



Clockwise from top right, earrings and necklace with crystals, \$30, metallic leather shoe, \$85, chandeliers, \$20, stainless steel and crystal watch, \$150, turquoise and glass bead bracelet, \$20, ring with crystals, \$50, brooch by local artist Beverly Hogue, \$45, purse, \$45, crystal belt (can also be worn as necklace), \$80.

The shopper

Accessories can be the lift you need to put together that perfect outfit. My Girlfriends Forever is holding an open house this weekend with many accessories on sale. Hours are Friday from noon to 8 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The address is 3184 Philip St., Burlington, 905-319-6346, mygirlfriendsforever.com

TED BRELLISFORD, THE HAMILTON SPECTATOR

ALL SEWN UP



KELLIE ANN ZUPET

The world has become a smaller place since the dawn of the Internet, satellite television and global industry. We have become a village in some ways. Our interest in and understanding of other cultures have affected our way of life, including fashion.

Designers have long taken inspiration from all things tribal and ethnic, drawing on native dress from the four corners of the world. The latest embroidery trend reflects this continuing influence.

Embroidery evokes the traditional Eastern European smocks or the hand-decorated denim of years past as well as tablecloth, napkin and placemat sets

from the other side of the globe.

Embroidery has an instant, naive charm, whether it's cross-stitched or satin-stitched by hand or machine.

Multicoloured florals, butterflies or pastoral motifs set off a staid suit or a simple blouse to perfection. It's also the ideal choice if you are looking for a touch of folk or bohemian chic without overdoing it.

Denim, cotton, silk and brocade have never enjoyed a more natural, homespun embellishment than embroidery.

Look for stitched touches on denim to unleash your inner hippie or choose skirts with embroidered details.

Tone on tone embroidered florals will be coming into their own in the summer months, so pick up any floral detailing to get a jump on the trend.

Use pretty embroidery to introduce another colour into an existing outfit.

Embroidered handbags and belts add an accent. You will have a new look all sewn up.

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Blazer with floral detail, \$139.95, is worn with a skirt, \$79.95, and blouse, \$45.



Natalie wears embroidered jeans, \$89.99, with a suede jacket, \$89.95.



An embroidered skirt, \$79.95, is worn with a blouse, \$45.

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