

## LET'S SHOP

## DEAN-KINGSTON

**E**stablished in the booming '40s in Wickenburg, Arizona, Dean-Kingston was born when two ambitious women, Della Dean and Fanny Lou Kingston, opened a custom apparel shop. The two friends made most of the items by hand, and the store quickly became the top must-have cowboy shop in the Southwest. >>

Fast-forward a few decades. Della's great-niece, Summer Dean, and Stacie Poynor (friends from their days in Jacksboro) teamed up to become regular traveling buddies. One summer, Stacie says, they spent three weeks traveling through Italy: "Summer lived out of one single suitcase and never wore the same outfit twice. It was amazing. She has this natural eye for style." Entrepreneurial Stacie convinced Summer to leave her teaching job and join her as a partner in Dean-Kingston, picking up where Della and Fanny Lou left off.

Thriving in its urban Fort Worth setting, the sleekly converted '30s warehouse boutique stocks fashions and accessories for men and women: French Connection, Yana K, the iconic Ben Sherman. "We're different from anything you'll find in Fort Worth," Stacie says. Funky, ostentatious, city sleek is the vibe. "We like to put a twist on things. We're not stuffy; we are not cowtown. Our customer is one who is willing to take risks," Stacie says. Always on the lookout—"We shop pretty much every day," Stacie says with a laugh—the pair sweep markets in L.A., Dallas, and New York but also hit Marfa and Taos to cherry-pick. The result is an eclectic mix of clothing and accessories from designers across the world as well as across town. A "bullets for peace" necklace, crafted from empty bullet shells dipped in gold, a bag made from inner tubes, Hanky Panky panties, and Ray-Bans mix with martini sets and humidors to round out the offerings.

Wind your way past the dry-cleaner rack rotating with T-shirts under the ballroom-worthy chandelier, past the pool table and the big screen flickering with old movies, and find Frye boots, Chanel belts, and hip brands such as Liquid Metal and Pure Bohemian.

And once sufficiently outfitted, sink into a comfy couch and stay for a bit—Stacie and Summer will treat you to a glass of Chardonnay or a frosty beer, Texas-hospitality style. **LS**



**Clockwise from top** The menswear area in the Dean-Kingston showroom; Liquid Metal by Sergio Gutierrez silver cuff bracelet with microchip detail (\$108); Sergio Zelcer purple leather and suede strappy high-heel sandal (\$205); Streets Ahead leather studded belt and buckle (\$165). For more information and to shop online, visit [dean-kingston.com](http://dean-kingston.com).