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RESOURCE GUIDE

RESOURCES FOR INDEPENDENT DESIGNERS
SOURCING • TRADE SHOWS • MARKETING INFO FOR
CLOTHING, JEWELRY, ACCESSORIES, PHOTOGRAPHY



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ABOUT IDRC

iDRC is a Team on ETSY (<http://www.etsy.com/teams/10430/idrc>) started by independent designer and Etsy seller/member “geracicondello.”

Team iDRC is providing a Resource Guide for independent fashion, jewelry, & accessory designers who want to better their skills, source supplies, market and promote their business.

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Changes to this guide:

This is now an **interactive** Guide. The TOC is interactive, just click on the page and you will go directly to it. We have added hyperlinks that will take you directly to a website by just clicking on the link, as well as email links that will automatically open an email for you if your program allows. We have added some new resources and updated or removed non-functioning and out-of-business companies.

The sources in this Guide are **not** an arbitrary collection of companies and phone numbers that can be pulled from someone else’s directory. Rather, the listings here are of companies that have been recently and/or frequently used personally by me, the publisher, who has first hand knowledge and experience in dealing with a particular company. Therefore the information is relevant and up-to-date. Please report out-of-date resources to geracicondello@gmail.com - subject: Resource Guide Update.

The point of this Resource Guide is to help fellow designers find resources to improve their business and help them become more highly skilled designers. Anyone is welcome to contribute.

If you would like to contribute to our Resource Guide, please read these instructions and send your resource(s) to geracicondello@gmail.com (put Resource Guide Contribution in the subject line).

CONTRIBUTING TO OUR GUIDE

There are many places that list suppliers and resources, but some are not relevant to independent designer. Online listing services have great lists but their suppliers are often incorrectly categorized, poorly described and usually require high minimum quantity orders. Our Resource Guide contains suppliers who do not require minimums or they require small minimums acceptable to an independent designer.

If you wish to contribute to our Guide – please provide information for any of the categories listed in the Table of Contents.

Your information **MUST** meet the following criteria:

You must **KNOW** first hand the following information about your resource. Please don’t submit incomplete resource information:

- 1) They are still in business as of the date you provided it. Specifically that you actually called the number and talked to someone, purchased something or interacted in some way. Useless information won’t help anyone;
- 2) Provide the full business name, address, phone and (website - if available). Your local sources are best and you may include sources outside of your area. That will help everyone;
- 3) Describe the business, what they carry, service offered, minimums, etc.);
- 4) Only provide a resource who will work with an independent designer;

Your participation is greatly appreciated. Together we can build a useful and beneficial tool for helping others.

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In this volatile economy, resources come and resources go - to coin a phrase from Heidi Klum (Project Runway! - you know) "one day you're in - the next day you're out....." There is no guarantee that these resources will be available and up-to-date in any given publication. However, we will do our best to maintain the integrity and usefulness of this list. If you find that a resource is no longer available, please email us and let us know. We appreciate your efforts.

We hope you can find a benefit in this Resource Guide and that it will open doors to help you grow and expand your independent designer business.

God bless,

Madeline Grudens

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FABRIC SOURCES

C&J Textiles

www.cjtextile.com - their website contains contact info only

230 W. 38th St, 7th Floor, New York, NY, 10018 - P: 212-354-0040; F: 212-704-9771

Products: They carry an unbelievable assortment of silk fabrics, rayon/viscose jersey fabrics, silk jersey, silk faille, silk chiffon, the list goes on and on. Call them for swatch cards - they'll send you a beautiful color card with matching fabric swatches for the basic silks that they carry as well as any other swatch cards you need. NO MINIMUMS.

Diana Fabrics

www.dianafabrics.com

250 West 39th St (between 7th & 8th), NY, NY 10018 - P: 212-642-4342

They carry a gorgeous assortment of silk chiffons, novelty silks, printed and plain silk charmeuse, rayon jersey, metallic wool, wool suiting, velvet, embroidered laces and so much more.

Exotic Silks

www.exoticsilks.com

1959 Leghorn St., Mountain View, California, 94043 - P: 650-965-7760; 800-845-7455 (Toll free)
650-965-0712 or F: 650-965-4137

Products: Suppliers of silk fabrics: Habotai - China Silk, Silk Crepe, Silk Charmeuse, Silk Chiffon, Fancy Silk Chiffon, Velvet, Burn-Out Velvet, Stretch Silks, Organza Tapestry "Silk" Brocade, Silk Douppioni and Shantung Silk, Satin, Matelasse, Prints, Hand Painted Silk, Jacquard Silk, Taffeta Silk ,

Silk Noil, Devore Satins, Heavy and Suit-Weight Silk, Silk / Linen Blends, Silk/Cotton Blends, Assorted White Silks and Pongees, Spun Silks, Embroidered Chiffon, 100% Linen.

They have a silk swatch kit which contains about 1400 silk swatches - worth the money. Last check on 10/3/14 was \$40 for the set. Minimum purchase is 12 yards per fabric, but they will let you sample the fabric for less than that before you buy 12 yards. Excellent source of natural silk fiber fabrics.

