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INDIE-MINDED

Flapper frocks, Japanese origami and 1920s color schemes all influenced Alexandria designer **Kim Schalk's** (kimschalk.com) fall womenswear line. But while her inspirations lean retro and exotic, Schalk's clothing comes across as modern and crisp. Think the sort of asymmetric pencil skirts, faux-fur trimmed wraps and military-chic dresses a cool Parisian friend might rock. "My designs aren't milquetoasty," says Schalk. "They're for artistic, independent thinkers." Her desk-to-dinner-date pieces are stocked locally at GoodWood and Proper Topper, and Schalk also shows and sells at many artisan events across the country. Here's where she finds inspiration in DC. —Jennifer Barger



TREASURE HUNT ↑
 "GoodWood (1428 U St. NW, goodwoodc.com) kills it with its selection of antiques and art. I like how everything seems a little weathered."



FIND HISTORY ←
 "I live near Mount Vernon (3200 Mount Vernon Highway, mountvernon.org), and I really enjoy taking my kids there to walk around the grounds."



DINE ← "Booths that look like the Taj Mahal—**Rasika West End's** (1190 New Hampshire Ave. NW, 202.466.2500, rasikarestaurant.com) design is gorgeous; plus its Indian food is amazing."



GO PLUSH ← "I love to visit **Hillwood, Estate, Museum & Gardens** (4155 Linnean Ave. NW, hillwoodmuseum.org) because owner Marjorie Merriweather Post decorated with such great color combos, like taupe and salmon. And sometimes you can see pieces of her glamorous wardrobe."



Save the Forest palette, \$85, chantecaille.com

BEAUTY WITH BENEFITS

BRANCHING OUT After an inspirational trip to Virunga National Park in Congo last winter, Sylvie Chantecaille was compelled to do something to protect the stunning silverback gorillas she saw suffering from deforestation. Every minute, 50 acres of rainforest are slashed and burned, eliminating two dozen species daily. Her philanthropic beauty brand, **Chantecaille**, collaborated with the Rainforest Alliance to launch the Save the Forest palette, featuring earthy eye shadows in Dawn (a shimmering ochre), Mist (a soft pink highlighter), Volcano (a rich brown) and Bamboo (a deep olive green). A portion of the proceeds from each palette helps protect the precious wildlife and diminishing forest, making them some of the most beautiful earth tones of the season. —Phebe Wahl

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