand block print stationery (\$14 - \$16), journals, totes, and more. Also on display is a collection of hand-made jewelry by local designer Daisy McClellan who creates pieces out of found and salvaged odds-and-ends, like a beautifully chic rock crystal necklace (\$48) composed of remnants from a discarded chandelier. Over in the kids department, Jackie offers the most adorable stuffed animals from Tiger Flight created by local artist Beth Baldwin. One gaze upon the woolen anteater (\$49.), and I was instantly smitten.

In terms of clothing, Nana serves up a veritable smorgasbord of thoughtfully collected pieces ranging from a wispy, romantic, vintage, mint-green chiffon nightgown cum cocktail dress (\$38) to an insanely chic tailored dress constructed entirely of discarded mens shirt-ing/suiting by Preloved.

The fashionable residents of the District love Jackie and Nana, but wouldn't we love her even more if she'd pick up some men's lines, too!

### Match

Another new shop on U Street, Match is a ladies boutique that offers a nice assortment of trendy little numbers at almost unbelievably low prices. The quality and price point could be comparable to mega-chains such as Forever 21 and H&M, but has been edited down to a few thoughtful collections in a nicely displayed showroom.

A short navy shirtdress by Xtaren (\$65) sports silver buttons and white piping lending to an overall feeling of sassy summer fun. Following in the same vein of sailing-inspired frocks, a navy belted jersey knit dress (\$29) can easily take you from day to night --depending on how you merchandise it. For gals who appreciate a bit more edge Match offers an imitation leather motorcycle jacket (\$89) and an entire table full of tough tights (ranging in price from \$18-\$25).

Match will be a good option for all of you gals who like to wear a different outfit each time you go out, but don't want to spend a fortune looking haught.