Harts Fabric

www.hartsfabric.com

1620 Seabright Avenue, Santa Cruz, California, 831-423-5434

Products: They carry a nice selection of high fashion fabrics as well as crafting fabrics. The prices are on the high end, but if you are producing more expensive clothing, this is a good resource.

Henry Bertrand

www.henrybertrand.co.uk

UK - Fashion Showroom/Head Office/Accounts

52 Holmes Rd., London, NW5 3AB - P: 442074247000 F: 442074247001

UK - Home Interiors Showroom - Chelsea Harbour Design Centre

Chelsea Harbour, London SW10 0XE - P: 442073491477 - F: 442073491479

Henry Bertrand has been weaving and selling fine SILK fabrics since 1885 in Lyon, offering the finest quality fabrics. They offer a diverse collection of SILK and SILK BLENDED fabrics sourced from all over the world, including many of the SILK weavers in France, Great Britain and Italy. You can get swatch cards by requesting them over their website. They have unbelievable quality fabrics.

Lace Star

www.lacestar.com

New York - 215 West 40th St., NY, NY 10018 - P: 212-840-0555 - F: 212-944-9499

Miami - 9593 Harding Avenue, Bal Harbour, FL 33154 - P: 305-868-5550 - F: 305-866-8585

Toll Free - 866-666-LACE

Haute couture & RTW laces. Some of the best laces and fabrics in the industry. The owner is a lace designer and she carries an incredible assortment of every kind of lace imaginable. She also has designer fabrics and trims, hand-beaded French laces, embroidered fabrics and a wide selection of imported silks, brocades, cottons, linens, woolens, prints, velvets, trims, and more.

Magna Fabrics

www.magnafabrics.com

P.O. BOX 22, Cresskill, New Jersey 07626

Main Distribution Center:

1056 Bombay Road, Denton, North Carolina 27239 - P: 201-693-2281

Email: info@magnafabrics.com

Products: They carry a large assortment of fabrics (SEE LIST AT: <http://www.magnafabrics.com/category/fabricselection.htm>)

Manhattan Fabrics

www.manhattanfabrics.com

Online only - P: 212-944-7101

Products: They carry designer fabrics that they purchase from very famous designers at great prices. They are online only and will send swatches upon request.

Mood Fabrics

www.moodfabrics.com

225 West 37th St., 3rd Floor, NY, NY 10018 - P: 212-730-5003 - F: 212-221-1932

6151 West Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035 - P: 323-653-6663 - F: 323-653-6660

Mood Fabrics (Project Runway fame) has three floors of everything and a great website. They have designer fabrics, home decorating fabrics, trims, notions, feathers, buttons, fabric paint - EVERYTHING (including a cute dog that roams around). They will swatch for you and keep a piece of the swatch in their files for a while, until you decide. Ask for Tajeek, America or Hassan - they're so helpful. Worth the trip. They even have a bus that goes to their warehouse in NJ (it leaves around 8:45 am - they'll bring you back when you want). Have fun!

Paron Fabrics

www.paronfabrics.com

206 West 40th St., NY, NY 10018 (at 7th Ave) - P: 212-768-3266 - F: 212-768-3260

"We are now open 7 DAYS! Our convenient location, right in the heart of the garment district. We are just 2 blocks south of Times Square! This spacious store is just steps away from major fashion schools, fashion houses, costume houses, and the theater district. The Paron Annex, within our store, carries an enormous variety of similar quality designer fabrics offered at a deep 50% DISCOUNT EVERY DAY."

Rosen & Chadick

www.rosenandchadickfabrics.com

561 7th Ave., (at 40th St.), 2nd & 3rd Floors, NY, NY 10018 - P: 212-869-0142 - F: 212-730-5865

Excellent source of high end designer fabrics - great for inspiration, couture, RTW and more.

Silk House

www.facebook.com/pages/SILK-HOUSE/268855396818

thesilkhouse@gmail.com

263 West 38th St., NY, NY 10018 - Ground Floor - P: 212-278-0803 - F: 212-278-0837

They have gorgeous high end silk fabrics.

Sophie Hallette

www.sophiehallette.com

2 rue Melayers - BP 80082- - • 59542 Caudry Cedex - FR

Contact: MME SOPHIE BONDOUX

Tel: 33 (0)3 27765572 • Fax: 33 (0)3 27765577

sbondoux@sophiehallette.fr

Products: Sophie Hallette has been manufacturing lace since 1887 in northern France on traditional leavers looms and their laces are used by top luxury clothing brands and haute couture fashion houses throughout the world. THEY HAVE THE MOST GORGEOUS LACES!!!

They also provided the lace for the Royal Wedding of Kate and William!! You can see their collection at Grupo Textil, Inc. - 350 West 42nd St., Apt. 47A, NY, NY 10036 - 212-354-0357.

