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The ethical style collaborative **Tribute**, which debuted last year via a pop-up concept space at the Heurich House in Dupont Circle, recently decamped to the second floor of a bohemian townhouse in the U Street area. The showroom offers fair-trade, ethically made and sourced apparel, accessories, and home products, as well as a highly curated vintage selection from all over the world. The space, with its weathered wood floors, antique fireplace and houseplant jungle, feels like a globe-trotting glamazon's pied-à-terre. The mix of brands, many of them Mexican, is equally smart. "We want to elevate fashion to an intellectual level," says CEO Joelle Firzli, who co-founded the platform with friends Michelle Cloud, Jacklyn Laryea and Kathleen Diab. Stop in, and join their tribe. *1929 15th St., Unit 2, thisistribute.com* 

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## FIBER OPTICS

"Caralarga jewelry is crafted of recycled raw cotton, meaning each piece is incredibly light but still packs a punch," says Firzli. "The line is designed and made entirely by women in Mexico, and the pieces are like chameleons—they go with completely different types of outfits and styles." Mazorca earrings, \$95, en.caralarga.com.mx



"These Laika notebooks are made in collaboration with Mexican designers from salvaged materials," says Diab. "And since we work in the creative industry, who doesn't need a good notebook?" Notebooks, \$7\$15, laikanotebooks.com

SCRIBE TRIBE

#### **Open House**

"We wanted a **space** where people feel comfortable rather than a traditional store," says Firzli. Her co-founders agree. "We also wanted to be embedded in the community, in one of [DC's] most historically creative neighborhoods."



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BIJOUX BUZZ "Avocet Jewelry has edge and personality befitting a modern, confident woman," says Laryea. "The designer makes each piece herself in an atelier in Mexico City's historic center." Vive Hodie Fly ear climbers, \$185, available by special order, avocetjewelry.com



### LEATHER REPORT "Lørdag & Søndag is

already a well-known brand in Mexico," says Cloud. "Its high-quality... leather bags bring together leather from Leon, wood from Campeche and beads from a Mexico City glassmaker." Becal fan/ circle, \$50, and Håndsag waxed canvas backpack, \$170, lordagsondag.com



#### FRENCH TWIST

"Audette bags offer simple, minimalistic design that is timeless and versatile," says Laryea. "The two French designers, who call Mexico City home, merge classic French design with Mexican leather craftsmanship." Le Nuit bag, \$265, oudette-shop.com "[We want to] create a

platform where we can talk about style and global impact." -JOELLE FIRZLI, CEO, TRIBUTE



## WOOD BUYS

"Aurelia celebrates the different woods of the Americas and elevates 'charrería' [cowboy] tradition to high fashion," says Cloud. "Each box purse, made with reforested wood, is unique and becomes a collector's item." *Poplar bag with strap*, \$490, without strap, \$370, aureliamexico.com

