

Kitsch 'n' Wear



Allan and Suzi stand amid the designer duds they discount at their Upper West Side store.

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Allan Pollack has gone from styling on stylish clothes. Once a hairdresser in Brooklyn, Pollack coaxed his clients to hand over to him their closets full of unused designer duds. And 14 years ago, with the help of his shampoo girl, Susan Kandell, he opened the first Allan & Suzi consignment store in Brooklyn, and six months later, this boutique on the Upper West Side.

The shop is plastered wall-to-wall (literally) with everything you could imagine, including 7-inch gold platform boots from the '70s and classic, brightly colored stewardess dresses (\$100-\$600).

From a Gaultier mesh jumpsuit, with multicolored beading and red and violet Mongolian lamb patches (\$2,000), to a pair of Gucci black cowhide platforms (\$80), fashion junkies will also find designer labels at half the wholesale price. But the

duo doesn't only sell vintage vest-ments, Ozbek, Miyake, Yamamoto, Missoni, and Prada — some barely a season old — are an integral part of the consignment store's collage.

Store front

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"Our stuff comes right off the run- way," explain Allan and Suzi, who have both lent and sold clothes to film productions like "Studio 54" and "The Last Days of Disco." Additionally, they boast celebrity clients Kim Basinger, Kevin Bacon, Cindy Crawford and a few designers.

Top Five Purchases

1. Evening wear \$50-\$3,000
2. Metal mesh tops \$20-\$500
3. Recycled furs \$100 and up
4. Shoes and boots \$20-\$200
5. Vintage jewelry \$25-\$500

"Anna Sui and Miuccia Prada frequently come in for inspiration," says Suzi.

The one-stop shop also has deals on eyeglasses and jewelry, including costume necklaces, pins, bracelets, and earrings — some dating back to the roaring '20s.

And when you stop by, don't forget to drop off your own designer discs. Allan encourages customers to bring in their Halston has-beens. "Whether buying or selling, we're willing to negotiate," says Allan.