Spandex House

www.spandexhouse.com

263 West 38th St., NY, NY 10018 - P: 212-354-6711 - F: 212-354-7432

High quality Spandex fabric- Nylon spandex, stretch velvet, laces and more. Serving costume designers, ballet performers, Broadway shows, circus, Hollywood movies and more.

Spandex World

www.spandexworld.com

228 W. 38th St., St. Level, NY, NY 10018 - P: 212-391-2310 - F: 212-391-2383

High quality Spandex fabric- Nylon spandex, stretch velvet, laces and more. Serving costume designers, ballet performers, Broadway shows, circus, Hollywood movies and more.

Spechler Vogel

No Website

234 West 39th St., NY, NY 10018 - P: 212-564-6177 - Owner Al Vogel - ask for him.

They carry just about every kind of fabric and they supply many of the nearby fabric stores. If you need a quantity of fabric on a bolt or roll, they sell wholesale only. I've purchased rolls of fabric with as little as 15 yards. They have bolts with small put-ups such as Swiss organdy, Italian Organdy, Silk Gazaar, and some of the more finer fabrics in small minimum quantities. Excellent for couture or higher end RTW when you need a supply of the better fabrics. Call them for swatch cards and pricing. You'll be very pleasantly surprised.

Stacey Horne Textiles

No Website

info@staceyhornenyc.com

494 Eighth Avenue, NY, NY 10001, P: 212-695-6677 - F: 212-695-9960

Products: Fabric agent for some of the best fabric mills. Worth a trip to her showroom with hundreds of swatches to look at. Moderate to high end fabrics.

Stretch House

www.stretchhouse.com

218 West 37 St., 1st Fl., NY, NY 10018 P: 212-868-0944 - F: 212-868-0948

Supplying material to figure skaters, gymnasts, swimmers, athletes as well as activewear, Street wear, dance wear, costumes and RTW clothing designers.

Toray Industries of America

www.ultrasuede.com

461 Fifth Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10017 - P: 212-922-3774; F: 212-972-4279

Products: Ultra Suede for fashion and accessories. You can request swatch/color cards. They have a minimum purchase requirement per item per color.

Vogue Fabrics

Retail: www.voguefabricsstore.com

Wholesale: www.myvoguefabrics.com

You can order wholesale by the bolt or retail. Excellent place to source every kind of fabric. If you're in Chicago you can visit one of their stores or go to their wholesale warehouse.

Flagship Store - 718-732 Main St., Evanston, Illinois 60202 - P: 847-864-9600

South Loop - 623-627 W. Roosevelt Rd., Chicago, Illinois 60607 - P: 312-829-2505

Lansing - 16919 Torrence Ave., Lansing, Illinois 60438 - P: 708-474-4200

WAREHOUSE - "Buy the Bolt" Shopping - 618 Hartrey Ave., Evanston, Illinois 60202 - P: 847-864-1270

Warehouse is not open to the public. Please register your business or non-profit organization to gain access.

DIGITAL FABRIC PRINTING and DYE SUBLIMATION PRINTING

Strataverde - Digital and Dye Sub Printing

No Website

Digital fabric printing on Long Island and NYC - they have two locations. It's a husband wife that run both businesses. Call 631-270-4986 and ask for Chris. They print for major designers like Coach.

They can print on just about any fabric. They also print using dye sublimation.

DYE SUBLIMATION PRINTING

www.mytransfersource.com

sales@mytransfersource.com

My Transfer Source, 5832 SE 61st Street, Berryton, KS, 66409 - P: 888-852-9410

Excellent dye sublimation printing service - they will print your files and mail you the paper or print your artwork on fabric. You have to supply the fabric.

EMBELLISHING

Conde Systems

www.conde.com

5600 Commerce Blvd. East, Mobile, Alabama 36619 - P: 800-826-6332 - P2: 251-633-5704

Condé West Coast - 14221 Artesia Blvd., La Mirada, CA 90638

DYE SUBLIMATION SUPPLIES - they also offer Garment Printing Services. They have a full line of sublimation products as well as clothing blanks. I use their printer and inks to make my line of fashion-art bags and accessories.

Formart Corp.

www.formartcorp.com

315 Fifth Avenue, 6th Fl, NY, NY 10001 - P: 212-819-1819 - F: 212-921-1992

Design and manufacturing house specializing in made-to-order jewelry and home accessories. They can mass produce pieces using crystal and semi-precious stones (think Judith Leiber).

Jonathan Embroidery Plus

www.jeplus.com (brochure only on their website) - email: jeplus@verizon.net

256 W. 38th St, 1st Floor, NY, NY, 10018 - P: 212-398-3538; F: 212-819-9215

Products: Screen printing, digital printing, embroidery (large field - they can also embroider on leather); rhinestone transfers, studs, beads, vinyl cutting for heat transfer, sequins, cording, button holes, eyelet, relabeling, ribbon, etc. See their website brochure.

Merchants Overseas

www.merchantsoverseas.com

366 5th Avenue, NY, NY 10001 - P: 800-714-7714 or 212-594-4700 - F: 212-714-0027

Wholesale Swarovski crystal elements, trims, rhinestones, beads, etc. - minimum quantities required, however, they recently added bags of 360 pieces of certain products if you don't need 10 gross of any one color. This is a huge help for independent designers. Call their offices for better prices than on the website - website has higher prices as it is a retail site.

