"I love Ella-Rue's new Alexis line of dresses for cocktail parties or gallery openings around town."

Zafia dress, \$1,275 3231 P St. NW, ella-rue.com



"Hu's has such glam shoe choices, especially ones like this metallic Ferragamo boot"

\$860, at Hu's Shoes, 3005 M St. NW, husonline.com



Crock tote, \$695, at Steadfast Supply, 300 Tingey St. SE, Ste. 140, steadfastsupplydc.com

"I love local designer Ron David's use of color."

> "Plaids have always been a go-to for me when I need to feel tough. I especially enjoy the mix-andmatch punk vibe of these pieces."

Jacket, \$280, and skirt, \$185, both by Roman at Take 5 Boutique, 8029 Tysons Corner Center, take5boutique.com



"Margaret Bakke is one of my favorite DC artists. I hang her collages and prints in my dressing room!"

"She Carried Her House on Her Back," \$200, at Transformer, 1404 P St. NW, transformerdc.org ROAD WARRIOR

By Jennifer Barger // Portrait by Greg Powers

When hitting the road this fall, McLean, Va.-based jewelry designer Jessica Speckhard has abundant inspiration. Indeed, Mediterranean seascapes and the breezy globe-trotting style of the 1970s inspired her fall collection. Under the label Second Daughter (yes, she's the baby sister), Speckhard combines precious and semiprecious stones, metals and enamel into dramatic yet wearable baubles, which are sold locally at Ella-Rue and Take 5 Boutique. "I love the idea of jewelry as a sentimental gift and a statement," says Speckhard, who also does custom pieces like a snake belt worthy of a *Game of Thrones* royal. Here's where she discovers some of her favorite pieces around DC.

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