



◀ **Best outfit blog:** GeishaPearlVintage.blogspot.com
 Outfit blogs are a dime a dozen these days, but we're still head over heels for Geisha Pearl Vintage, an oft updated, photo-heavy blog by Chisago Lakes native Kitty Cotten, who also runs an eBay vintage shop. Her looks are full of on-trend elements, from floral rompers to throwback clogs, giving us endless inspiration and a lot of closet envy.



◀ **Best guide to thrift store shopping:** HighPlainsThrifter.net
 From store reviews and haggling tips to stylish shopper profiles and sale roundups, High Plains Thrifter's Meghan McAndrews is the Twin Cities' leading expert on second-hand shopping. She'll even do the thrifting for you with her Etsy shop, which features one-of-a-kind vintage finds.



▲ **Best designer blog:** SwankDollar.blogspot.com
 Ever wonder what goes on inside the head of a Twin Cities fashion designer? Get a glimpse at local knitwear designer Annie Larson's Swank Dollar blog. She posts snapshots of her studio, new projects and even—a few weeks back—instructions on dying your own canvas shoes.

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Best of the Local Fashion Blogs

Ten bookmark-worthy blogs offering everything from shopping advice to event listings.

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▲ **Best blog for fashion events:** LetoileMagazine.blogspot.com

"Let l'etoile plan your weekend!" Maybe we're just lazy, but we can't overstate how much we like reading these words every Thursday. Previewing runway shows, gallery openings, in-store parties and more, l'etoile is our go-to source for the most stylish events around town.

▶ **Best blog for fashion news:** LePetitConnaisseurDeLaMode.blogspot.com

If a fashion designer so much as picks up a sketchpad in this town, freelance fashion writer and stylist Jahna Peloquin knows about it. Bookmark Le Petite Connaisseur de la Mode for breaking news, local link roundups and fashion show reviews.



▲ **Best group blog:** It'saTie!SummerofDresses.com

Created by lady-about-town Nicole Weiler, who declared 2010 the summer of dresses, and media guru Meghan Wilker, this Twin-Cities-based blog invites visitors to upload photos of their latest summer frocks and ditch their t-shirts and jeans in favor of a more girly way of life.

SummerofDapper.com

Inspired by Summer of Dresses, Summer of Dapper is a group photo blog where stylish locals guys can upload pictures of themselves wearing chic suits, hats and bowties. You might spot a lady or two, but this site is primarily for the guys.

▲ **Best beauty blog:** BeautyBets.com

Looking for the perfect moisturizer or instructions on creating a dramatic cat-eye? Former *Minnesota Monthly* style editor Elizabeth Dehn has these answers and more on Beauty Bets, her in-depth, frequently updated blog on all things makeup, skincare and wellness.

▲ **Best street fashion blog:** TheMinneapolis.blogspot.com

Good taste is the most important ingredient in a street fashion blog, and Ellen Dahl of The Minneapolisine has it in abundance. Whether she's wandering a street festival or hobnobbing at a fashion show, Dahl always manages to find the best-dressed person in the room.

▲ **Best menswear blog:** Trnds.com

Finding inspiration in everything from Pee Wee Herman to John Varvatos, Trnds founder Corey Tenold and contributor Evan Nagan prove that Minnesota men can be just as style-minded as their female counterparts.