

# inthe**bag**

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## Beach Bum

Anyone who lives in Houston knows that this city's summer heat can reach record highs. Cool off by slipping on a chic swimsuit or summer dress from one of the area's top warm-weather shops. Whether you're hitting the sands of the beach, packing for a tropical getaway or just want to look sensational for the sizzling season, boutiques across town are stocked with everything you need to complete the perfect sun-kissed look. Of course, don't forget summer's most essential accessory - sunscreen!

### Just Add Water

With four locations scattered throughout the Houston area, visiting this spot is a must for landing the perfect swimsuit. This swimwear Mecca features designer labels in hundreds of shapes and sizes and has a helpful staff trained to assist customers in finding the right style to fit their individual body shape. Shoppers also turn to Just Add Water for their ample collection of mix-and-match separates that work for bodies that vary in size from top to bottom. The southern chain also carries matching cover-ups and sarongs, unique resort wear and its own swimwear cleaner to help your swimsuit last for summers to come.

Multiple locations, [www.justaddwater.com](http://www.justaddwater.com)

### Kiss Kiss

Trendsetters just love stopping by this stylish shop, nestled in Sugar Land's Town Square, for the latest looks and couture pieces. Best known for their brimming supply of designer jeans, owner Terry Bazbaz and her sweet staff pride themselves on being able to fit anyone who walks through the door into a perfect-fitting pair of jeans. The store's line-up of denim includes AG, Hudson, Citizens of Humanity, True Religion, Joe's Jeans, Red Engine, Chip and Pepper, Paper Denim & Cloth and the list goes on. For the summer season, Kiss Kiss has plenty of embroidered tunics, silky tops and embellished sandals, to keep you cool and classy streetside, poolside or beachside.

2573 Town Center Blvd., Sugar Land, (281) 265-KISS



Trina Turk linen tunic, Twisted Heart beach bag, Mystique coral sandals at Kiss Kiss

### Method

After spending a long day in the sun, show off your summer tan in dazzling digs from Method, an L.A.-inspired boutique shop in Rice Village. With racks of distinctive dresses, stylish tops and comfy tanks, as well as a nice selection of heels and accessories, you are sure to find everything you need within these walls to create a fabulous look for a fun-filled night out on the town. But, don't spend time searching for your favorite labels at this spot; everything here dons Method's own moniker. Whether you want to dress up for the ultimate summer evening, or down for a day of absolute leisure, Method is the place to go to snag ideal warm weather attire.

2437 University Blvd., (713) 807-0003

### Raye

What began as a seasonal outdoor craft market, eventually expanded into the opening of Raye, an exclusive fashion boutique in Montrose. Owner Magda Sayeg first opened the doors to Raye nearly a year and a half ago with the concept of being a specialty showroom for both emerging and established designers whose products were not previously available in Houston. Shoppers have grown to love the truly unique shop and being able to purchase goods created by up-and-coming designers based in New York, Los Angeles, Canada, Australia and many areas throughout Europe. Some of the spot's most sought-after labels include the lightweight knit line for women, Clue; the children's line, Albert; and footwear by Spanish-based shoe designer, Chie Mihara. Keep your eye out this summer as the store expands its shoe collection and adds more items to the floor designed by owner Magda Sayeg. 2608 Dunlavy, (713) 529-1993

### Soho

From its abundant collection of Juicy Couture to a wide array of shoes, bags, hats and accessories, Soho is the place to go to rack up on distinct summer staples. With two Houston locations, this family-owned hot spot carries a wide variety of popular lines, including casual Southern California tops, Ts and tanks by C&C California; flirty, feminine pieces by Alice & Trixie; and charming dresses by Tocca. Since opening eight years ago, Soho remains a favorite destination among shoppers of all ages. What keeps the clientele coming? Soho's helpful staff credits the shop's success to their philosophy of going the extra mile to provide a steady variety of couture in store for every season of the year. 6592 Woodway Drive, (713) 467-9233; 13624 Memorial Drive, (713) 467-2925 **H**



Two's Company pink raffia sun hat, Bijoux Luck ocean rock necklace, Bijoux Luck heart toggle necklace, Alice & Trixie cabana dress at Soho



Imps&Elfs swimsuit, Kidscase striped summer dress, Magda Sayeg summer dress at Raye