

style my village

Clarence Street area

Take a stroll around this part of the city and you'll discover gems of independent retailing, including a hobby shop, a collectable-vinyl record store, a bicycle outlet and these fabulous finds, writes **Julietta Jameson**.

4 Saigon Fabrics 78 Erskine Street, 9299 0778

This aptly named two-level emporium owes much to the owners' Vietnamese heritage, with its nods to a country where opulent fabric stores cater for the feminine fashion sensibilities of the well-to-do. Those seeking something special for a bespoke bridal gown, suite of bridesmaid dresses or a formal frock or even something to drape in the boudoir to create a Dita Von Teese-style old-Hollywood-glamour look will do well to visit.

The owners, sisters Susi and Jenny Lam, will lovingly guide you through their range of bridal and formal textiles and trims from around the world. You'll find silks, brocades, Chantilly laces beaded silks and satins in gorgeous hues and patterns, with a strong emphasis on quality.



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