Rhinestone Guy

www.rhinestoneguy.com

11420 Fortune Circle, Suite I-3, Wellington, FL 33414 - P: 561-318-6219 - 888-594-7999

Excellent source of rhinestones and hot fix findings (if you need less than large wholesale quantities).

The first page of their website lists everything they carry - too much to include here.

HANDBAG SUPPLIES & PRODUCERS

Baikal Inc.

www.bagman.com

nicoleitskovish@yahoo.com

341 West 38th St., NY, NY 10018 - P: 212-239-4650 - F: 212-239-4679

Products: Handbag pattern making, first sample and production - made in the USA. Since 1981, Baikal Inc. has been manufacturing linen, pvc, nylon, leather, suede, fabric, etc. handbags. They offer quality samples from sketches or prototypes. They assist designers with sourcing materials such as leather, hardware, lining, fabric, zippers, logo plates, and zipper pullers.

INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT

Sewmark Sewing Machine Corp.

NO WEBSITE - EMAIL: sewmark@msn.com

315 West 38th St., St. Level, NY, NY 10018 - P: 212-239-5150 - F: 212-239-1015

One of those small hole in the wall places that has a ton of used industrial sewing machines, dress forms, irons/boilers, steamers, cutting tables, scissor sharpening, factory supplies and sewing machine repairs. We like small finds like this - help the little guy!!!

KNIT WEAR SAMPLES AND PRODUCTION

Knit Illustrated

www.knitillustrated.com

Email: sales@knitillustrated.com

247 W. 37th St. 3F, New York, New York, 10018, P: 212.268.9054 - F: 212.268.9073

They have an excellent design department that can help you (even if you know very little about machine knitting). Bring in your sketch and a pattern or something that resembles what you want the body of your garment to look like and they can help you pick stitches and patterns and also help you find yarn resources. They can also print digitally on finished garments, fabric and knitwear. They have hand flat machines from fine 16gg to chunky 3gg. Their NY office has 12 and 16gg Shima Seiki machines that can knit texture stitches, jacquard, double knit, pointelle etc. They have a NY sample room with a quick turnaround or if your budget is limited, they can produce in their China factory (6 week turnaround) for much less. Excellent quality knitting.

Shima Seiki Design Center Of NY

<http://www.shimaseikiusa.com/dcny>

The Shima Seiki Design Center of New York (DCNY) is located at:

501 7th Avenue Suite #412, New York, NY 10018, P: 212-391-4020 - F: 212-391-4016

E-Mail: dcny@shimaseikiusa.com

Products: Whole garment knitwear manufacturing and product development. You can start with their basic body designs and modify them with your own yarn and stitch patterns or bring your own sketch and pattern for them to develop from scratch. They have a great showroom with excellent samples and an unbelievable knit/stitch library. They also manufacture in New Jersey with a pretty quick turnaround and can do small production runs (50-100 pieces). They will sample all of your sizes so you can test for fit.

Stoll Fashion & Technology, NY - Knitwear Production And Sample Making

www.stoll.com

www.stollftny.com

NEW: Stoll offers knit patterns for you to buy.

<http://patternshop.stoll.com/shop/pattern/>

Markus Kirwald - Product Development Manager

250 West 39th St., NY, NY 10018, P: 212-398-3869 - F: 212-931-7639

mkirwald@stollamerica.com

Stoll knitwear offers a complete package of knitwear design and product development. If you have a basic sketch and pattern, they can help you develop your knitted garment and make a sample with about a 3 to 5 week turnaround. They also have a knit library of actual knitted samples for inspiration and a knit club that you can join which includes trend books and swatch sets for reference. A portion of the price of that kit is applied to your first sample. They also have machine knitting classes.

LEATHER SOURCES & SUPPLIERS

Global Leather

www.globalleathers.com

253 W. 35th St. 9th Floor, NY, NY, 10001, P: 212-244-5190 - F: 212-594-7515

Novelty, fur, shearling, patent, exotics - you name it they have it or they can find it. Incredible source for all of your leather supplies. Ask for Leo!

Leather Impact

www.leatherimpact.com

240 W. 38th St., Street Level, NY, NY, 10018, P: 212-302-2332 or 382-2788 - F: 212-730-2486

Novelty, fur, shearling, patent, exotics, large full skins, trims and novelty crystal embellished suedes which can be customized. Very helpful customer service.

Leather, Suede, Skins

www.leathersuedeskins.com

261 West 35th St., 11th Fl., NY, NY 10001 - P: 212-967-6616

Calfskin, cowhide, deerskin, goatskin, kidskin, lambskin, sheepskin, stretchable leather,

Suede: calfskin, goat suede, lamb suede, pigskin split stretchable suede.

Hair-On Shearling/Fur: calfskin, cowhide, rugs, fox, goatskin, mink, rabbit, shearling, sheepskin, tails, tibetan lamb.

