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I am inspired by everything that surrounds me. To me shopping for treasured goodies, is all about the hunt to find something hidden. I spend hours, looking for things to fill my closet! The most delicious stores to me, are filled to the top like a candy jar! Colors, textures, and amazing bargains. Here are some of my fashion loves:

My favorite stores and hidden places:

1. Killer Trash located in the heart of Baltimore! Vintage finds, eclectic pieces from every era your heart can imagine! 1920's, 30's, 40's, 50's glam, all the way up to Twiggy inspired fashion of the 60's mod dresses. If that is not enough, vintage jewelry, purses, hats, scarves and lingerie!!! Men's vintage too!

2. Etsy! A true artist's dream. I find all of my gorgeous Vintage tulle dresses off of Etsy and Ebay!

3. The house of GW: Also known as Goodwill. I take 3 hours to search, the SUPER GOODWILL located in Bel air Maryland. Racks upon racks of vintage finds. All you need is patience, vision, and time! Many of my fashion looks that I create for photo-shoots come directly from the House of GW.

4. Super Thrift located in Perry Hall. Now if you think the house of GW is something to get excited about, multiply that by 100.

5. Ryan's Relics on Belair Rd in Baltimore takes me back into time! This antique store, has an array of estate finds, vintage dresses, jewelry, photo-shoot props, and art.

6. My Grandmother The most treasured and sentimental pieces, are the beautiful vintage pieces my grandmother Arta gave to me. They are timeless, and fill my heart with love. Everything from black vintage jet bead necklaces, chiffon dresses, and beautiful props! My grandmother had the best style. I miss her very much.

9. Last but not least, my mother's closet! My mother taught me all about fashion, being a hairstylist back in the day and interior decorator. Her closet was always filled with, candies (shoes) vintage leather jackets, silk tops, beautiful scarves, ahhhhh the list goes on. I always leave with beautiful things. Since my mother is a collector of art deco, I always find props that are useful for our shoots.

My Philosophy on fashion:

Fashion is supposed to be fun, make you happy, and make you feel special. I believe that I am living in the wrong era, so my look that I embrace most of the time is pinup, and 40's glam. There are days I am the flower child, then I have my Disco moments (many disco moments) and I just want to sparkle! No matter which fashion flare you possess, remember this, when people stare you up and down, it is because you stand out, and that is a good thing! I usually smile back.