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## FASHION briefs

### SOWING A SEED

If you have a desire to reduce your carbon footprint (perhaps enlarged by shopping trips abroad) then artist and designer Miranda Brown's winter collection gives you the chance to offset it. Brown's Conscious Cloth brand embraces sustainability in fashion, and uses natural, ethically sourced fabrics which are organic, where possible. Brown pays homage to her own art, incorporating her pontillism designs into some of the garments. Her designs are available in Christchurch at Starfish, Rouche and Real and online at [mirandabrown.co.nz](http://mirandabrown.co.nz) from April 1.



hopes they will help transform the dull winter cityscape. The winter collection features jaguar print items (Felix coat \$388) which might make many fashion shoppers go weak at the knees. The collection will be available to purchase online at [clairebarker.co.nz](http://clairebarker.co.nz). For more details phone 09 309 3331.

### KID'S CLOBBER

Pint-sized fashion followers will be keen to check out Sudo's new shoe collection in which the label has diversified into funky street footwear. The range from the Melbourne label breaks away from mainstream footwear but retains the brand's quality craftsmanship, at least they say so. Featuring moccasins, ankle boots and ballet pumps and sneakers, the shoes are designed to be mindful of growing feet while adding a little pizzazz to the wardrobe. For a list of stockists go to [sudo.com.au](http://sudo.com.au).

### FIRST IN, BEST DRESSED

Thousands of designer devotees are expected to descend on Auckland's Viaduct Harbour Marine Village this weekend, hopeful of coming away from the annual Designer Garage Sale with a precious find or two. About 30 designers and department stores including Ruby, Ed Hardy, Lonely Hearts, Sabatini and Stitch Ministry will clear their summer stock at drastically reduced prices at the event, now in its fifth year. Tickets are available at [iticket.co.nz](http://iticket.co.nz) and cost \$10 per day or \$15 for the weekend.



### ROMANCE ISN'T DEAD

Valentine's Day has been and gone but that hasn't deterred designer Claire Barker, who is proudly pro-glamour and anti-bulk, from taking a romantic approach to her winter collection. Barker's designs take some inspiration from Dr Zhivago and she says she

### PRECIOUS PIECES

Designer Cybele has expanded her jewellery range, giving those who have the desire, and budget, for the finer things in life something else to buy. Her autumn-winter collection, called Virtue, includes precious jewellery and accessories featuring lilies and dainty hands adorned with lace cuffs in silver and patina bronze. These pieces are inspired by Victorian memento mori, or tokens of affection worn by widows. For stockists see [cybele.co.nz](http://cybele.co.nz). **COLLEEN SIMPSON**