Specialty leathers: antique, embossed, metallics, patent, pearlized, perforated, printed,

Exotics: alligator, anaconda, eel plates, hand-painted, snake, karung, snake, lizard, ostrich, ostrich legs, python, snake skin, stingray.

Leather Trimmings: fashion trim, fringe, leather butterflies, leather flowers, pom-poms stripping

PATTERN-SAMPLE MAKERS

Barry Martin Fashions, Ltd.

No Website

257 West 38th St., NY, NY 10018 - P: 212-768-1484 - F: 212-768-1382

Specializing in fine leather and suede sewing and sample making - high end quality!

Fermins' Fashions

No Website

Ask for Lucio - 270 W 39th, NY, NY - P: 212-575-2245

The produce high end leather garments and soft luggage as well as small leather goods. Samples and small production - no pattern making.

Werkstatt

www.werkstattny.com

347 West 36th St., Suite 1003, NY, NY 10018 - P: 646-414-4545 - F: 646-824-9107

Pattern and Sample Makers - high end garments - excellent quality - works with high end designers.

By appointment only - on the expensive side - but they work for the best in the industry such as Ralph Lauren, Alexander Wang and Tommy Hilfiger.

TRIMS-NOTIONS & EMBELLISHING

Botani Trimmings Inc.

www.botanitrim.com

263 W. 36th St., NY 10018 - P: 212-244-3222

They carry a full line of buttons, studs, zippers and can source really beautiful hardware for garment and accessories in small quantities - and probably anything else you need. They carry the zippers (Lampo brand) that Chanel uses.

Decorative notions, studs, decorative snaps – rivets – etc.

Horn, bone, shell, metal polyester and wood buttons;

Buckles, rings, chains, snaps and rhinestone hardware

Handbag frames, handles, closures and other accessories

Rivets, turn-locks, frames, lobster hooks,

Lampo zippers, concealed and nylon zippers etc. – they can custom make a zipper to fit any size project.

All kinds of leathers and exotic leathers

Elastics and sewing notions of all kinds. They have their own factory to produce any items that you want made from your own designs with excellent quality and great lead times. Handbag sample making and production available without minimums. US distributor of Lampo Zippers – one of the highest quality zippers in the world.

M&J Trimming

www.mjtrim.com

1008 Sixth Avenue (Bet 37 & 38), NY, NY 10018 - P: 212-391-6200 - or 800-9-MJTRIM

Appliques, bridal and lace, buckles & closures, cords, tassels, fringe, ribbon & jacquards, rhinestones, & crystals, sequins & sew-ons, trims and braids, flower pins & pendants, supplies & tools. Wholesale and retail.

Ohio Travel Bag

www.ohiotravelbag.com

6481 Davis Industrial Parkway, Solon, Ohio 44139-3547 - P: 800-800-1941 or 440-498-1955 - F: 800-989-5559 or 440-498-9811

Ohio Travel Bag services a large range of customer types including: Automotive, Case, Costume, Designers, Leather Gear, Luggage Makers & Repair Centers, Purse & Handbag, Pet Products, Restoration, Shoe Repair, Tack, Theatre, Medieval, Renaissance and Re-enactment.

They carry: Fasteners, Tools & Dies, Handbag, Luggage, Trunk & Briefcase Hardware, Wheels, Rolling Luggage, Locks, Catches, Hasps, Drawbolts, Keys, Rings, Snaphooks, Slides, Tack Hardware, Handles, Purse Chain, Strapping & Shoulder Straps, Buckles - Metal & Plastic, Plastic Components, Leather Workers Tools, Zippers & Zipper Components, Miscellaneous Parts & Supplies, Name Brand Luggage Hardware and ATA Case Hardware, Wallets, Key Cases, Travel Accessories. VIEW THEIR CATALOG ONLINE.

Shindo USA Inc

www.shindo.com/en/showrooms

162 West 36th St., NY, NY 10018 - P: 212-868-9311 - F: 212-868-9751

Request a catalog and sample card set. They have all kinds of trims, ribbons, elastics (both decorative and utility), bias bindings, lace trim - beautiful decorative trims as well as industrial products (see website for more information). Excellent source - they sell full cards and also by the meter if you need to sample. Call their sales office and request a catalog and CD. Their catalog has excellent life-like images with really clear pictures so you can make an informed selection. They also sell sample books.

Simona B Collection

www.simonab.it

NY Agent - 241 West 37th St., Suite 408, NY, NY P: 212-278-0014 - F 646-607-4020

Italy - Via Siemens, 2/A • 41012 Carpi (Modena) - ITALY

Contact: M. MARCO PINOTTI, M. CLAUDIO BELLODI

Tel: (39)059 680 162 • F: (39)059 652 438

Email Italy: info@simonab.it

Email USA: usa@simonab.it

Call or email to make an appointment to see the collection.

Company's Specialties: Laces, trimmings, patches, brooches, crystal trims and embellishments - really high end gorgeous items to embellish and finish couture and RTW garments. Look on their website under Collection to view sample cards of their products - amazing and beautiful products.

