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Need a Fashion Makeover???

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Are you in need of some trendy new club wear for Friday nights out? Or maybe a sexy new bathing suit to bring to the warm climate you call home over Christmas break? How about some hip vintage clothes for a relaxing lunch with friends? No matter what you're looking for, F.I.T. student and fashion designer Esther Nash has it all at her very own *Baby Doll / Sugar Daddy Boutique* located at 191 Seventh Avenue (between 21st & 22nd), only a few blocks away from F.I.T.!

Inside of Esther's totally galactic "disco heaven" boutique, you will find her self-designed club wear and swimwear/resort wear, and her handmade jewelry along with a vast array of vintage clothing - all at reasonable prices.

Her club wear, for both men and women, is sure to turn you into the ultimate diva or rock star the next time you hit the club scene. Her club wear consists of leather, spandex, velvet, and sheer and is adorned with feathers, sequins, and rhinestones for utmost glamour. Esther describes her swimwear/resort wear as "Barbie fantasy." The vintage clothing and ultimate retro gear includes sweaters, belts, jeans, coats and hats from the 50's, 60's, 70's, and 80's. And for those handbag fanatics, Esther has devoted an entire wall to vintage purses, totes, and evening bags.

Esther currently has three boutiques. Both Brooklyn locations are at 521-503 2nd Street, between 7th and 8th avenues. Years of modeling and working at her mother's bar enabled Esther to save enough money to launch her boutiques.

In addition to operating three boutiques, Esther also designs the wait staff uniforms for Manhattan's popular nightclub, Cheetah. She frequently has fashion shows at Spa, Limelight, China Club, Key Club, and other hip clubs around town and loves modeling her own designs at each. Esther has been featured in *Teen People* and *Cosmo Girl* magazines, *Daily News*, *The Park Slope Paper*, *Park Slope Courier*, and *The Cardozo Law Forum*, her

Ester, amongst her groovy collection of bags.

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Yeshiva University's newspaper. Her designs were showcased at the University's Cardozo Charity Public Interest Stipend Fashion Show in 1998.

While in high school, Esther was selected to present her designs in annual fashion shows and she was chosen as one of four to have her designs displayed at The Fashion Café. She has won numerous fashion design and art scholarships.

Esther Nash has already accomplished so much. It is hard to believe that she is only a junior at F.I.T. After she graduates with her Bachelor's degree in Fashion Design, she plans on getting a degree in Display & Exhibit as well.

Eventually, Esther would like to open more boutiques and specialize in resort wear. With her experience and persistence, her way. She is a great role model for all F.I.T. students and believes that everyone can make their dreams a reality.

Baby Doll / Sugar Daddy Boutique is open Wednesday - Sunday from 12-7 pm. The Brooklyn boutiques are currently being remodeled but will re-open soon. Esther is willing to rent out space in her boutique to any interested students that want to sell designs. You can reach Esther by calling 1-877-OH-BABY-O. You can also check out her website at: www.babydollboutique.com.

*Esther is offering a free pair of vintage shoes to any F.I.T. students who purchase clothing at her boutiques. Esther will help you get the look you want at an affordable price and shine

A few paint-splashed mannequins show off some vintage sequins at Ester Nash.