

Wardrobes for Wee Ones: Kid's Stores in Metro Phoenix

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For some parents in the Valley, it will soon be time to send the kids back to school. Moms and dads need not worry this fall when it comes to finding some of the best places for fashionable garb and gear for their little ones: we've got it covered.



This Little Piggy Wears Cotton

Located in Biltmore Fashion Park in Phoenix, This Little Piggy Wears Cotton offers whimsical rompers for baby, polos and sequined skirts for boys and girls, diaper bags for Mom and Dad, and a wide range of charming toys, books and accessories. Brands include Charlie Rocket, Flowers by Zoe and idaT. One of our favorites: a monkey-shaped plush chair by Paul Frank Kids. 602.224.0801, www.littlepiggy.com.



Twig & Twill

Searching for a super-soft Egyptian organic cotton cap and matching booties? Maybe you're in the market for a machine-washable ERGO baby carrier. Twig & Twill is your one-stop, all-organic answer. The eco-friendly boutique in the Scottsdale Borgata offers everything from adorable, freezable terry cloth teething aids to patterned coveralls made from bamboo. Discover brands like Kee-Ka, Lola and James and Two Owls for infants and toddlers. 480.922.0052, www.twigandtwill.com.

Pumpkin Patch

First founded in a New Zealand garage, Pumpkin Patch is now internationally recognized for its innovative design, high quality and value. Every season, the Patch unveils a new collection of modern, stylish and fun kidswear for newborns to age 11. In four Valley locations, you can easily outfit your youngsters with comfy first-rate tops, caps and shoes. Moms-to-be can even find a maternity line. www.pumpkinpatchusa.com.



The Pixie Place

Every girl is a princess. Help her feel and look like one at The Pixie Place in Mesa's Fiesta Mall. This sweet family-owned boutique specializes in fairy princess outfits and glittery hairdos for girls. Reasonably priced tutus, tiaras, wings, wands, purses, fairy dust, pillows and more will please toddlers, tweens and teens alike. The Pixie Place even does birthday parties. 480.668.1323, www.thepixieplace.com.

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Gymboree

For clothing, accessories and play sets from a name everybody knows and trusts, head to one of the Valley's five Gymboree stores. Whether entire outfits or individual articles, for girls or boys, for infants or adolescents, for playtime or bedtime, you can find it at Gymboree. Sign your child up for artistically and physically enriching Play & Music classes too. www.gymboree.com, www.gymboreeclases.com.



Naartjie

If you've been looking for a vibrant, active, durable, fresh, natural wardrobe for your tot, look no further. Naartjie embodies all these attributes—and more. Mix and match this quality store's garment-dyed clothing for a colorful, playful new look every day. Best of all, it's affordable, functional and just plain fun. Visit San Tan Village or the Outlets at Anthem in Phoenix for Naartjie wear. www.naartjie.com.



Peek...Aren't You Curious?

For trendy sweaters, sweet skirts and a trip back to the delights of childhood, indulge in Peek...Aren't You Curious? at Kierland Commons. Much of Peek's attire is inspired by people like Mother Teresa and John Muir or by places like California and Africa. Most garments are 100 percent washed cotton, and all pay attention to innovative detail and fine quality. We promise, it's okay to do more than peek. 480.991.0585, www.peakarentyoucurious.com.



Jacadi

Jacadi, at Kierland Commons, offers collections for newborns through pre-juniors. Adorn your nursery with rattles, robes and stuffed knit creatures as soft and cuddly as the babies who sleep there. When they're a little older, dress your tykes in chic apparel inspired by French history, pastimes and works of art. These tasteful favorites will keep your baby sitting pretty, playing happy, and always looking irresistibly endearing. 480.443.3921, www.jacadiusa.com.

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Small Change?

Small Change, located in Lincoln Village in Scottsdale, is a high-end consignment shop founded by the owners of My Sister's Closet. It not only sells clean, gently-worn or gently-used children's clothing, toys and furniture, it also buys them back. Get a pretty penny back for the things your kids have outgrown, and indulge in designer names for them without guilt. 480.368.9466, www.mysisterscloset.com.