Top Trimmings

www.toptrimming.com

149A W. 36th Street, NY, NY 10018 - P: 212-302-2999

Email: toptrimming@yahoo.com

They carry sequins, beads, feathers and assembled feather products, ribbons, notions, stones (Swarovski and inexpensive resin stones for embellishing garments, sew-on jewels), chains, tools, buckles, novelty trims, findings, yarn, zippers etc. Wholesale, retail and custom production. Their website has an excellent representation of what they carry - click the pictures for more and more....!



This is the third edition. Help us build our Resource Guide with current and recently used companies. No out-of-date-information please.

If you have any resources that you have recently used, please email them to us at geracicondello@gmail.com (please put in the subject: Resource Guide). If you found that a resource is no longer operational, please also inform us - your help is very much appreciated. Thank you!

JEWELRY

JEWELRY MAKING SUPPLIES FINDINGS, TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

DIGITAL 3D CAD SERVICES FOR 3D PRINTING of JEWELRY AND SCULPTURES Alphabetically Listed (CTRL-F to search key words for specific items)

www.agrainofsand.com

“We search the world over for the most unique merchandise both vintage and contemporary. We enjoy hunting for vintage beads and findings, sterling silver, vermeil, copper and brass beads, freshwater pearls, semi-precious gemstone beads, crystals and other bead goodies from Italy, the Czech Republic, Germany, Australia and Japan to name a few.”

Art Clay World USA, Inc.

www.artclayworld.com

4535 Southwest Hwy, Oak Lawn, IL 60453 - P: 866-381-0100 or 708-857-8800 - F: 708-636-5408
Supplies, kits, tools, classes and embellishments for metal clay (ArtClay is their specific brand of metal clay). Their products work with all metal clays, however.

www.barlowsgems.net

“Here you will find many uniquely cut gemstones, custom cut into designer cabochons for the creative jeweler or wirewrapper. We search worldwide for unusual and distinctive patterned, rough semi precious gemstone materials. We cut all our own cabochons. We will custom cut the heart out of a stone to bring you the best designer cabochon available!”

www.cherryheaven.co.uk

They sell Accent Gold For Silver paint used to apply 24 carat pure gold highlights, texture, or decoration, to fine-silver jewellery, including pieces made from Aida Art Clay silver clay or Mitsubishi PMC precious metal clay.”

Cool Tools

www.cooltools.us

Text taken from their website... “Cool Tools has everything you need for creating your own jewelry designs in precious metal clay. We’ll get you started with information, projects, inspiration and every tool you could possibly want to support your creative spirit. We’ve got tips and tricks and plenty of good advice you can rely on for working with PMC and Art Clay fine silver clays, PMC PRO silver alloy clay, BRONZclay, FASTfire BRONZclay, and COPPRclay.”

Gem Resources

www.gemresources.com

PO Box 62006, Minneapolis, MN 55426 - P: 800-588-8515 or 612-664-0252 - F: 707-361-0252

Email: gri@gemresources.com

Excellent source of gems for jewelry and accessory setting.

Hadar's Clay - Precious Metal Clay in Powder Form

store.artinsilver.com

Hadar's Clay™ is metal clay in the form of powder. You mix only as much as you need; all you have to do is add distilled water to bring the clay to the desired consistency. It mixes quickly and easily, with no mess. Because it contains no preservatives, the shelf life of the clay powder is indefinite. The clay is soft, pliable, sticks well to itself and is very forgiving.

www.j-cabochons.com

Wholesale supplier of gemstone cabochons.

Metal Clay Supply

www.metalclaysupply.com

They carry similar products as Cool Tools carries.

Metalliferous

www.metalliferous.com

34 West 46th Street, 3rd Floor, NY, NY 10036

NYC Store P: 212-944-0909 Mail Order P: 914-664-3300

info@metalliferous.com

“At Metalliferous you will find over 30,000 different beads, silver findings, base metal findings, books and tools. Everything you need to create fabulous jewelry and art is right here. We scour the globe for the newest designs and one-of-a-kinds to provide you with the world's largest collection of vintage beads & findings, antique tools and other rare finds to make your creations unique.

Learn new tips and techniques with hundreds of books on jewelry making, metalworking, silversmithing, design, wax, enameling, beading and crafting.

Metalliferous stocks Jax Chemicals for the perfect patina for your work.

Whatever you imagine, you'll find it here”

Otto Frei

www.ottofrei.com

“With this site you have access to our complete inventory of quality tools for jewelers, metalsmiths, technicians and hobbyists.”

www.noblepack.com

P: 800-864-7675 - a world-wide company with offices in several countries.

Jewelry boxes, displays, gift packaging, tools & equipment, and findings.

Rio Grande

www.riogrande.com

Just about everything for the jewelry designer. Excellent catalogs for reference.

Santa Fe Jewelry Suppliers

www.sfjssantafe.com

Wholesale jewelry making supplies: precious metals, jewelry findings, jewelers tools, semi-precious stone beads and cabochons, and jewelry displays.

