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Ames, IA
Playing host to fashion shows and various exhibits, the Iowa State University Textiles and Clothing Museum is a fabulous way to celebrate garments.
anesh.hs.iastate.edu/tc-museum/

Arlington, VA
Enjoy the fashion show at the ASG Conference and take in the sights of the D.C. area. The 2013 conference is coming up soon: Aug. 1 to 5, 2013. asg.org

Atlanta, GA
Sewists of Georgia unite at Whipstitch. Part sewing community and part stitching lounge, this is a destination that shouldn't be missed. whipstitchfabrics.com

Austin, TX
Home to Austin’s largest selection of primo wool-blend felt, the Stitch Lab is a delightful destination for crafty sewists. Sign up for a class and sit down in this creative space to learn something new. stitchlab.biz

Baltimore, MD
Learn about historical stitches at the Star Spangled Banner Flag House. Built in 1793, this is the home of the Mary Pickersgill, maker of the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key’s famous poem, and later the national anthem. flaghouse.org

Beaver Dam, WI
Take a pilgrimage to Nancy’s Notions retail store. Here you’ll find classes and of course the entire product line. Sewing weekends and the annual sale are a big draw, so plan ahead and make reservations online. nancynotions.com

Boulder, CO
Elniede’s Fine Fabrics has been supplying Colorado fabric lovers with delightful prints and solids since 1974. Stop in for an inspiring journey through bolts galore, or sign up for one of their enriching classes.
efniedesfinefabrics.com

Find your sewing zen at The Makerie creative retreat. Here, sensational teachers offer a weekend full of inspiring workshops.
makerie.com

Brooklyn, NY
When in New York, a visit to the Textile Arts Center is simply required. Help preserve ancient textile arts in a friendly setting. The superb workshops are offered regularly and there’s usually a show going on in the gallery.
textileartscenter.com

Charlotte, NC
Book a weekend away at the Sew South retreat. Participants are encouraged to sew, learn, create and play with other excited sewists. Visit sewsouthretreat.com to discover upcoming dates.

Chicago, IL
With a collection spanning the mid 1800s to present day, the Chicago History Museum's costumes and textiles collection is quite impressive. Check their calendar for upcoming events or browse the digital collection for a virtual tour. chicagohistory.org

Don’t pass up a chance to shop at one of the three Vogue Fabrics locations when in the Chicago area. The bolts found at Vogue are always high quality and are sure to inspire your sewing to-do list.
voguefabricsstore.com

Denver, CO
In need of bridal couture? Stop into Allyn’s Fabric and Bridal Supply for a chance to touch the softest laces and silks in Denver.
alynsbridalsupply.ezlocal.com

A museum-wide celebration of textiles will overtake the Denver Art Museum this fall. Visit before the closing date of September 22 to see everything from pre-Columbian weavings to modern fiber art.
denverartmuseum.org

Indianapolis, IN
One of the newest additions to the Indianapolis sewing scene is the French Seam. This marvelous store offers a creative space for sewing enthusiasts to meet and stitch. thefrenchseam.com

Lancaster, PA
The Amish tradition of sewing is respectfully preserved by the Lancaster Historical Society. This year they have received a donation of Amish quilts and clothing to add to their already grand collection.
lancasterhistory.org

Los Angeles, CA
Designers and crafters of L.A. flock to Michael Levine for all their fabric needs. Stroll down one of the many aisles and revel in 70+ years of fabric trends. Be sure to check out the loft to find deals on leftover and overstock fabrics. lowpricefabric.com
Win a Sew News "GOT FABRIC?" bumper sticker!
Send a hot spot we missed along with your mailing address to sewnews@sewnews.com. The first 50 responses will receive the prize.

Lowell, MA
Learn to weave, spin, recycle fabric and design textiles all under the roof of the American Textile History Museum. athm.org

New York, NY
Take a walking tour hosted by the Fashion Center and learn about New York's infamous fashion district. Tours are free and offered on a first come, first served basis. fashioncenter.com/neighbourhood/walking-tours

The Costume Institute of the Metropolitan Museum of Art houses a collection of more than 35,000 costumes and accessories. Various exhibitions are offered throughout the year. metmuseum.org

Made famous by Project Runway, Mood Designer Fabrics is a sewing enthusiast's dream come true. Touch and enjoy more than 40,000 square feet of well tended fabrics. moodfabrics.com

Philadelphia, PA
Take a gander at the tactile exhibits at the Fabric Workshop and Museum. The avant-garde use of textiles is sure to inspire your stitching fingers. fabricworkshopandmuseum.org

Portland, OR
In need of notions? Visit the Button Emporium and Ribbonery for a thrilling afternoon of findings. buttonemporium.com

Puyallup, WA
The famous Sewing and Stitchery Expo is held every year in Puyallup. Simply walking the enormous expo floor takes two days. The 2014 expo will be held Feb. 27 to March 2. sewexpo.com

Novi, MI
The American Sewing Expo, the largest independent sewing expo in the U.S., is a destination in itself. Meet celebrities of the sewing field, enroll in fabulous classes and create as many make-and-takes as your bag will hold. The next expo is Sept. 27 to 29, 2013.

americansewingexpo.com

Rockville, MD
Opened in 1942, G Street Fabrics has become a landmark known for good taste in fabric. From quilting cottons to couture silks, G Street has it all. The main store is located in Maryland, but there are two alternate locations in Virginia. gstreetfabrics.com

Salt Lake City, UT
Take a trip to the "crossroads of the West" and attend the Sewing Summit. This conference is geared toward sewing bloggers and modern sewing enthusiasts. The 2013 conference takes place Sept. 19 to 21; if it's sold out, check online for 2014 dates. sewingsummit.com

Santa Barbara, CA
Lay your hands upon some of the fanciest fabrics found the world over. Fine Fabrics is home to carefully sourced silks, linens, woolens and of course couture fabric galore. finefabrics.com

Santa Fe, NM
The enthralling exhibits at the International Folk Art Museum include textiles from around the world. Learn the weaving and dyeing processes for many of the fabrics used in daily sewing, not to mention the exotic fabrics from far flung countries. internationalfolkart.org

Washington, DC
The Textile Museum works to expand the public's knowledge and appreciation of textiles and clothing. Founded in 1925, this landmark of textile heritage beckons fabric-aholics from far and wide. textilmuseum.org

Williamsburg, VA
The museums of Colonial Williamsburg hold three centuries of clothing. Various exhibitions are often offered to lure fashionistas into the historical halls. history.org/history/museums/clothingexhibit/

Willmantic, CT
Whether you take a guided tour from a docent or wander the museum on your own, the Windham Textile and History Museum is a delight not to be missed. millmuseum.org

Windsor, VT
The American Precision Museum hosts all the great works of mechanical art as well as the sewing machine. americanprecision.org/sewing-machines