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Its-Amore

Itsola Clothing



The grass has never looked greener and the sky is bright blue, but you leave the house dressed like a rain cloud in your head-to-toe black.

Though this may be your go-to look, it's about as cheerful as the newest numbers from Wall Street.

Show a bit of spirit with affordable, easy-to-wear pieces from Itsola. Designer Lauren Fong worked in banking before turning to fashion, so her clothes balance mature styles with bright, exuberant colors like canary, *blueberry*, and sunburst.

Made from silk cotton voile, the tops and dresses have a playful appeal. Touches like teasing ruffles and a string of rosettes help the pieces transition from workplace to evening. So when you leave the house, you'll look carefree.

And you can color yourself happy again.

Available online at lilylilyshop.com.



June 20, 2008

Chilli in the Air

Chilli Pepper Clothing



There are days when it's too hot for anything other than **icy beverages** and a spot by the AC.

And those are the days when you also get your cool from Chilli Pepper.

The UK-based clothing line offers colorful cotton dresses, tops, and tunics that are the perfect foil for sticky summer days.

Cover up a bikini with an embroidered coral tunic or deck out in a full-length bohemian dress of pink and purple paisley. Get ready for a trip to the ice cream store with a sunshine yellow smocked dress.

And the **spice** is right: Almost all of the light-as-air pieces are under \$100.

Leaving plenty of cash for other cooling pursuits.

Available at *Lily Lily at Dekka*, 1338 U Street NW, between 13th and 14th Streets, second floor (202-986-1370 or dekkafam.com). To see styles, go to chillilondon.com.