Shapeways

www.shapeways.com

Online site for creating your jewelry designs from a CAD program. They can actually print - yes PRINT your jewelry or 3D sculpture with a variety of metals. The best way to describe it is (and their site doesn't even describe it well).... they take your 3D CAD design and put it into their 3D modeling printer which layers metals that are in some kind of powder form and then heat the metals to sinter them thereby producing a 3D object as if it were created by pouring liquid metal into a mold. If you look at their website you will see all kinds of examples. You can also set up a Shapeways store to sell your products (after you have approved the design) and sell right from their website. An excellent tool for jewelry designers who want to quickly model a piece of jewelry and change the metals or material to create products with different price points and styles. Explore their site - it's a little frustrating getting the hang of what it is and what they do. If you have CAD design experience and access to a CAD program, you'll be better off. If you don't have CAD experience (I don't) then search the Internet for CAD designers. I am working on pulling together a list of such companies. There is only one that I know of right now - www.grabcad.com. They offer file prep for turning a 2D drawing into a print-ready 3D model. As of the first publication of this Guide, I am waiting to hear back from them as to their services and will add more information in the next publication.

www.shipwreckbeads.com

Online bead supply for jewelry.

<http://www.sourcingforjewelrymakers.com>

A great listing of sources for jewelry makers - everything from 10K, 14K, 18K, gold, platinum and palladium, silver, brass, bronze, aluminum and white metal casters to wax models, tubing, casting alloys, grain, plate and wire, rubber and silicon molds, die-struck findings and mountings, settings, prototyping, strikings and castings. Mold and model making facilities and more.

SyntheticGems.org

www.syntheticgems.org

Located in Thailand but I personally ordered a large quantity of gems that I use in my PMC projects. They have a large assortment of other stones for setting into jewelry. They can send you swatch cards.

Toho Shoji NY Inc.

www.tohoshoji-ny.com

Email: tohoshojinyinc@nyc.rr.com

990 Sixth Avenue (Bet. 36 & 37), NY, NY 10018 - P: 212-868-7465/7466 - F: 212-868-7464

They carry a wide range of jewelry findings, from beads, to chain, to pendants, to thread.

Whole Lotta Whimsy

www.wholelottawhimsy.com

One Stop Shop for the Jewelry Artist - Supplies, Classes and more.

Warehouse for Pickups and Payments:

6910 N. Camino Martin #130, TUCSON , AZ 85741 - P: 520-531-1966 - F: 520-225-0698

Classes:

Whole Lotta Whimsy Studio

2000 W. Khaibar Pl., TUCSON , AZ 85704 - P: 520-531-1966 - F: 520-225-0698



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TRADE SHOWS

WHOLESALE FABRICS AND PRODUCTION COMPANIES

DG EXPO

www.dgexpo.net

dg expo features a two day Textile & Trimmings exhibit for Designers, Small Manufacturers (producing Apparel, Accessories, Homefurnishings, other Sewn Products), plus Private Label Retailers, Fabric Stores, Event/Party Planners. Exhibitors are Wholesale Suppliers (including Mills, Converters, Importers, and Distributors) who have low minimums, and many have in-stock fabric and trims. And... Seminars focused on Business Growth & Profitability, plus Textile Classes! To be added to our email list now - please write to dgexpo@earthlink.net

SOURCING at MAGIC

www.magiconline.com/sourcing

The IFFE (International Fashion Fabric Exhibit) has changed to Sourcing at Magic. They now have exhibitors from all areas of fashion - resources for production in fashion, footwear and much more in addition to textile and trim sourcing.

"SOURCING at MAGIC further expanded its fabric and trim environments, featuring leading mills, trim suppliers and print design studios from around the world. Over 80 textile companies exhibited this past August from the U.S., Peru, Mexico, Canada, Guatemala, Colombia, and Taiwan among many others."

PREVIEW NEW YORK

www.premierevision-newyork.com

Première Vision Preview New York is a fabric and trimming trade show in New York City, that provides you with the opportunity to begin your design process with access to the most renowned mills from all over the EU - France, Switzerland, Germany, England, Ireland etc.

The show offers a large selection of fabrics as well as trimming collections of the highest quality. They also offer a fabric Forum, with swatch cards and trend cards available for purchase and a presentation on seasonal color trends. A great place to source fabric. Most mills will let you purchase sample yardage - from 5-20 yards (meters). A great place for inspiration and to find quality products that can be the base of a collection (especially if you can and buy quantities of one staple fabric). It's also a great place to source trims, notions and other embellishments. They display their fabrics on header cards and you can request headers (as they are called) to keep for reference for future purchasing. This is a great show if you live in the New York/tri-state area. I've found so many great mills over the years and I highlight them in the Clothing/Fashion section. Don't be shy about asking for headers, just don't overdo it. Many of the mills will work with small boutiques (bridal especially) and you can find gorgeous laces and embroideries for finer couture clothing.

They list the exhibitors on the website and include relevant links to the exhibitor's website. Over the years it seems to have gotten much smaller - I hope they keep offering this trade show. It would be a shame if they stopped.

TEX WORLD

NEW YORK: <http://apparelsourcingshow.us.messefrankfurt.com/newyork/en/for-attendees/welcome.html>

PARIS: <http://texworld.fr.messefrankfurt.com/paris/en/visitors/welcome.html>

Tradeshows for fabric and production sourcing - a great place for designers to find good companies to work with.

“Today Texworld has become more than a place where people meet to do business. Texworld’s aim was to develop a new approach, a different way of exploring the aisles and discovering the trends, creating a true call to the senses. Texworld has developed an innovative project: Designers & Fashion, Fabric Experience, a true sensory trip. Indeed, the show looks to suffuse its visitors and exhibitors with the latest trends, to have them touch and feel the materials, for an ever-more-lively visit.”

JEWELRY

MJSA

www.mjasa.org

“MJSA Expo New York(http://www.mjasa.org/events/mjsa_expo_new_york) is the largest and oldest trade show dedicated to professional excellence in jewelry making and design. It’s chock full of the latest bench tools, laser welders, casting machines, alloys, CAD/CAM systems, gemstones and beads, component parts, stamping equipment—whatever you need to make and sell exceptional jewelry. It also features premier contract service providers and business services, to help you take your ideas from concept to completion, and ensure your business remains profitable.”

KNITTING

Spin Expo

www.spinexpo.com

A place for knitters to obsess. Find resources and manufacturers for your knitwear business. The exhibition showcases an international mid to top of the range offering of textile fibres and yarns for flat bed, circular knits, weaving and accessories manufacturers. New techniques and developments from world leaders in specialised textile machines for spinning and flatbed knitting are also offered.



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SKILLS/TRAINING/PROGRAMS

BUSINESS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM TRAINING

www.lynda.com

Video training library packed with teachings on Photoshop, Illustrator, All ADOBE Products, Web Design, Video Creation and Editing, 3D CAD, Word Processing program (all), and so much more. An online video training library with hundreds of software titles and thousands of videos. A monthly subscription is just \$25 for video only access - \$37.50 for video and the accompanying downloadable follow-along files; they also have yearly video only and video/file subscriptions. I recommend the video only at first so you can see the excellent quality of their training videos. I highly recommend this site for anyone who wants to learn more about anything they can think of as it relates to computer programs. They also offer free videos to give you a taste of what they have.

PHOTOGRAPHY

www.photoshopuser.com

“NAPP (National Association of Photoshop Professionals) membership to NAPP offers access to Photoshop training and a magazine (Photoshop User), thousands of online tutorials, hundreds of money-saving retail discounts and three online Help Desks.” An excellent place to learn Photoshop - worth the price of membership. That’s where I received most of my Photoshop training.

SEWING TUTORIALS

www.fashion-incubator.com/tutorials

Extensive list of links to sewing and pattern making tutorials.

Ralph PINK

www.ralphpink.com

Amazing tutorial on how to sew a corset, plus other sewing and pattern resources.

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PHOTO & VIDEO EDITING
WEBSITE CREATION PROGRAM
DESKTOP PUBLISHING
MUSIC & AUDIO
MONEY & LIFE
ART & DESIGN
CRAFT & MAKER**

ADOBE MUSE

www.adobe.com

Adobe, if you don't know about them, provides graphic design programs such as Photoshop (Photo Editing), InDesign (Desktop Publishing), Muse (Website Creation) and so many products that can help you create a professional presence. They have a subscription service where you can rent one or all of the products on a monthly basis. Instead of laying out thousands of dollars for their software, it's now subscription based - it may be on the expensive side, but if you don't have the bucks to pay for expensive design services then this might be an option. If you are willing to spend some time learning (lynda.com can help in every way), then you can create your own look for less.

www.CreativeLive.com

Creative classes from the world's top experts - free and paid. They offer really useful live, free online classes on a variety of topics. They also have them available for a fee, with other resources, if you like them.



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MARKETING

I've included Lynda.com in this section also, because they have excellent video training for facebook/twitter marketing, LinkedIn, how-to photography training, blogging, SEO (search engine optimization), designing a brochure (hands-on video workshop) and so much more - too numerous to put in here. They have a search box that will bring up relevant matches to whatever training you're looking for on their site. Get a subscription!

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ONLINE PRINTING SERVICES

www.48hourprint.com

I've been using their printing services for over 8 years and I highly recommend them. If you are skilled enough to create your own artwork, ad layouts, flyers, or any printed matter, and can convert it into a .jpg or .pdf file, then you can use their site very easily. They have fast 48 hour turnaround and the quality is EXCELLENT. I've printed business cards, banners, brochures, booklets, sell-sheets, flyers, post-card mailers, rack cards etc. If you print a lot, you may qualify for a discount.

www.pspaint.com

Also an excellent online printing company.

www.silkcards.com

Gorgeous silk business cards and materials for your corporate look - letterhead, envelopes etc. They produce beautiful foil printed thick business cards - you won't be sorry.



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